

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY
910 South Mountain Road
October 7, 2025

WELCOME:

Mayor John Pohlman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE & OPENING CEREMONY:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Mark Cottrell with Council Member Gary Anderson conducting the opening ceremony by prayer.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor John Pohlman, Council Members, Gary Anderson, Mark Cottrell, Eileen Moss, Florence Sadler, and Shon Stevenson.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Darren Frandsen and Deputy Recorder Hailee Ballingham.

VISITORS:

Mary Monson, Jim Crismer, David Hale, Jeanne Groberg, Blake Winslow,

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT(S) OF INTEREST: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS:

4.1 YCC Report

At their recent meeting, the Youth City Council hosted Jim and Linda Krismer, who shared about their retired military dogs and the nonprofit Mission Canine Rescue. The group's next event is The Fable Forest, taking place October 24–25 from 6-8 p.m. at Gailey Trail, where members will perform as characters like Rapunzel and Snow White. Attendance is expected to be even higher than last year's.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5.1 America 250 Utah Celebration

During the meeting, the Council discussed whether Fruit Heights City should participate in the America 250 Utah Celebration, which runs through July 4, 2026, marking the nation's 250th anniversary. To participate, the city would need to: Form a committee to plan and coordinate involvement. Host at least one community activity related to the celebration. Adopt and submit a resolution to the state to be officially recognized as a participating community. Nearby cities, such as Kaysville and Layton, have already held events tied to the celebration—mostly veteran or military-themed. Council Member Moss suggested activity ideas for Fruit Heights include a community potluck, encouraging neighbors to gather and share a meal or a "250-mile challenge" encouraging residents to walk or bike 250 miles, with the city providing certificates for participants. She also talked about a grant opportunity of up to \$1,500 to support the activities. Council Members discussed possibly involving the Museum Committee to lead this effort, potentially incorporating city history projects or signage as part of the celebration. The Council Member directed the City Manager to move forward with forming a committee and preparing a resolution to bring back to the Council for approval.

5.2 Road Patching Bids

City manager presented the bids received for the city's fall road patching project. Four bids were submitted, and all were shared with the Council for review. Precision Asphalt confirmed availability to complete the work this fall. The city has worked with Precision Asphalt in the past and has no concerns about their performance. Precision Asphalt's bid totaled \$18,804, and staff recommended awarding the project to them. The Council agreed with the staff recommendation.

5.3 Front Entrance Information

Update on the Front Porch Project for City Hall. City Manager explained that last year the city explored various architectural bids and potential funding sources, including federal funding and a CDBG grant, but high costs prevented the project from moving forward at that time. Recently, Jones and Associates informed the city that they have an in-house structural engineer who can assist with the design. The Public Works Director has worked with them to develop a new design for the front entrance. The project will include excavation and replacement of subsurface materials to address settling issues, installation of new compacted materials, and reconstruction of the entrance to meet current ADA standards. The proposed design closely matches the existing structure and includes additional benches to allow visitors to enjoy views of the valley, skyline, and mountains. The plan also incorporates electrical work for automatic door openers, lighting, cameras, and other features. Depending on final bid prices, the city may also include an optional phase to upgrade the back entrance to ADA standards with automatic doors and an enclosed entryway. The front entrance remains the project's primary focus, with the rear entrance as an alternate if the budget allows.

ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Approved/ Deny Bid for Road Patching

Council Member Florence Sadler made a motion to approve the Bid from Precision Asphalt for \$18,804. Council Member Shon Stevenson seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the council (0:18)

September 15, 2025, City Council Minutes

Council Member Gary Anderson made a motion to approve, September 15, 2025, City Council Minutes with recommended changes. Council Member Mark Cottrell seconded the motion it was unanimously approved by the council (0:19)

TABLED ITEMS: None

CALENDAR:

October 21, 2025, City Council Meeting

October 24-25, 2025, Fable Forest at Gailey Trail from 6-8 PM

October 28 Planning Commission Meeting (Public Hearing)

PAST DISCUSSION ITEMS:

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Moss shared updates and key takeaways from the *Utah League of Cities and Towns* training. AmeriCorps Wildfire Mitigation: AmeriCorps offers trained crews for wildfire mitigation projects,

such as removing dead trees and vegetation. The cost is approximately \$5,000 per week for a crew of 4–5 people. She suggested this could be considered for cleanup and along the Gailey Trail due to existing deadfall. Affordable Housing: State legislators are exploring incentive-based approaches to affordable housing rather than imposing mandates. Utah currently ranks ninth highest in housing costs nationwide. She talked about the City Branding and Information Security: Emphasis was placed on protecting city data and maintaining consistent branding for security purposes. Cities were encouraged to use exact brand colors consistently and prevent duplication of city materials or website content, as imitation attempts have led to fraud or phishing incidents. She brought up Building Height Restrictions: Some cities are implementing height restrictions on structures adjacent to neighboring backyards or side yards to reduce impacts on nearby properties. She noted this as an idea for consideration. Insurance Premium Incentive: The League noted that cities meeting certain risk management metrics may qualify to have their liability premium waived every fifth year through the insurance program.

Council Member Anderson provided a brief update on the Mosquito Abatement District, noting they are seeking a tax increase this year. Mosquito activity has been significantly higher recently, partly due to reported West Nile virus cases, including a local fatality. The district has responded by spraying more in the past two months than in the previous two years combined. Council Members were encouraged to reach out to him for additional background if they desired.

Council Member Sadler reported about the CTC program is progressing slowly but steadily and still needs more participants. Its focus is youth substance abuse prevention. Blake Winslow has joined the committee, and they plan to continue spreading the word to recruit additional members.

MAYOR REPORT:

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

City Manager Darren Frandsen - Roadwork will begin soon on areas where edges have been prepared, with asphalt work scheduled to start this week. Additionally, the city's audit will begin in the second or third week of October, following a brief delay to allow the new CPA to become familiar with city operations.

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Eileen Moss seconding the motion. It was unanimously approved by the Council. (7:29)

Not approved until signed.

/S/: Hailee Ballingham

Hailee Ballingham, City Deputy Recorder October 21, 2025

Date approved by City Council: