

1 Mayor Leak called to order a regular Cornish Town Council meeting on November 19, 2025, at
2 the Cornish Town Hall, located at 4788 W 14300 N Cornish, Utah 84308 at 7:03p.m.

3 *Pledge of Allegiance*

4 **Attendance:**

5 Mayor Matt Leak, Councilmember Christopher Buxton, Councilmember Brad Fisher,
6 Councilmember Colton Creech, Councilmember John Forsgren.

7 **Absent:**

8 **Citizens:** Clayton Richardson, Max Pierce, Megan Creech, Susan Law, Corey Law, Christoper
9 Anderson (zoom), Steven Liechty (zoom), Logan Cates (zoom), Aleta Brown (zoom), Dale Buxton
10 (zoom).

11 **Staff Report:**

12 *Madi Smith (Town clerk)*- Madi let the council know that Matt Regan, the accountant, is
13 planning to come to the next meeting on December 3rd.

14 Councilmember Creech is following up with Kelton with Sunrise to see if we still need to send
15 out the letters to those in the town who don't have confirmed non lead and galvanized
16 requiring replacement (GRR) water lines.

17 Madi asked Mayor Leak if he had been able to contact Heather from CORE water billing to see if
18 she could get the system put on the new computer. She had never reached back out to Madi so
19 she was still using CORE and Itron on the old computer. She needed to send the meter reading
20 route to Jay before November 26th so Mayor Leak was going to reach out to Heather and see
21 what needed to be done to get that software moved over. Madi let Mayor Leak know that
22 Megan is going to reach out to the bank to get the scanner set up on Madi's old computer.
23 Madi also reminded the council that she needs to get the meeting minutes off the old computer
24 and put them on the new computer. Mayor Leak said he will have to take the computer
25 sometime and delete some other things off of it so there is room to copy the minutes and move
26 them over.

27 Madi also brought up the bank statements she gave to the Mayor.

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29 *Clayton Richardson (water master)*- Clayton is almost done installing all the new hardware for
30 the Stridelinks router. Councilmember Creech asked how the transfer switch was coming along
31 and Clayton said he is reaching out to Brandon and he is familiarizing himself with it and will get
32 back to Clayton.

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34 **Minutes:**

35 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting held
36 on November 5, 2025

37 Councilmember Forsgren - motioned, Councilmember Fisher– Seconded.

38 Councilmember Buxton – Aye; Councilmember Creech – Aye; Councilmember Fisher – Aye;
39 Mayor Leak – Aye; Councilmember Forsgren – Aye.

40 The minutes were approved unanimously.

41 **Action Item:**

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43 **Bills:** Mayor Leak asked about the bill from Itron since it was due January 31st, 2025. Madi said
44 they've sent it to her a couple times and she checked with Lauren and Lauren can't remember if
45 she sent it or not. Councilmember Creech asked about the loan late fee and Mayor Leak let the
46 council know that we received that bill during the clerk switches so it just fell through the
47 cracks and we paid it a little late.

48 Mayor Leak brought up possibly offering the employees of the town raises for their services and
49 wanted to get the rest of the council's opinion. Councilmember Forsgren said to just ask each
50 person and see how they feel because they are offering a service to the town. Mayor Leak
51 mentioned that they are technically employees of the town unlike the council members who
52 were elected to serve. The council agreed it might be a good idea to offer them a raise to help
53 them feel appreciated and they knew that getting anyone else to do these jobs they would have
54 to pay them more as well. Mayor Leak asked for suggestions on how much to increase their pay

55 to. The council agreed they didn't think \$20/hour was unreasonable. Mayor Leak said he would
56 talk to the employees and come to a conclusion.

57 Total = **\$3,934.59**

58 Mayor Leak entertained motion to approve the bills for November 19, 2025.

59 Councilmember Creech – Motioned to approve bills; Councilmember Forsgren – Seconded

60 Councilmember Buxton – Aye; Councilmember Creech – Aye; Councilmember Fisher – Aye;

61 Councilmember Forsgren – Aye; Mayor Leak – Aye

62 The bills passed unanimously.

63 **Executive Session:**

64 **Business Items:**

65 Councilmember Buxton motioned to suspend the regular town council meeting and begin the
66 budget hearing. Councilmember Fisher seconded the motion.

67 Councilmember Buxton – Aye; Councilmember Creech – Aye; Councilmember Fisher – Aye;

68 Mayor Leak – Aye; Councilmember Forsgren – Aye.

69 The motion passed unanimously and the regular town council meeting was suspended and the
70 budget hearing began.

71 **Budget Hearing:** Mayor Leak explained the purpose of the budget hearing was to reallocate
72 some of the budget to cover part of the parking lot project at the park. Mayor Leak asked
73 anyone if they had any questions. Dale Buxton asked the council to give the number amounts
74 and where the funds are being reallocated to. Councilmember Buxton read the proposed
75 changes; move \$17,327 from the “reserved for replacement” account, to the “Maintenance,
76 building and grounds” account for the park. \$11,327 is to cover the balance of the parking lot.
77 \$6,000 is going towards a new fence on the south side of the park and a new backstop for the
78 ball diamond. Dale Buxton asked if this change increased the scope of the project or if they had
79 planned to do the fence all along. Councilmember Buxton said it is new project because he has
80 RAPZ money lined up to do the backstop and wants to use the same contractor to do both

81 projects and knock that out this coming spring. There were no other comments or questions on
82 the budget adjustment.

83 Councilmember Forsgren motioned to close the budget hearing and resume the regular town
84 council meeting. Councilmember Buxton seconded.

85 Councilmember Buxton – Aye; Councilmember Creech – Aye; Councilmember Fisher – Aye;
86 Mayor Leak – Aye; Councilmember Forsgren – Aye.

87 The motion passed unanimously. The budget hearing closed and the regular town council
88 meeting resumed.

89 Councilmember Fisher motioned to approve resolution 25-07, resolution to amend the budget.
90 Councilmember Buxton seconded.

91 Councilmember Buxton – Aye; Councilmember Creech – Aye; Councilmember Fisher – Aye;
92 Mayor Leak – Aye; Councilmember Forsgren – Aye.

93 The motion passed unanimously. Resolution 25-07 was adopted.

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95 ***Cornish Minute:***

96 Councilmember Buxton told a story of Rowland Jensen he heard from his grandma Helen
97 Buxton. She said Rowland lived in the Ruby Creech house and they used to meet there for town
98 council before there was a place to meet so that Rowland wouldn't be late. They figured he
99 couldn't be late if they met at his house. Councilmember Fisher said they used to meet in
100 Bishop McKnight's house until Ella sent them away and they would meet at the church.

101 ***PacificCorp presentation:*** Steven Liechty, Christopher Anderson, Logan Cates and Aleta Brown
102 with PacificCorp and Rocky Mountain Power attended the meeting via zoom and explained an
103 upcoming project they are working on that will affect the power lines through a portion of
104 Cornish. Christopher Anderson mentioned that only about ½ a mile will be affected in Cornish.
105 Councilmember Creech asked them to clarify which of the 3 lines that run through Cornish they
106 will be working on. Christopher showed a picture of the specific line they will be improving on
107 the PowerPoint. Christopher also mentioned that they would be notifying the landowners to

108 initiate the right of entry contract. Mayor Leak asked if there would be in impact to our power
109 while this project was going on and Christopher said no it will not affect our power.

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111 **CREECH FAMILY TRUST Dairy Barn:** Megan Creech brought her applications for zoning
112 clearance and a water hook up for their new dairy barn. She explained where the barn would
113 go. Councilmember Creech also mentioned that their current barn does not have it's own water
114 hook up so to be in compliance with the town code they will get their own water hook up for
115 the new barn. The council thought everything looked in order and that it would work great.

116 Councilmember Forsgren made a motion to approve the CREECH FAMILY TRUST water
117 connection request. Councilmember Buxton seconded the motion.

118 Councilmember Buxton – Aye; Councilmember Fisher – Aye; Mayor Leak – Aye; Councilmember
119 Forsgren – Aye.

120 Councilmember Creech – Abstained from the vote;

121 Motion passed.

122 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to approve the CREECH FAMILY TRUST dairy barn zoning
123 clearance;

124 Councilmember Buxton – motioned; Councilmember Forsgren – seconded.

125 Councilmember Buxton – Aye; Councilmember Fisher – Aye; Mayor Leak – Aye; Councilmember
126 Forsgren – Aye.

127 Councilmember Creech – Abstained from the vote;

128 Motion passed.

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130 **Council Member's Reports:**

131 *Roads-* Mayor Leak asked Councilmember Forsgren to look up what the cost of a solar speed
132 limit sign would be. Mayor Leak said he talked to the Sheriff to see if they would be worth it

133 and if they are effective. The Sheriff said they work well in the beginning but then people get
134 used to them. Max mentioned that in the city managers' meetings this has come up before and
135 that other towns will move the signs around to help prevent people from getting used to them
136 being in the same spot all the time. Mayor Leak asked the sheriff what he thinks the most
137 effective thing is for stopping and preventing speeding and the sheriff said more patrolling in
138 the area is the most effective thing they can do. Councilmember Forsgren looked up the signs
139 on Amazon during the meeting and he found some for around \$700. The council wondered if
140 they were good enough quality at that price. The sign the town currently has does not work
141 anymore and they can't find the charger or get a new battery to fix it. There were also concerns
142 on the safety of getting the sign set up because of how heavy it is. Mayor Leak asked
143 Councilmember Forsgren to do some research on the Amazon signs and see if they would be a
144 good option. Councilmember Fisher left the meeting at this point.

145 Councilmember Creech asked Councilmember Forsgren what he found out on the water rights
146 for the Kofed spring. The council discussed whether to buy the ground for the spring or not.
147 Max said he thought the Buttars only had the rights on the overflow from the spring. The
148 council discussed who they should reach out to as a water attorney to help them with the
149 project of acquiring those water rights. Max let the council know that they will have to say what
150 they plan on using the water for when they acquire the rights and if they don't use it for that
151 they could lose it if someone contests it.

152 *Planning & Zoning* – No comments

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154 *Parks/Town Hall/Finance* – No comments

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156 *Water* – Councilmember Fisher and Jay Williams worked on a meter on the alley that got buried
157 under some gravel when the big tree was removed. They dug it up and found a meter with an
158 extension so it can be read now.

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160 **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Leak left a message with Nathan Lundstead & Sarah Page to get back to
161 him about water filtration.

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163 **Citizen comments:**

164 *Susan Law:* Susan and Corey came to let the council know that the canal company has been
165 coming through and cleaning the canal but they have exposed the water line or it is barely
166 covered in spots and they were worried about the water line freezing that leads to their houses.
167 Mayor Leak thought that the canal company said they wouldn't mind helping out and covering
168 it but he couldn't remember. Mayor Leak asked Dale Buxton to weigh in and asked if he should
169 get on the agenda to meet with the West Cache board at their next meeting. Dale said that
170 would be a good idea but he also said if their canal cleaner is in the area now would be the best
171 time to get it done. Mayor Leak was worried about going ahead with that before talking to the
172 irrigation board. Dale thought it would be fine to move forward as long as they looped in a
173 couple people and maybe they could come look at it. Mayor Leak said he would just call Tom
174 Griffin and work it out together. Dale said it might be helpful to get the line marked there to
175 help avoid this in the future and to make sure there is the right amount of coverage all along
176 the line.

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178 *Max Pierce:* Max sent the council an email with more information about the city managers'
179 meetings and how they could benefit the town. Mayor Leak asked who usually attends and
180 conducts the meetings. Max said it's not that formal and explained how the meetings got
181 started and came to be. Councilmember Fisher asked Max to give an example of some
182 information he's received from the meetings. Max said with the legislative session coming up
183 he will usually get information and insight into things they will vote on. Councilmember Buxton
184 asked how many representatives from other little towns like Cornish in the county attend. Max
185 said there aren't a lot that come regularly but there are a couple from Clarkston or Newton
186 sometimes. Councilmember Buxton asked if Max thought there had been less attendance since
187 the county stopped paying for it and Max said he thought it was about the same except for a
188 few people. Councilmember Creech said he thought it was great that Max was willing to go to
189 this lunch as a service for the town but wondered if the resources could be allocated in a
190 different way to be more helpful for the town. Ultimately the council decided to not pay for the
191 city managers' lunches and try to find other interlocal groups that might help the staff that the
192 town currently employs.

193 Max brought up an incident recently of an individual in the town who was bitten by a raccoon,
194 and he told them the steps of what to do, even though it was considered a wild animal issue.
195 He just wanted the council to be aware that he might not have all the training he needs to be
196 the town animal control officer. He wanted them to be aware of some potential liability for the
197 town. Max told the reasoning behind how he became the town animal control officer. It was
198 clarified that the county knows to send all calls they get to Max since he is over animal control
199 in Cornish.

200 Max said there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the state drinking water fee. He let the council
201 know that the fee is not set yet, but the meeting will lay out the different options of what the
202 fee could be. Max encouraged the council to get involved to help their voices be heard.

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204 **Next Meeting:** December 3, 2025

205 **Adjourn:**

206 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to adjourn.

207 Councilmember Creech – Motioned; Councilmember Forsgren - Seconded

208 Councilmember Buxton – Aye; Councilmember Creech – Aye; Councilmember Fisher – Absen;
209 Councilmember Forsgren – Aye; Mayor Leak – Aye

210 The meeting ended at 9:19pm

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