



MINUTES
Springville City Council Regular Meeting - January 06, 2026

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 110 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH.

6:30 P.M.

Oath of Office Ceremony

Newly elected Mayor Matt Packard and City Council Members Karen Ellingson and Michael Snelson were sworn in by City Recorder Kim Crane.

Presiding and Conducting: Mayor Matt Packard

Elected Officials in Attendance: Karen Ellingson
Logan Millsap
Jake Smith
Mike Snelson
Mindi Wright

City Staff in Attendance: City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald, Assistant City Administrator/City Attorney John Penrod, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Bruce Riddle, City Recorder Kim Crane, Community Development Director Josh Yost, Director of Administration Patrick Monney, Library Director Dan Mickelson, Museum of Art Director Emily Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Child, Power Director Jason Miller, Public Safety Director Lance Haight, and Public Works Director Brad Stapley

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Packard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Snelson offered the invocation, and **Councilmember Millsap** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING'S AGENDA

Motion: **Councilmember Ellingson** moved to approve the agenda as written. **Councilmember Wright** seconded the motion. **Voting Yes:** Councilmember Ellingson, Councilmember Millsap, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Snelson, and Councilmember Wright. The motion **Passed Unanimously, 5-0**

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Packard welcomed the Council, staff, and those in attendance.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Calendar

- Jan 14 - Budget Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- Jan 20 - Work Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Packard asked if there was any discussion about the upcoming calendar. There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Packard introduced the Public Comment section of the agenda and inquired if there were any written requests to speak.

Amy Palethorpe spoke as a community advocate for the Ruth Theater. She discussed efforts to elevate the arts and highlight surrounding cities. She announced upcoming performances, including *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Forever Plaid*, scheduled for February 23-28, and invited the Mayor, Council, and community members to attend.

Rebecca Millard spoke regarding the Michael Ewing case. She stated that many community members had concerns about how Michael Ewing's death was investigated. She expressed that there was a perceived lack of transparency and that an independent review of the case was needed, noting that unanswered questions could erode public trust.

Michael Andersen spoke regarding the proposed changes to the chicken ordinance discussed at the previous council meeting. He referenced the discussion to restrict the number of chickens and the Chief of Police's follow-up. Mr. Andersen stated that he did not agree with the proposed change and believed that lot size should be considered.

Marcus Case was not in attendance. Mayor Packard read his written comment into the record.

Olin Sorby was not in attendance due to being out of state. Mayor Packard read his written comment into the record.

Charles Rose was not in attendance due to being out of state. Mayor Packard read his written comment into the record.

Taylor Rose Ewing was not in attendance due to being out of state. Mayor Packard read her written comment into the record.

Stacie Pratt was not in attendance due to being out of state. Mayor Packard read her written comment into the record.

Miriam Tracy spoke regarding the Michael Ewing case. She identified herself as a friend of the Ewing family and stated that she cared about public trust. She said the family had been asking for accountability and transparency and requested that investigative steps be acknowledged on the public record.

Natalie Marvin expressed support for the Ewing family and stated she hoped the City could help find answers. She also raised concerns about the intersection at 620 South Canyon Road, noting that the in-ground lights could be brighter to help slow traffic.

Mayor Packard stated that the matter was an open investigation. He explained that if the public had questions, they should contact City Attorney John Penrod. He stated that the Mayor and Council were not in a position to comment publicly or privately on the investigation.

Sharon Ewing read a statement from Jaylynn, Michael Ewing's stepson. The statement addressed concerns about the investigation and characterized the death as suspicious, requesting an external investigation.

Tyra Orton spoke regarding the concerns regarding the 620 South Canyon Road intersection. She stated that additional measures were needed and, as a school bus driver, believed the intersection required a four-way stop or other improvements.



CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes for the November 11, 2025, Strategic Planning meeting, the December 16, 2025, work meeting, and regular meeting.

Mayor Packard asked for a discussion or a motion on the consent agenda.

Motion: Councilmember Snelson moved to approve the consent as written. **Councilmember Smith** seconded the motion. **Voting Yes:** Councilmember Ellingson, Councilmember Millsap, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Snelson, and Councilmember Wright. The motion **Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

2. **Springville Citizen Survey Report - Troy Fitzgerald, City Administrator**

City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald reported on the Springville Citizen Survey Report, noting that this was the tenth survey completed. He stated that the survey provided valuable insight into community perspectives, though it did not explain the reasons behind the responses. He explained that the survey was conducted by the BYU Sociology Department, which randomly selected 4,821 households, resulting in 1,021 responses and a response rate of 21.17 percent.

Fitzgerald highlighted the wide age range of respondents, noting that two respondents were born in 1929 and two were born in 2005. He reported a significant decrease in average household size, declining from 3.57 persons per household in 2009 to 3.07 in 2025. He stated that population growth in Springville had slowed and was declining, and noted that similar trends were being experienced by many communities across the country. He concluded by reporting that the survey showed a significant increase in the overall quality of life in Springville.

Councilmember Snelson questioned the usefulness of the “neither agree nor disagree” response option in the survey and asked whether it was necessary or if there could be a better way for respondents to answer.

City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald reviewed additional results from the citizen survey. He reported that traffic on the City’s main streets was identified as an important and major problem. He stated that the overall quality of City services was rated as very good, with the Springville Museum of Art identified as the top-rated service.

In response to a question from the Mayor regarding how the survey information was used, Fitzgerald explained that the results were reviewed with department directors and during budget meetings to help identify citizen priorities. He noted that the library received a “very good” rating for quality of service.

Fitzgerald reported that a substantial number of respondents indicated they felt safe walking in their neighborhoods. Property crime and violent crime were both rated as very safe. He also noted strong support for economic development.

He further explained that citizens responded to open-ended questions, and the top themes for what residents liked most about living in Springville included the small-town feel, sense of community, quiet and peaceful neighborhoods, safety and security, parks, the library, the Clyde Recreation Center, and access to the mountains and Hobble Creek.

Mayor Packard stated that he would like department heads to provide their thoughts on the survey results and the direction they indicated. He noted that the information should be used to guide improvements and support the betterment of the City.



MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Packard asked for any further discussion.

Councilmember Snelson stated a new council photo was needed and proposed a date of February 03, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION, AND ADJOURNMENT IF NEEDED - TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MOTION

The Springville City Council may adjourn the regular meeting and convene into a closed session as provided by UCA 52-4-205.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilmember Snelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. **Councilmember Wright seconded** the motion. **Voting Yes:** Councilmember Ellingson, Councilmember Millsap, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Snelson, and Councilmember Wright. **The motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

This document constitutes the official minutes for the Springville City Council Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, January 06, 2026.

I, Kim Crane, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City Recorder for Springville City, Utah County, State of Utah. I do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true, accurate, and complete record of this meeting held on Tuesday, January 06, 2026.

DATE APPROVED: January 20, 2026



Kim Crane
City Recorder

