

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY
910 South Mountain Road
January 20, 2026

WELCOME:

Mayor Jeanne Groberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE & OPENING CEREMONY:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Gary Anderson with Council Member Eileen Moss conducting the opening ceremony by prayer.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jeanne Groberg Council Members, Gary Anderson, Mark Cottrell, David Hale, Eileen Moss, Blake Winslow.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Darren Frandsen, Public Works Director Layne Leonard, City Planner Jeff Oyler, Deputy Recorder Hailee Ballingham

VISITORS:

Linda Crismer, Jim Crismer, Iyna Biggett, Mike Boyd, Mary Monson, Lane Monson, Mike Burnett, Jason Yellman, Jackson Yellman, Catherine Winslow, Nicole Hale, Erica Nadeae, Jennifer Berghout, Celeste Cottrell.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT(S) OF INTEREST:

None

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Cottrell Report:

Council Member Cottrell reported that Lieutenant Mike Boyd with the Davis County Sheriff's Department has been assigned as the city's new liaison and will serve as the primary point of contact. He will also be presenting information to the council soon.

Council Member Cottrell met with Gary Hatch, District Manager for Davis County Mosquito Abatement, and learned about upcoming activities. Tree treatments will begin in February, particularly for sycamore trees marked with blue tags. Spraying in wetlands and neighborhoods will begin in April.

Council Member Moss Report:

Council Member Moss reported that she has spoken with the chair of the Cemetery Committee several times to discuss ways to fast-track ongoing efforts. The committee is identifying specific skill sets that would be helpful, particularly in fundraising and project management. The committee will be meeting to discuss these needs further and is seeking interested members of the public.

Anyone interested or wishing to recommend someone is encouraged to speak with Mayor Groberg or Council Member Moss after the meeting.

Council Member Winslow Report:

Council Member Winslow reported that Local Officials Day at the Capitol will take place on January 21, 2026. Members of the Youth City Council will attend and will meet at City Hall at 7:00 a.m. to travel to the Capitol together.

He also reported that Communities That Care (CTC Central Three), serving Farmington, Kaysville, and Fruit Heights, requested to include brief informational content in the Ridgerunner. The information will focus on youth risk factors identified through school SHARP data, with particular emphasis this year on e-cigarette nicotine and related products. Council Member Winslow brought the request before the council, and no objections were noted.

MAYOR REPORT:**Mayor Groberg Report:**

Mayor Groberg reported on recent activity with the Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) as it prepares for the upcoming legislative session. She noted that property tax legislation will be a major focus this session and will have significant impacts on cities and towns. The LPC is reviewing proposed legislation and providing feedback on behalf of municipalities. As of this week, approximately 484 bills have been filed, with more expected.

The mayor also provided an update on the county warming center. The center is operating for the winter season and has been open five nights so far, with adequate staffing. On the most recent night, 12 individuals were served, and three families were placed in hotels. The warming center is located in Clearfield and is well managed. Mayor Groberg encouraged community members interested in volunteering to join the county's GroupMe volunteer list, noting that shifts are four hours in length during Code Blue nights. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to volunteer and encouraged others to participate.

STAFF REPORTS:**Public Works Director Layne Leonard Report:**

Public Works Director Layne Leonard reported that the recycling program has been in place for approximately six months. About ten recycling cans have been returned, while approximately twenty additional second cans have been issued to residents, which he noted as a positive outcome. He also reported that the Pine Ridge development is nearing completion of utility installations, and the project is progressing well.

City Manager Darren Frandsen Report:

City Manager Frandsen reminded the council of upcoming changes to dispatch services. Later this year, the city will transition to a consolidated dispatch center, which will result in increased costs for services provided by the Davis County Sheriff's Office. He noted that in 2017, the state encouraged counties to stop building new dispatch centers and move toward consolidation. As part of this transition, law enforcement dispatch will move to the new Layton dispatch center, while fire dispatch services will remain at the Bountiful location. These changes are expected to occur later this year.

The council acknowledged that the transition will have budgetary impacts, many of which are outside the city's direct control, and emphasized the importance of beginning to communicate these changes to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

5.1 Davis County Sheriff Report

LT Boyd and Sheriffs Sparks presented the 4th Quarter 2025 activity report for Fruit Heights. The full report is available on the city website at <https://www.fruitheights.gov/AgendaCenter>

5.2 Gilbert & Stewart, CPA's Audit Reports

Gilbert & Stewart, CPAs, rescheduled their report to the February 3, 2026, council meeting, due to illness

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

6.1 Fruit Heights City Mission Statement

The council discussed the Fruit Heights City mission statement, which reads: *"To provide quality services to the residents and community that will continue to enhance the quality of life and to foster great relationships."* The statement, originally composed by a previous council, was reviewed, and affirmed as still applicable. The mayor suggested creating a visual display of the mission for council focus.

Council members also reviewed and affirmed the city's core values, which include integrity, transparency, respect, humility, quality and excellence, dedication, professionalism, and seek to help each other succeed.

The council then reviewed expectations for themselves and staff to ensure effective governance and community service. Key expectations include:

- Strive to improve Fruit Heights daily.
- Assume good intentions and treat everyone with respect.
- Embrace learning and commit to following through on tasks.
- Maximize success by leveraging council and staff talents.
- Maintain order and fairness in meetings and communicate effectively with residents.
- Be prepared for meetings, support staff, and build positive relationships.
- Serve as active liaisons, uphold ethical standards, and provide thorough information for decision-making.
- Be professional, dependable, and aim for excellence in all work.

The mayor emphasized that the council recognizes no one is perfect and encourages grace while striving to uphold these principles as a guide for themselves, staff, and the community.

6.2 America250 with Jim and Linda Crismer

Linda Crismer, along with other committee members, provided an update on planning for Fruit Heights participation in the America250 anniversary celebration. The committee emphasized the goal of creating memorable events for residents, particularly youth, to foster long-lasting engagement and community pride.

Key proposed activities include:

- A kickoff celebration at the City Building on Saturday, June 27, featuring food trucks, patriotic costumes, and a group drone photo to commemorate the event.
- Sidewalk and driveway chalk art, patriotic lighting displays, and other creative city-wide participation during the week of the celebration.
- A historical “passport” activity encouraging residents to visit historical markers in Fruit Heights and Kaysville, with small prizes for completion.
- Youth participation through short reports on important events in American history, to be shared online or in the Ridgerunner.
- Possible community volunteer activities in honor of America 250, as well as participation in the Utah America 250 fitness challenge.

The committee also highlighted the importance of including residents from all areas of the city and different age groups and requested additional committee members to assist with planning.

The council expressed support for the committee’s plans and encouraged continued community involvement and idea-sharing.

6.3 Waterworth Software

City Manager Frandsen provided information on Waterworks Software, which he has been reviewing since December to assist with analyzing water rates, solid waste, and other utility-related financial planning. The software is compatible with the city’s existing utility system and offers enhanced capabilities over Excel spreadsheets, including future project planning, fund balance tracking, and accurate rate-setting.

It was noted that other nearby cities, including Kaysville, Farmington, and Centerville, have successfully implemented the software and found it beneficial for monthly updates and long-term planning. The software is designed to provide transparency for both the council and residents regarding rate changes and utility costs.

Key points discussed included:

- The recommended package includes rate calculation and rate design tools and costs approximately \$6,000 for the first year.
- Multi-year contracts are optional and can provide discounted rates for subsequent years.
- The software can incorporate data from impact fee studies and future growth projections.
- There are few comparable products on the market that meet the city’s standards and regulatory requirements.
- Council members discussed potentially piloting the software for a one-year trial to evaluate its effectiveness before committing to a longer-term contract.

The council acknowledged the potential benefits of the software for planning, transparency, and utility management and indicated willingness to consider it as part of the upcoming budget and agenda items.

6.4 Resolution to appoint Mayor Groberg to the Wasatch Integrated Waste Board

The council discussed a resolution to appoint Mayor Groberg as the city’s representative on the Wasatch Integrated Waste Board. It was noted that each city appoints a voting representative, typically the mayor,

to serve on the board. Mayor Groberg indicated she is willing to serve in this capacity, continuing the role previously held by Mayor Pohlman.

6.5: New Planning Commission Member

The council discussed the vacancy on the Planning Commission for District 1. Clark Moss's three-year term recently ended, and the city advertised for applicants to fill the seat. Three qualified individuals applied. After reviewing applications and speaking with each candidate, the mayor recommended Scott Justensen for appointment, noting his experience with the residential real estate background, prior service as an HOA Board President, and familiarity with local development issues. Council members expressed support and confirmed no conflicts of interest exist.

Item 6.6: Land Conveyance

The council discussed ongoing efforts to secure a federal land conveyance to develop trails on the city's hillside areas. A representative from Congressman Blake Moore's office indicated the proposal will go before the House Natural Resources Committee in February. The city was asked to provide a letter of support, along with letters from Farmington and local recreation groups, to demonstrate community backing for the project.

Council members expressed general support for the trails but raised concerns regarding potential city expenses, maintenance responsibilities, and wildlife mitigation. It was clarified that providing a letter of support does not commit the city to funding or assume liability. The mayor and city staff may be called upon to testify before the committee. The council agreed to move forward with the letter of support at this time.

ACTION ITEMS:

7.1 Approve/ Deny Waterworth Software

Council Member Blake Winslow made a motion to approve Waterworth software purchase of \$6,000 Council Member David Hale seconded the motion. This motion dies.

Council Member Eileen Moss made a substitute motion to have staff inquire about a trial period for the software Council Member Gary Anderson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the City Council at (1:35)

Council Member Vote:

- Gary Anderson –YES
- Mark Cottrell – YES
- David Hale – YES
- Eileen Moss—YES
- Blake Winslow—YES

Motion Carried (5-0)

7.2 Approve/Deny Recommendations of appointment planning Commission Member

Council Member Mark Cottrell made a motion to approve recommendations of appointment Scott Justensen for the new planning Commission Member Council Member Blake Winslow seconded the motion.

During discussion, Council Members noted Scott Justensen's professionalism and positive past interactions with the city, particularly during the Rock Loft development. Council Member Moss emphasized the importance of maintaining balance on the Planning Commission with members from diverse backgrounds.

The mayor noted that City ordinance encourages a variety of professional and geographic representation, and that this appointment filled a district-specific vacancy.

The motion was approved by the City Council at (1:38)

Council Member Vote:

- Gary Anderson –YES
- Mark Cottrell – YES
- David Hale – YES
- Eileen Moss—YES
- Blake Winslow—YES

Motion Carried (5-0)

7.3 Approve/Deny Resolution 2026-01 to appoint Mayor Jeanne Groberg to the Wasatch Integrated Waste Board

Council Member Mark Cottrell made a motion to approve the Resolution 2026-01 to appoint Mayor Jeanne Groberg to the Wasatch Integrated Waste Board Council Member David Hale seconded the motion.

No further discussion

The motion was approved by the City Council by roll call vote at (1:39)

Council Member Vote:

- Gary Anderson –YES
- Mark Cottrell – YES
- David Hale – YES
- Eileen Moss—YES
- Blake Winslow—YES

Motion Carried (5-0)

7.4 Approve/Deny Letter of Support for Land Conveyance

Council Member Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the Letter of Support for Land Conveyance Council Member Mark Cottrell seconded the motion.

During discussion, it was clarified that approval of the letter of support for the land conveyance did not commit the city to future expenses, and no resolution was required. Further review of potential liabilities, including consultation with the Fire Marshall, will continue.

The motion was approved by the City Council at (1:41)

Council Member Vote:

- Gary Anderson –YES
- Mark Cottrell – YES
- David Hale – YES
- Eileen Moss—YES
- Blake Winslow—YES

Motion Carried (5-0)

7.5 Approve January 6, 2026 City Council Minutes

Council Member Blake Winslow made a motion to approve January 6, 2026 City Council Minutes Council Member Mark Cottrell seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the City Council at (1:44)

Council Member Vote:

- Gary Anderson –YES
- Mark Cottrell – YES
- David Hale – YES
- Eileen Moss—YES
- Blake Winslow—YES

Motion Carried (5-0)

7.6 Approve January 13, 2026, City Council Strategic Planning Minutes

Council Member Mark Cottrell made a motion to approve January 13, 2026, City Council Strategic Planning Minutes Council Member David Hale seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the City Council at (1:49)

Council Member Vote:

- Gary Anderson –YES
- Mark Cottrell – YES
- David Hale – YES
- Eileen Moss—YES
- Blake Winslow—YES

Motion Carried (5-0)

TABLED ITEMS:

None

PAST DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

CALENDAR:

January 27, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting
February 3, 2026, City Council Meeting (Public Hearing)
February 16, 2026, Presidents' Day (City Hall will be closed)
February 17, 2026, City Council Meeting
February 24, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting

CLOSED SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Blake Winslow seconding the motion. It was unanimously approved by the Council. (8:51)

Not approved until signed.

Date approved by City Council: February 3, 2026

Hailee Ballingham, City Deputy Recorder

IS: Hailee Ballingham