

**HUNTINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 15, 2025**

Huntington City Council met in its regularly scheduled council meeting October 15, 2025 at the city office building located at 20 South Main Street. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Leonard Norton presiding.

The following were in attendance:

Mayor: Leonard Norton
Council: Judd Beagley, Tom Kay, Lesa Miller, Devin Wilson, Gloria Wilson
Recorder: Brandy Wagner
Treasurer: Ronni Torre (excused)
Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement: Gary Arrington
Maintenance Dept.: Scott Gordon Animal Control: Robert Baker

Council member Beagley extended a word to open the meeting, Council member Miller led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item 1. MOTION: CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of September 17, 2025 City Council Minutes
- City Claims and Review of Financials

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON - AYE.

Agenda Item 2. Discuss/approve/deny: BUSINESS LICENCE

THERE WERE NO BUSINESS LICENSES AT THIS TIME

Agenda Item 3. Discuss/approve/deny: RODEO GROUNDS- HUNTINGTON HERITAGE COMPLEX

The Council discussed officially naming the city's rodeo grounds to strengthen efforts in securing grants and other funding opportunities. The proposed name, "Huntington Heritage Complex," was suggested. **COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RODEO GROUNDS BE NAMED THE HUNTINGTON HERITAGE COMPLEX; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON AND CARRIED.**

Agenda Item 4. Discuss/approve/deny: SENIOR CENTER- HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

The Council reviewed the status of the former senior center, which is now under the management of Huntington City. To reflect its broader community use, a proposal was made to rename the facility the "Huntington Community Center." **COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE RENAMING THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER THE HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY AND CARRIED.**

Agenda Item 5. Discuss/approve/deny: TEMPORARY TRAILER DURING REBUILD

Zoning Administrator Gary Arrington explained that a citizen, whose trailer was lost due to a natural disaster, has been rebuilding and temporarily living in an RV, which is permitted under city ordinance. The citizen now requests to place an older single-wide trailer on the property as temporary housing during the rebuild of the original single-wide. **Council member Kay** inquired about the size of the proposed trailer and noted that the current ordinance does not permit such use. He also questioned why the matter had not been brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Additional questions were raised regarding the duration of the temporary housing and the citizen's intent to connect existing utilities to the temporary unit.

Mayor Norton suggested drafting a contract with the citizen to address the situation, though **Council member D Wilson** questioned the city's authority to do so and asked what would become of the temporary trailer once it is no longer needed. **Arrington** responded that the citizen would likely be able to sell the unit. **Council member Beagley** inquired whether the ordinance defines "temporary." **Mayor Norton** read from City Code Section 9-8-2(K), and **Council member Beagley** recommended referring the matter to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review and determination of whether it should return to the City Council. **COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOTIONED TO REMOVE THE TEMPORARY TRAILER ITEM FROM THE AGENDA; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED.**

Agenda Item 6. Discuss/approve/deny: CEMETERY FENCE REPAIR/INSURANCE CLAIM

The insurance denied the claim due to no proof of damage. They assume the damage was from settling. **COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOTIONED TO POSTPONE THE CEMETERY FENCING REPAIR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED.**

Agenda Item 7. Mayor's report

Mayor Norton reported that the city is currently in the midst of branch clean-up efforts. Sewer projects remain ongoing on the north end of town, including the installation of a sewer lift station on 4th East. Beginning November 1st, all new approaches must comply with city code. The Mayor encouraged residents to look out for one another and assist neighbors when possible. Appreciation was expressed to city staff and council members for their continued dedication and hard work. Additionally, the potential purchase of water shares from a local resident is on hold while a new certificate is being obtained.

Agenda Item 15. Department Reports

Fire Chief Majors began by expressing gratitude to the City for providing funding that enables the department to continue serving the community. He noted, however, that the department is currently experiencing a decline in volunteer numbers, as many individuals are limited on time and unable to commit to unpaid service. Chief Majors shared that one firefighter is enrolled in courses through USU Eastern, offered by the BLM, and is greatly enjoying the experience. He also noted that two preschool field trips are scheduled to visit the fire station, and one class plans to deliver thank-you cards to the firefighters. In closing, he expressed appreciation to department members who assisted with traffic control during the Witch's Ball parade.

Maintenance Department: Scott Gordon reported that flower watering has concluded for the season. Seasonal workers were retained for an additional two weeks to assist with removing flowers and clearing drains following recent rainfall. The maintenance team is currently in the

process of winterizing the city's sprinkler systems. Additionally, installation of the new stop signs on Center Street is underway.

Agenda Item 16. Youth City Council

NO UPDATE WAS GIVEN

Agenda Item 17. Council's Reports

Tom Kay reported that he successfully picked up the poles for the new stop signs. He also noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed Section 9-8 and will hold a public meeting next month for further discussion.

Lesa Miller informed the Council that the cement at the rodeo grounds has been poured and looks good. She expressed appreciation to the City and the Fire Department for their assistance with the annual Witch's Ball event. A citizen had requested to remove and keep the old railing at the rodeo grounds, which has since been completed. The pavilion is expected to be available within the next three to six weeks. She also mentioned that she has not yet received the entertainment contract for next year's rodeo.

Devin Wilson reported that there has been one burial and one transfer this month. The audit committee has met, and its findings will be discussed at next month's City Council meeting. He shared that a member of the community recently visited his workplace to express appreciation for the consistently well-maintained condition of the cemetery. He extended thanks to the maintenance team and to Jenifer for their work.

Judd Beagley expressed his gratitude to the maintenance workers for their efforts in clearing the flowers and for keeping the city looking well-maintained. He is currently working on connecting with the Emery County Bureau to pursue potential funding opportunities.

Gloria Wilson reported that she also attended the audit committee meeting. She has been working alongside Lisa, from Hometown, to organize goodie bags for the upcoming Christmas party. Additionally, she discussed concerns regarding city expenditures on new approaches and overshots. After review, it was determined that, in accordance with the city code, such expenses are the responsibility of the property owner. As of November 1st, the city will no longer cover these costs to ensure compliance with code requirements.

Agenda Item 18. Zoning Administrator Report

Gary Arrington noted that while a report on new construction was provided last month, activity has since begun to slow. He also mentioned speaking with a few citizens regarding smaller shed permits and ongoing concerns about weed control.

Agenda Item 19. Adjournment

COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON MOVED TO ADJOURN; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED. MEETING ENDED AT 7:12 P.M.

Brandy Wagner
Huntington City Recorder