

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 8:00
2 p.m. at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Barbara Allen
6 Brandon Henderson
7 Sara Stettler
8 Heather Taylor, Chair

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10 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

11 Keith Roper

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13 **STAFF PRESENT**

14 Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison
15 Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor
16 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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18 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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20 Minutes of the September 17, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Heather Taylor made a **motion**
21 to approve the minutes as amended. Barbara Allen seconded the motion, which was passed by
22 unanimous vote (4-0).

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24 **DISCUSS TREES AFFECTED BY PAST STREETS PROJECTS ON 400 WEST**
25 **AND PEACH TREE DRIVE**

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27 Heather Taylor reported this project has already started. Heather has spoken to people who
28 were able to keep their trees, and Barbara Allen has talked with people who could not keep their
29 trees. She said some of the residents wondered why they could not keep their trees when other
30 neighbors were able to keep their trees. If the trees are causing damage to the utility lines, the city
31 is responsible to have the trees removed. If a sidewalk is damaged by tree roots, the homeowner is
32 liable if someone is injured.

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34 Lisa Romney, City Attorney, and Marc Marchant previously said “may not,” “must,” or
35 “shall” means the city is giving themselves the option of suing the homeowner if someone is
36 injured by a damaged sidewalk. Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison, said this is a public relations
37 situation, and maybe the mayor could be more involved if there is a document that was signed by
38 the homeowner that states the homeowner would be responsible for liability if someone is injured
39 by a damaged sidewalk. Heather Taylor will contact Marc Marchant to verify if this is accurate.

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41 Barbara Allen reported she went to six homes on 400 West, and she was able to talk to four
42 residents. There was a total of eleven trees removed from the six homes. Heather reported there
43 were 18 trees on Peach Tree Drive that were removed, and eleven residents asked for a tree
44 voucher. Heather Taylor asked Tree Board members to try and finish contacting residents soon so
45 that the vouchers can be given back to Marc Marchant.

1 Barbara Allen said three of the residents told her they were not told they could have a voucher.
2 Mike Higgins reported Marc Marchant did reissue vouchers to the three residents who said they
3 did not get a voucher.
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5 **PARRISH LANE UDOT PROJECT**

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7 Heather Taylor reported she went to the last City Council meeting and talked during the
8 public open session. She expressed her concern about the damage done to the trees by UDOT on
9 Parrish Lane. Parrish Lane is the entrance to Centerville, and eight trees on Zions Bank property
10 are dead, and there are trees by IHOP and America First Credit Union that might need to be
11 removed. The trees were not pruned properly and some of the trees have damaged roots that could
12 be the cause of their not growing. Heather also talked about the rock landscaping, and how the
13 rocks fall onto the sidewalk. The City Manager told Heather she can contact the businesses about
14 their trees if she wants to.
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16 Heather Taylor said Rick Bangerter told her he is proud of the business relationships he has
17 made, and he told her he could talk to the business owners about their business being the gate-way
18 to the city. Robin Mecham suggested the City Council could offer tree vouchers to these
19 businesses. Brian Plummer said the city cannot force private owners to plant trees when they are
20 in compliance with the landscaping ordinance. Brandon Henderson suggested the Tree Board make
21 a plan on how to replace the trees that are dead or dying before talking to the business owners.
22 Brian Plummer suggested doing a survey of the property owners on Parrish Lane to see if they
23 would like to improve the gateway to Parrish Lane.
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25 **FRONTAGE ROAD EXPANSION**

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27 Heather Taylor said she wants to catch the window of all the trees that will be taken out
28 along the Frontage Road as part of the I-15 expansion. UDOT has imminent domain, and they
29 have purchased the property already where the trees need to be removed.
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31 **DISCUSS TREE INFORMATION TO BE DISSEMINATED THROUGH THE** 32 **CITY**

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34 Heather Taylor explained the city has Brandon Henderson's Tree Care Guide, but staff must
35 proof anything the Tree Board wants to send out first. Haley Turner is back from maternity leave,
36 and she has a link on Urban Forestry that will be put on the Tree Board website and the city
37 newsletter.
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39 **SCHEDULE WORK SESSION WITH CITY COUNCIL REGARDING TREE** 40 **VOUCHERS**

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42 Heather Taylor said she would like to have a work session with the City Council regarding
43 the vouchers. Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison, said the Tree Board needs to advocate for
44 more trees through the City Council.

1 Brian Plummer said a work session should be held in the future to present a plan on how more
2 trees can be added before the budget talks begin. He also said 2026 will be the 250-year anniversary
3 of American independence, and promoting trees could be a part of the celebration.
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5 **REVIEW ACTION ITEMS**

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7 Heather asked the Tree Board to review the draft of the General Plan. The General Plan is
8 a guideline for the city for the next 20 to 30 years. Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison, explained
9 a contractor was hired to develop the General Plan. He took surveys and studied Centerville, and
10 he put together the General Plan draft. There has been public input to make it more appropriate for
11 Centerville. When the Planning Commission approves the General Plan draft, the City Council
12 will hold a public hearing to get comments from the citizens. It will then be approved, or edits will
13 be made before it is approved. Brian Plummer suggested Tree Board members and members of all
14 the committees and boards read the General Plan section that pertains to their committee, and then
15 give suggestions to the Planning Commission.
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17 Peach Tree Drive and 400 West street project.
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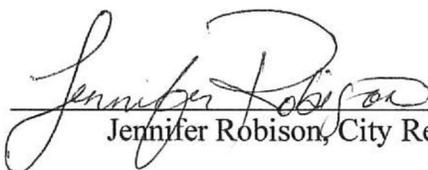
19 **NEXT MEETING**

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21 The next Tree Board meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 17,
22 2025 sometime during the day to view Parrish Lane and discuss possible options for the entrance
23 to the city.
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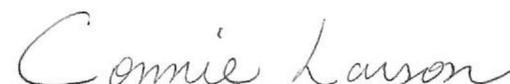
25 The first meeting of next year will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. at
26 City Hall.
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28 **ADJOURN**

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30 At 9:20 p.m., Barbara Allen made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Brandon Henderson
31 seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).
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36 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

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43 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

