



Municipal Building Authority / City Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Bayley Hedglin, Councilmember Kirk Crowley (Left at 8:56 pm), Councilmember Ron Skinner, Councilmember Nathan Chamberlain (via Phone - Disconnected before the start of closed session), Councilmember Kevin Dunn, Councilmember George Rice, City Manager Kaeden Kulow, Assistant City Manager Megan Gallegos, City Recorder Melissa Gill

Meeting Location: Hideout Community Center 648 S Hideout Way

Monticello City Council Meeting

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Mayor Hedglin called the Monticello City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following visitors were present: Bob Barry, Corey Robinson, Jerry Herman, David Sitton, Kent Lindsay, Chris Snyder, Larry Archloge, Josh Dellinger, Ginny Johnson, Ken Tarr, Matt Larson, Dalton Randolph, and RL Wilcox (Empire Electric), Ruben Arrendoudo (Regime Engineering), Marcus Keller (Crews and Associates), Lee Bennett (Monticello City Planning Commission), Katie Andrews (Jones and Demille)

2. Invocation/Opening Remarks/Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Mayor Hedglin invited any members of the audience or council to offer an invocation. An invocation was given by Councilmember Rice. Hedglin led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consider Minutes Review / Approval (action)

Minutes:

MOTION to approve the minutes of 05/13/25 CC, 05/27/25 Monticello 101 and 05/27/25 CC was made by Councilmember Rice and seconded by Councilmember Dunn. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

4. Consider Payment of Bills (action)

Minutes:

Councilmember Skinner questioned the attorney bills paid. Councilmember Crowley questioned

the amount of total revenue as of June 6, 2025. Kulow stated that the tax revenue has not all been received for the current fiscal year. MOTION to approve the bills as paid was made by Councilmember Crowley and seconded by Councilmember Skinner. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

5. Public Comment (discussion)

Minutes:

There was no public comment.

6. Water Rights Bond Discussion (discussion)

Minutes:

During the Water Rights Bond discussion, Marcus Keller from Cruz and Associates provided an overview of the financing structure for the Spring Creek projects. The discussion was divided into two parts: the bond details and the parameters resolution. The process began on October 13, 2021, and involves a \$258,000 loan issued through revenue bonds. In addition, the Community Impact Board (CIB) awarded a \$1 million grant to assist with the acquisition of water rights. The bond carries a favorable interest rate of 0.5% over 30 years, which, along with the grant, will help keep water rates low for residents. To access the \$1 million in grant funds, the City must first utilize the \$258,000 bond. The bonds are payable at any time without penalty. City Manager Kulow noted that most of the available water rights have been acquired, although there may be changes or additions still under consideration. He also mentioned that Fund 51 will be responsible for taking on the associated debt.

7. Consider for Approval: Resolution 2025-5 A Parameters Resolution Relating To Water Revenue Bonds Series 2025 (discussion/action)

Roll Call Vote

Minutes:

MOTION to approve Resolution 2025-5 A Parameters Resolution Relating to Water Revenue Bonds Series 2025 was made by Councilmember Crowley and seconded by Councilmember Skinner. Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Dunn, Aye Councilmember Rice, Aye Councilmember Crowley, Aye Councilmember Chamberlain, Aye Councilmember Skinner, Aye The motion passed unanimously.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

8. Empire Electric Presentation/Discussion (discussion)

Minutes:

Josh Dellinger, General Manager of Empire Electric presented an introduction of the Empire Electric board members and staff present. He stated that he was at the meeting to answer any questions the Council may have. Hedglin suggested Ruben Arredondo with Regime Engineering present first so they all would be able to have an informed discussion.

9. Regime Engineering Presentation/Discussion (discussion)

Minutes:

Ruben Arredondo from Regime Engineering introduced himself and explained that his team is reviewing three options provided by the council regarding the city's electric system: (1) maintaining the status quo, (2) purchasing the system and hiring contractors to operate it, and (3) purchasing the system and contracting other electrical providers. They've reviewed historical records, met with Empire Electric Association (EEA), and studied system operations. Councilmember Crowley asked about progress; Ruben said they expect to deliver a draft report by the end of June, including options, vendors, comparables, pros and cons, and approximate costs. He noted more information from the council is still needed before determining feasibility.

Josh Dellinger, General Manager of Empire Electric, reviewed the city's current electric service contract. Signed in 2005 for 40 years, the contract includes a 20-year midpoint review and a 6-month notice period between parties. It expires on July 1, 2025. Empire serves all of Monticello, owns the infrastructure, handles utility billing, and pays the maximum franchise fee allowed by Utah law (up to 8%).

Empire is a nonprofit co-op owned by its members and governed by a board of directors serving 4-year terms. They are supplied by Tri-State Generation and Transmission, with a focus on affordability, reliability, and customer service. Monticello is supported by two power feeds for redundancy. Mayor Hedglin noted Empire secures grants for infrastructure improvements, including underground line conversions for fire mitigation, vegetation management, and system fault detection.

Councilmembers praised Empire's service. Councilmember Rice shared that he grew up expecting frequent outages but now appreciates the system's reliability. Councilmember Dunn and others expressed similar satisfaction, citing quick response times. When asked about extending the contract, Josh said it would require board approval but they are open to reasonable discussions.

David Sitton, EEA Board President, emphasized Empire's community-minded mission. They fund scholarships using unclaimed funds as allowed by law and actively support the community by stationing employees locally.

10. Budget Discussion (discussion)**Minutes:**

Kulow led the budget discussion. He asked if the Council felt any changes needed to be made based on comments provided at the public hearing on May 27, 2025. Crowley suggested money be added to the recreation budget while Dunn inquired if funds are being set aside to improve the pool facility in the future. Assistant City Manager Gallegos and Kulow stated the two have reviewed the recreation budget and feel it is in a good place. Kulow further stated that he is taking repairs for the pool facility into account. There was a great deal of discussion regarding projects planned for the City within the next few years. Those included: repairing the audio system at the community center, HVAC system for the city offices, visitor center upgrades, playground equipment at Veterans Park, pickleball courts, sewer system infrastructure, and water system infrastructure.

11. Justice Court (discussion)

Minutes:

Mayor Hedglin stated that Judge Hazelton plans to retire at the end of the year, and replacing a justice court judge would take about six months. Kulow informed the Council that James Peters from the state justice court system has presented three options to the City: 1. Maintain Current Structure – Continue operating the Monticello Justice Court independently, keeping revenues and responsibilities separate. Peters outlined the steps required to proceed with this option. 2. Interlocal Agreement with County – Consolidate justice court services under San Juan County. This would eliminate all court-related expenses for the City, including those for the judge, prosecutor, clerks, and public defenders. Only about 2% of current court cases involve Monticello residents. 3. Eliminate Justice Court – Disband the court entirely with no replacement. Kulow further stated that discussions have already begun with San Juan County CAO Mack McDonald, and this decision could be tied to the ongoing sheriff contract negotiations. He informed the Council that a decision must be made by the end of December. If the City moves forward with Option 2, it would retain its credentials with the state, allowing for the future reestablishment of the court if needed.

12. Spring Creek Pipeline Project Update (discussion)**Minutes:**

MOTION to move agenda item number 12 to the end of the meeting was made by Councilmember Crowley and seconded by Councilmember Skinner. The motion passed unanimously.

Kulow provided a detailed update on the Spring Creek Pipeline Project. Estimated groundbreaking is the spring of 2026.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

13. Consider for Approval: Resolution 2025-6 A Resolution Temporarily Banning The Burning Of Fires And Use Of Fireworks At Lloyds Lake (discussion/action)

Roll Call Vote

Minutes:

Kulow explained that Fire Chief Nielson expressed concerns with dry conditions and requested the council consider approving a temporary ban on fires and fireworks at Lloyds Lake.

MOTION to approve Resolution 2025-6 A Resolution Temporarily Banning the Burning of Fires and Use of Fireworks at Lloyds Lake was made by Councilmember Dunn and seconded by Councilmember Rice. Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Dunn ,Aye Councilmember Rice, Aye Councilmember Crowley, Aye Councilmember Chamberlain, Aye Councilmember Skinner, Aye The motion passed unanimously.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

14. Firework Restriction Discussion (discussion/action)**Minutes:**

Kulow informed the council that he and Fire Chief Nielson were working with the Sheriff's Department to make sure all codes are being followed regarding fireworks.

15. Consider for Approval: Purchase of Field Conditioner for Ballfields (discussion/action)

Minutes:

Gallegos informed the council that the Parent Recreation Board had volunteered to fund 50% of the purchase of field conditioner for the ballfields. MOTION to approve the purchase of field conditioner for the ballfields was made by Councilmember Crowley and seconded by Councilmember Skinner. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

16. Consider for Approval: Tree Trimming and Removal Services (discussion/action)

Minutes:

Gallegos presented a report of the three RFP's received for tree trimming throughout Monticello City. She stated that the cost would be split between the current financial year and the next financial year. MOTION to award Teryl's Tree Services in the amount of \$24,800.00 for tree trimming and removal services was made by Councilmember Rice and seconded by Councilmember Crowley. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

17. Follow Up Items

Minutes:

Councilmember Chamberlain initiated a conversation about 5th North.

18. Governing Body / Administrative Communications

Closed Session

Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(n): the purpose of considering information that is designated as a trade secret, as defined in section 13-24-2, if the public body's consideration of the information is necessary to properly conduct a procurement under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code

19. Upcoming Agenda Items

Minutes:

2024-2025 Final Budget 2025-2026 Tentative Budget Monticello City Meeting Policy Plan Review Public Hearing ATV Code Revision RV Park Discussion Justice Court Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Approval Certify Tax Rate

20. Adjournment (action)

Minutes:

MOTION to adjourn was made by Councilmember Skinner and seconded by Councilmember Rice. The motion passed unanimously and Mayor Hedglin adjourned the Monticello City Council meeting at 9:18 pm.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

Municipal Building Authority Meeting

21. Call to Order

Minutes:

Mayor Hedglin called the MBA meeting to order at 9:18 pm. The following visitors were present:
Ruben Arrendoudo, Regime Engineering

22. Consider MBA Minutes Review / Approval (action)

Minutes:

MOTION to approve the minutes of 05/13/25 was made by Councilmember Rice and seconded by Councilmember Skinner. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

23. Consider Payment of MBA Bills (action)

Minutes:

MOTION to approve the bills as paid was made by Councilmember Rice and seconded by Councilmember Dunn. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

24. Adjourn (action)

Minutes:

MOTION to adjourn was made by Councilmember Skinner and seconded by Councilmember Rice. The motion passed unanimously and Mayor Hedglin adjourned the MBA meeting at 9:18 pm.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

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Audio File

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