

## **SPRING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 6, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was held in the Council room at Spring City Hall, 45 South 100 East, Spring City, Utah.

**In Person Attendance:** Alison Anderson, Christi McGriff, Kat Caldwell, James Baker, Becky Brunner, Tom Brunner, Mike Nelson, Lorene Clark, Kay Van Buren, Yvonne Wright, Kent Kummer; Power Superintendent, Marie Cornwell, Michael Broadbent, Suzanne Broadbent, Robert Buckner, Nick Peterson, Cami Christensen, Jane Hawkes, Glen Finn, Mickey Calderwood, Cerola Calderwood, Cade Penney; R6 Representative, Chad Huff; Chief of Police, Whit Allred; Treasurer, Ruth Ann McCain; Recorder.

**Zoom Attendance:** Suzanne Dean, Craig Paulsen, Mike Tullis, Ben Hanks, Laurel Workman, Ander Hanks, Melanie Cook,

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chris Anderson

**Expression of Choice:** Tom Brunner

**Roll Call:** Marty McCain, Ken Krogue, Chris Anderson, Courtney Syme, Paul Penrod

### **Mayor and Council Member Department Reports**

**Council Member Randy Strate** was absent from the meeting.

**Council Member Marty McCain** stated that his items are on the agenda.

**Council Member Ken Krogue** stated that his items are on the agenda.

**Council Member Courtney Syme** stated that we have entered an interlocal agreement for our youth recreation programs. It seems to be working well. Mount Pleasant has a full-time recreation manager that does all the scheduling, and they provide the facilities for the games. There are several activities that are available. You can find activities all year long.

**Council Member Paul Penrod** stated that the fire station has new construction going on. They are hoping to pour the concrete floor before it gets colder. In the Fire Department there are six new recruits going through training. Right now, they are doing hazmat OPS. The new engine is scheduled to arrive at the end of January.

**Mayor Chris Anderson** stated his thanks to all who participated in the election, voters, candidates, and campaigners. We are getting 24-hour library lockers that are behind the old Firehouse on Main Street. These are supposed to be online within a month. You will need to have a library card from Fairview. Each family will receive one for free. If you choose to have more than one card, the fee is \$5. With your card you can order books, and they will be delivered to the locker. This is where you will return the books as well. Mayor Anderson stated that he is checking with the library to see about setting up a reading room where access to periodicals can be had.

### **Public Comments**

**Kay Van Buren** stated that his comments are related to the Planning Commission meeting. There have been two applications for subdivisions for half acre lots. A subdivision application had right of way streets at 38 feet and our city code states that 82 1/2 feet is needed for road right of ways. Mr. Van Buren stated that this is an extreme difference. When he brought this up in the Planning Commission meeting, he was told that this was agreed on in the annexation agreement. Mr. Van Buren read a part of the variance ordinance and asked if the Board of Adjustments gave a variance for the road right of way for the subdivision. His concern is that the road going east will be dramatically smaller if it goes from 82 feet to 38 feet. Mr. Van Buren would like to challenge the legality of allowing the annexed area to have 38 foot roads.

**Cami Christensen** stated that she wanted to express disapproval of Councilman Marty McCain who is the liaison for the Planning Commission. At the last Commission meeting he sat on the stand, and she felt that it was inappropriate and misleading as he is the liaison which keeps both the City Council and Planning Commission informed of current projects and assists in any discussion and research that supports the decision-making process. Ms. Christensen stated that the liaison is a nonvoting member but should not present himself as an official part of the Commission and should speak when invited to do so or when input is needed. She would like the City Council to review this matter and clarify proper boundaries and take appropriate action.

**Becky Holbrook Brunner** stated that she is the chairman of the Board of Adjustment and the ordinance being looked at tonight she is in favor of. Some things that have been brought before the Board of Adjustment are not what the Board should be doing. She appreciated the clarification and wanted to give her support.

### **Shade Sails for the Park – Lorene Clark**

Council Member Marty McCain stated that Lorene Clark brought it to the Council's attention that in the summer the playground gets so hot that the slides can't be used. Ms. Clark has proposed using sails as a covering. Ms. Clark stated that she has been looking into the sails and reached out to Matt Franks who feels he can get poles that are big enough if the city employees can install them. The sails are harder to find because proper materials need to be found and used. If the city can get the Community Development Block Grant additional improvements could be made like swings, a drinking fountain, and a little river walk. Christi McGriff stated that with the assistance of Cade Penney and Mike Black they will fill out the application for this grant which is due by December 15<sup>th</sup>. She has raised about \$9,000 by selling a Spring City cookbook hoping to install a splash pad but she would now like to put that money toward swings for children.

### **Robert Buckner for Veteran's Day**

Robert Buckner stated that Veteran's Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. The VFW Post 9276 and American Legion Post 4 will do a 21 gun salute and ceremony in Spring City at the Veteran's Memorial starting at 11:30 AM. Right now, donations are being accepted to help provide a free meal to each of the veterans that participate. Any money leftover will go toward the Christmas dinner on the 16th of December.

### **Water Meters of the Trailer Court – Brad Sorensen**

Ruth Ann McCain stated that she received a message from Council Member Randy Strate. The message stated that Cory Madsen and Brad Sorensen have worked out what is needed to happen for each trailer in the trailer court to get their own water meter. Council Member Courtney Syme asked how much this will cost the city. Ms. McCain stated that Brad Sorensen will pay for the meters. Mayor Anderson stated that no action needed to be taken on this item.

#### **Tree Worx, Nick Peterson to Trim Trees for the City**

Council Member Ken Krogue stated that historically Kent Kummer has dealt with trees that interfere with power lines. There is supposed to be a 12 foot easement between power lines and trees. Nick Peterson with Tree Worx and Kent, two experts, explained what was being considered. Kent Kummer stated that in the past he has been able to keep up with tree trimming and so far, there have not been any major problems with trees falling, just a few isolated incidents. This year he has talked to the mayor and Ken about getting some help and direction on assessing trees. Nick has been trained in this and has been working with other towns assessing trees. Mr. Peterson stated that they help Mount Pleasant and Fairview with power vegetation management. They also help Darkane Energy, which consists of Kane, Wayne, and Garfield Counties. His company has a 75 foot elevator truck equipped to grab hold of the tree and keep it sturdy while being worked on. If a tree needs to be removed, they can do so safely and with respect to the community members. They keep everything positive trying to do a beneficial service for the community versus taking steps backwards by damaging things in the process. Mr. Peterson stated that his company specializes in track inspection training which is tree risk assessment, and they can see a lot of failures before they happen. In other communities they have been able to cut outages in half with the work they have done. They are a bipartisan party which inspects the trees and therefore are not in favor of the community member or the power company. Through assessing the trees and educating the community members they will come up with a good mitigation plan. You can see their work in Mount Pleasant, when they are done with a tree they shape, groom, and restructure them. This is what is recommended by national standards and by taking these precautions it helps prevent future failures. Council Member Krogue stated that Tree Worx has a program to give a voucher to plant a new tree if one needs to be removed. Council Member Courtney Syme asked if they chip the wood and if that could be used around our playground. Mr. Peterson stated that yes, they chip the wood but when doing a park, you want to use a uniform tree which may be hard when doing powerline work.

#### **Resolution 2025-10 Updating Utility Deposit Fees**

Mayor Chris Anderson stated that our utility deposit fees need to be updated. In a prior meeting it was determined to increase our water utility deposit to \$150.00 and the electric utility deposit to \$245.00. This deposit is large enough that if an account needs to be closed, we are not underwater. Council Member Courtney Syme clarified that this would be for all new accounts. Council Member Ken Krogue stated that we are getting away from centralized landlord accounts which hasn't been making sense. This would apply to all individual residential customers.

**Council Member Paul Penrod made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ken Krogue. Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

#### **Vote:**

Randy Strate	Absent
Marty McCain	Yes
Ken Krogue	Yes

Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **Resolution 2025-11 Updating the Activity Center Deposit for Rental Use**

Mayor Chris Anderson stated that we have been charging a \$100 cleaning deposit for the Activity Center. The deposit is refundable if the building is left clean. There have been occasions when it has not been left clean and the deposit isn't enough to cover the cleaning charge. It has been decided to raise the deposit to \$300. This deposit is still refundable if the building is left clean.

**Council Member Ken Krogue made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11 to increase our Activity Center deposit from \$100 to \$300. The motion was seconded by Council Member Paul Penrod. Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

#### **Vote:**

Randy Strate	Absent
Marty McCain	Yes
Ken Krogue	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **Ordinance 2025-06 Modifying by Amendment Sewer Service Regulations, Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 2, and Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 3(E) Extending the Time for Connecting an Established and Approved Septic System to a Newly Constructed Stewer Line Located Within 300 Feet of a Residence Property Line (Revision)**

Mayor Chris Anderson stated that when we went to summarize Ordinance 2025-06 it was hard to figure out so it was thought to amend the ordinance to make it clearer. Council Member Marty McCain stated that the letter to the customers will be posted on the website and mailed out. It states that once the sewer is available in your area you will have 24 months to hook up. The city is bringing the sewer to your property line. No impact fees or connection fees will be charged to those with existing homes. Council Member McCain read part of the letter and the Ordinance; both can be found in the handouts. Mayor Anderson has been looking for ways to offset more of the cost if possible.

**Council Member Ken Krogue made a motion to approve both Ordinance 2025-06 and the accompanying letter of communication to move forward. The motion was seconded by Council Member Paul Penrod. Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

#### **Vote:**

Randy Strate	Absent
Marty McCain	Yes
Ken Krogue	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **Purchase of a Defibrillator for the City Hall**

Mayor Anderson stated that we have a defibrillator in the building, but it no longer works, and we can't buy a battery for it. A new defibrillator ranges from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Mayor Anderson stated that he has applied for a grant and has talked to Intermountain Health Care to see if they

can contribute a defibrillator. If possible, we may try to get two so one can be in the ballroom. No action was taken on this agenda item.

**Ordinance 2025-07 Modifying by Amendment Appeals to Board, Title 10, Chapter 3, Section 4, Allowing Denial of Land Use Application and Zoning Permits to be Appealed to the Board**

Mayor Chris Anderson stated that a month ago a Board of Adjustment meeting was held to appeal decisions of the City Council. When this ordinance was written the process of subdivisions and zoning changes went through the City Council. The State Legislator has now said that these changes must go through the Zoning Administrator and not elected officials. Our subdivision and application process has changed but our ordinance didn't change. Our attorney said that we should not have had a hearing on that because the Board of Adjustment does not have authority to reverse legislative actions by the City Council. Our ordinance needs to be amended to clarify that appeals to the Board of Adjustment applies to non-legislative decisions. Ordinance 2025-07 clarifies that the Board of Adjustment deals with conditional uses and exceptions.

**Council Member Courtney Syme made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-07 which amends the appeals to the Board of Adjustment Title 10 Chapter 3 Section 4. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ken Krogue. Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**Vote:**

Randy Strate	Absent
Marty McCain	Yes
Ken Krogue	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

**Set Date to CANVASS the 2025 Municipal General Election**

It was decided to hold a Special Council Meeting to Canvass the 2025 Municipal General Election on November 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

**Possible Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation, Vote (2/3 Needed)**

It was decided to not hold a closed session

**Financial Report for October 2025**

**Council Member Ken Krogue made a motion to approve the financial report for October 2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Paul Penrod. Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**Vote:**

Randy Strate	Absent
Marty McCain	Yes
Ken Krogue	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

**Payment of Bills**

**Council Member Paul Penrod made a motion to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Courtney Syme. Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**Vote:**

Randy Strate	Absent
Marty McCain	Yes
Ken Krogue	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

**Minutes for October 9, 2025 City Council Meeting**

**Council Member Marty McCain made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ken Krogue. Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**Vote:**

Randy Strate	Absent
Marty McCain	Yes
Ken Krogue	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

**Minutes for October 21, 2025 Special City Council Meeting**

**Council Member Ken Krogue made a motion to approve the October 21<sup>st</sup> Special City Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Marty McCain.**

**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**Vote:**

Randy Strate	Absent
Marty McCain	Yes
Ken Krogue	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

Council Member Ken Krogue motioned to adjourn the meeting.

**Adjournment:** 8:12 PM

**APPROVED**

