

**MILLVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**City Hall – 510 East 300 South – Millville, Utah**  
**September 11, 2025**

**PRESENT:** David Hair, Daniel Grange, Pamela June, Jeremy Ward, Chad Kendrick, Corey Twedt, Megan Dyer, Kara Everton, Jean Culbertson, Kim Ashcroft, Susan Goldsberry, Jacob Ames, Steffanie Casperson, Quentin Casperson, Darcy Ripplinger, Sam Hansen, Cole Smith, Grant Hall, Chase Smith, Summer Kirby, Stephanie Adams, Camie Falk, Kady Bird, Jason Leishman, Sharon Ropelato, Katie Garn, Blake Garn, Ruell Wall, Elisha Helpingstine, Atticus Hoy, Esther Woodhouse, Peter Holmgren, Anders Reeder, Josh Bingham, Randy Helpingstine, Mack Hall, Matthew Mortenson, Hallie Barfuss, Remie Barfuss, Drew Woffinden, Cassidy Astle, Aydenn David, Eva Williams, Lola Ripplinger, Lillian Leishman, Andrew Helpingstine, DJ Jones, Kimball Jeppson, Trevor Hansen, Riley Petersen, Jeanne Astle

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mayor David Hair called the City Council Meeting to order for September 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The roll call indicated Mayor David Hair and Councilmembers Pamela June, Jeremy Ward, and Daniel Grange were in attendance, with Councilmembers Ryan Zollinger and Clay Wilker excused.

**Opening remarks/Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilmember Ward welcomed everyone to the Council Meeting. He offered a prayer and then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of agenda**

The agenda for the City Council Meeting on September 11, 2025, was reviewed.

**Councilmember June motioned to approve the agenda for September 11, 2025.**

Councilmember Ward seconded. Councilmembers Ward, June, and Grange voted yes, with Councilmembers Zollinger and Wilker excused. (A copy of the agenda is included as Attachment “A”.)

**Approval of minutes of the previous meeting**

The Council reviewed the minutes of the City Council Meeting on August 14, 2025.

**Councilmember Grange motioned to approve the minutes for August 14, 2025.**

Councilmember Ward seconded. Councilmembers Ward, June, and Grange voted yes, with Councilmembers Zollinger and Wilker excused.

**Public comment period**

Mayor Hair opened the meeting for public comments.

Jean Culbertson said that she doesn't live in Millville City, but lives in the South Fields just south of Millville. She said she has strong feelings about the rezone request and the potential future development in the South Fields, where she gets her hay. Jean said that she does not want this area to be developed. She is worried about traffic and does not want the rezone to be approved.

Susan Goldsberry said that she also lives in the South Fields. She said that this property was annexed into Millville from the County several years ago. That property was rezoned previously, and it is now being rezoned to allow for smaller lots. Councilmember Grange clarified that this property was annexed into Millville, zoned as Agricultural, and that it has never been rezoned from that zone. Susan said that she wants to look into redoing the signs in Millville to read "country living at its worst". Councilmember Grange said that the owner is requesting a rezone so the property can be developed, just as the property Susan owns was developed at some point.

Steffanie Casperson said that she lives across the street from the North Park. She moved to Millville for country living at its finest. She thanked the Council for helping with what they have done so far to reduce the brightness of the lights at the tennis courts. She said that the lights are still too bright. Steffanie said that their family has loved living close to the park. They have spent time in the past with their kids cleaning things up in the park. She said that since the lights have been installed, the park has become an after-hours sports complex. This has affected the Casperson's ability to use their property in a way that aligns with their values. She said that she would like to discuss this in more detail in a future City Council meeting.

Quentin Casperson said that he would have liked to have been given the opportunity to provide public input before the funding had been received and the lights installed. He said it feels less like country living and more like living next to a car dealership. He said the lights are very bright in his yard as if there were several trucks lined up near their property, shining their lights into their yard. Mayor Hair said that the concern about the lights at the tennis court will be put on a future City Council agenda for discussion.

**Millville City Youth Council Introductions**

Millville City Youth Council advisor Elisha Helpingstine introduced the two youth council mayors: Remie Barfuss and Anders Reeder. Both mayors spoke about the programs and activities planned for this year. They also introduced the other youth council leaders.

Mayor Hair said how much he appreciates what the Youth Council does. He said that many of the City events and activities wouldn't take place if they weren't handled by the

amazing Millville City Youth Council. (A copy of the outline of MCYC activities for the 2025/2026 year is included as Attachment “B”).)

**Swearing in of the 2025-2026 Millville City Youth Council**

Recorder Twedt swore in the members of Millville City Youth Council who were present at the meeting.

**Schedule and Plan for 2025 Election Meet the Candidates Night**

Recorder Twedt said it is time to schedule a "Meet the Candidates" night for those running in the upcoming municipal election. He said that he sent notice to all of the candidates and asked them to attend this meeting to provide input on the schedule and format.

Recorder Twedt said that for the schedule, Clay Wilker responded and said he was traveling for work and wouldn't be able to attend the City Council meeting tonight. He will also be out of town for work the weeks of September 15, September 22, October 6, and October 13. The only week that would work for him before the date when residents will begin receiving ballots would be the week of September 29<sup>th</sup>. Ballots will be mailed out by the County on October 14<sup>th</sup> or shortly thereafter. The candidates decided to hold the event on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.

Recorder Twedt said that they would also need to decide on a format for the "Meet the Candidates" night. Most cities in the State that have posted how they are planning to do their candidate nights are planning on a similar format to what Millville has done in the past. In the last election in which both the Mayor and Councilmember positions were contested, they met at a school. Each candidate was given two minutes to say whatever they wanted, and then they split up to different parts of the gym so that residents could meet them and ask questions. The candidates said that they were all in favor of this format. Darcy Ripplinger said that she would like to have three minutes instead of two minutes. The other candidates said that they would be fine with three minutes. (A copy of the related staff report is included as Attachment “C”).)

**City Reports**

Director of Public Works Chad Kendrick reported that the excavation for the sewer project is almost done. Whitaker Construction is still struggling to get the asphalt completed, but progress is being made. Next Tuesday, staff will be meeting with the equipment suppliers at the lift station to make sure they know how to operate and maintain everything. The lift station start-up and testing will begin the following week.

Director Kendrick said that the water system has been in good condition this summer. The City will be transitioning to only using the spring for water in a couple of weeks.

He reported that the speed display signs have arrived, and they will be installing the bases and working on getting them set up in the near future.

For parks, the splash pad was shut down and winterized earlier today. Some residents are working on getting some seedlings that they will be planting in the park extension for a pollinator project they are working on.

**Councilmember Reports and Items for Future Agendas**

(A copy of the Councilmember Assignments List is included with the minutes as Attachment “D”).)

Councilmember Ward discussed the speed display signs that the City had purchased. Recorder Twedt said that as soon as there is time, he will be scheduling with the manufacturer for the onboarding training, and then they will get the signs installed at the first location.

Recorder Twedt said that, at least for the past many years, the City has been leasing out water shares that are not being used by the City to residents for four-year terms. The current leases end this year. He asked the Council if they wanted to post notice to lease out the shares again for next year, and if it was okay to do it for four years again. The Council said that this would be fine.

Mayor Hair said that some updates are coming regarding the sewer treatment agreement. There are a few things that are still being negotiated, and then it will come back to the Council for review.

**Adjournment**

**Councilmember Ward motioned to adjourn the meeting.** Councilmember June seconded. Councilmembers Ward, June, and Grange voted yes, with Councilmembers Wilker and Zollinger excused. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

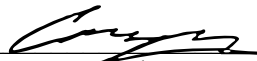
## NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Millville City Council will hold its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at the Millville City Office, 510 East 300 South in Millville, Utah, at 7:00 p.m.

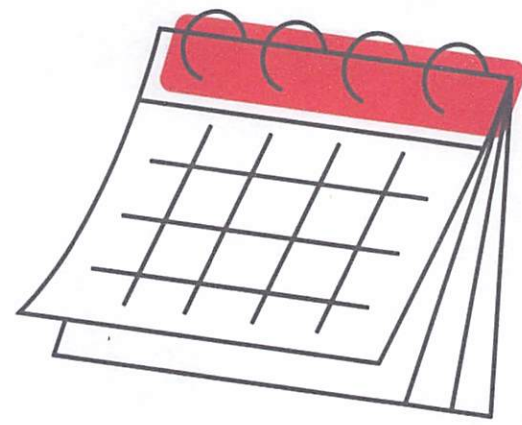
1. Call to Order / Roll Call – Mayor Hair
2. Opening Remarks / Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Ward
3. Approval of agenda
4. Approval of minutes of the last City Council Meeting – August 14, 2025
5. Agenda Items—
  - A. Public comment period (2 min/person)
  - B. Millville City Youth Council Introductions – Elisha Helpingstine
  - C. Swearing in of Millville City Youth Council – Recorder Twedt
  - D. Schedule and plan for “Meet the Candidates Night” – Recorder Twedt
  - E. City Reports: Roads, Parks, Water – Public Works Director Kendrick
  - F. Councilmember reports and other items for future agendas
6. Adjournment.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during public meetings should notify Corey Twedt at (435) 881-2669 at least three days prior to the meeting.

This agenda was posted on September 8, 2025, to the City posting locations, the City Website, and the Utah Public Meeting Notices Website.

  
Corey Twedt, Recorder

# MCYC 2025-2026 EVENTS



Attachment "B"

**SEPT.**

OPENING SOCIAL & RIDGELINE PARADE

**OCT.**

PUMPKIN CARVING ACTIVITY

**NOV**

VOLLEYBALL CLEAN UP & FRIENDSGIVING

**DEC**

CITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**JAN & FEB**

SERVICE PROJECT

**MAR**

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & STUFF EGGS

**APR**

CITY EASTER EGG HUNT



## AGENDA REPORT: MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

September 11, 2025

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### Background

For some of the elections in the past, Millville City has sponsored a "Meet the Candidates Night" giving residents an opportunity to come and hear from the candidates and get to know them prior to the election. All candidates for the 2025 election have been invited to attend the City Council meeting tonight to provide input on the schedule and format for the "Meet the Candidates Night."

### Schedule

Election day is November 4, 2025. The ballots will be mailed out by the County no earlier than October 14<sup>th</sup>. It would be good to hold the event prior to when ballots will show up in mailboxes. Tonight, the Council and candidates should select a date so that we can begin notifying residents.

### Format

The last "Meet the Candidates Night" for Millville City for which there were contested seats for both Mayor and City Council was held in 2017. That event started at 7 p.m. at the elementary school. Each candidate was given up to 2 minutes to stand and introduce themselves and explain why they were running or whatever they wanted to say. They were cut off after the 2-minute time limit. They then separated to a different part of the room to allow residents to stop by, meet them, and ask them questions.

Included with this staff report are the agendas for the "Meet the Candidates Nights" held in 2001 and 2021. Those are the only ones for which I was able to track down an agenda or format.

Tonight, the Council and candidates will need to decide on the format they would like to use for this year.

## **CANDIDATE NIGHT 2021 AGENDA**

Millville City has two Mayor candidates that will be on the ballot for the election in November. The get-to-know the candidate night will be on September 23, 2021 starting at 8:00 p.m. following the City Council Meeting at the **Ridgeline High School Lecture Hall**.

The Candidate Night will be led and moderated by local celebrity and podcast sensation Jason Kimber.

### **Introduction:**

This year, Millville City had openings for two City Council position and one Mayor position. Only the existing two incumbent councilmembers filed for the councilmember positions. Two candidates filed to run for the open Mayor position.

Tonight, we will hear some opening remarks from each candidate followed by answers to some pre-selected questions. After they both answer the questions, we will hear some closing statements and then the two candidates will separate to different parts of the room so that the public can meet them and ask additional questions.

Time restrictions have been set for each segment and we will be strict on keeping the candidates to the allotted times. We will be giving the candidates a 10 second warning if they are nearing the end of their allotted time and then they will be cut off when they reach the time limit.

### **Discussion Items with Order:**

- **Opening Comments**
  - 3 min each; (1) Robert Cudney, (2) David Hair
- **Questions**
  - **Why are you running for Mayor?**
    - 2 min each; (1) David Hair, (2) Robert Cudney
  - **What do you see being the biggest issues facing the City today and what are you or would you do to lead us through those issues?**
    - 5 min each; (1) Robert Cudney, (2) David Hair
  - **What do you love about Millville City?**
    - 2 min each; (1) David Hair, (2) Robert Cudney
- **Closing Comments**
  - 3 min each; (1) Robert Cudney, (2) David Hair





# MILLVILLE CITY

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September 1, 2001

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David Hair  
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Dear Candidate,

You are cordially invited to participate in a "Meet the Candidate" night on Friday, 14 September 2001, at 7:00 pm, in the City offices located at 490 East 300 South. Please arrive 15 minutes early. The City Council has asked Councilmember David Mortensen to moderate the event. The format of the evening will be as outlined below.

7:00 Welcome

7:02 Introduction of Candidates. This will be done alphabetical by last name... first for City Council candidates, then the Mayoral candidate. Each candidate will be given 1 minute to give a brief introduction (name, where you live, about your family, etc.).

7:10 Responses to Questions. The moderator will ask 5 questions of the candidates. Each candidate will have the opportunity to be the first respondent to one of the questions, except the Mayoral candidate. You will be given up to 1½ minutes to respond. The questions will be:

1. The 2000 census indicates that there are 1,507 people in Millville...that represents about 420 households. If the growth rate in Millville for the next 20 years is the same as it has been for the past 20 years, Millville will almost double in population and add about 360 new homes. What should the City be doing to prepare for the coming population growth?
2. Besides the statutory requirements (that were filled when you filed to run for public office), and being elected, the only qualification to serve in City government is to do the best you can to make your community a place that people want to call home. The City Council meets twice a month to conduct the business of the City. In addition to those meetings, you will have administrative responsibilities outside of the council meeting that will require your attention.

What are your personal areas of interest in city government? What strengths do you feel you will bring to the council? And...what commitment level of time do you place on attendance at meetings and fulfillment of assignments?

3. Sewer is not an issue for your candidacy, since that issue will be decided by a vote of the people before you take office. However, what are your feelings about Millville having sewer and why?
4. Millville touts the tagline, "Country Living at its Finest". What does that mean to you?
5. Each year the expenses of the City seem to increase. In fact this year's budget is about \$640,000...that's around \$400 for every person residing in the City. Taxes and usage fees generate the revenues used to fund the expenses of the City. I would like to pick on property taxes.

In 1990 the property tax paid to the City on a \$100,000 home in Millville was \$108. This year, the property tax paid to the City on a \$100,000 home in Millville will be about \$62...that's a 43% decrease over 11 years. In that same time period, the City population has increased 30% and expenses have increased by 400%. Are property taxes paid to Millville too high, about right, or too low, and why do you feel that way?

- 8:00 Audience Choice Questions. During the meeting the audience will have the opportunity to write down a question they want to know about. The questions may be directed at a particular candidate or to all of the candidates. The moderator will read the questions submitted and the candidate will be given up to 1½ minutes to respond. When there are no questions, or at the end of ½ hour, whichever comes first, the Closing Comments portion will commence.
- 8:30 Closing Comments. Candidates will be given 2 minutes to say whatever they want as a closing statement.
- 8:42 Refreshments and socialize.
- 9:00 Meeting ends.

If you have any questions about this meeting, feel free to contact me. I live at 45 East 650 North, and my phone number is 752-8059. I look forward to meeting with you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Best regards,



David Mortensen  
Millville City Councilmember

## **Councilmember Assignments 2025**

### **Councilmember Daniel Grange**

- Car Show for City Celebration
- Parks

### **Councilmember Ryan Zollinger**

- Sewer
- School District

### **Councilmember Clay Wilker**

- Ordinance Enforcement
- Fire/EMS/Emergency Preparedness
- Law Enforcement/Animal Control

### **Councilmember Pamela June**

- P&Z
- Youth Council
- Wildfire

### **Councilmember Jeremy Ward**

- City Celebration/Parade
- Trails