



Ferron City Council Meeting Minutes January 14, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers – Ferron City Hall

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Mayor Trent Jackson	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>      </u>	<u>X</u>
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>

Mayor Trent Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 2. FILL VACANCY ON CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Jackson advised of an agenda change. Item #2, FILL VACANCY ON CITY COUNCIL RIGHT NOW. After that before the oath offices we will get a report on the Golf Course from Kasey Edgehouse. He has some customers coming up to use the simulator.

Mayor advised that we had 3 individuals that had submitted letters of interest to become City Council Members. Mike Behling, Clayton Fox and Ryan Mills. The mayor advised that all three would be given an opportunity to come up and introduce themselves and speak to the council and answer questions the council may have. After all, three individuals have spoken there would be a verbal vote.

Mike Behling advised that he had lived in Ferron his whole life. That he had been on the steering committee for the new arena and multi-use building that was being built at the fairgrounds. Currently he is on the Ferron Canal and Reservoir Board for at least 6 years. His current position at his place of employment is facilities manager where he helps design and maintain buildings for different reasons. Throughout his life he has been involved in the rodeo, 4H and FFA. Mr. Behling was asked how much time he had to devote to this position as City Council. He advised that he works straight days. He works until 4 p.m. and if he needed, he could break away. He has also accumulated a lot of time off and if he needed, he could use it for city needs. Mike advised that he worked with the Canal company on several projects. He is available via telephone. He would prefer text and he would call back due to meetings. Mike also advised that he was on the City Council prior and is aware of the time constraints. Mike was asked about community involvement, especially when it came to Peach Days. Mike answered that prior when he was on the City Council, he had brought down a truckload of peaches, he had cooked turkeys for the dinner and he was out there.

Ryan Mills advised the Council that he had lived in Ferron for the last 6 years. He was born and raised in Carbon County. Mr. Mills advised that he is on the Stock Show Council and is head of the Beef Department. He oversees the organizing and executing things with the kids that participate in the Stock Show. He has been Head of the Beef Department for the last 3 years. He also helps with other aspects of the Stock Show, bringing everyone together. Work experience: Ryan advised the Council that he has been in management working with budgets, financials and projections. Ryan has overseen crews from 10 – 70. Ryan work experience also includes being a truck supervisor over seeing a fleet of trucks and making sure that deliveries were being completed. Ryan and his wife, Ashley, have made the decision to make Ferron their destination and quit moving around. Ferron is where they want to put their roots. Ryan feels that he has enough time to devote to the position and to his position with the Stock show. Rayn went on to state that he felt we were going to have to market this barn a lot. That Ferron City was really going to have to get out and really get people involved, in the community and in the state. Ryan feels that it is going to be a struggle for a few years but thinks after that Ferron City is going to have a really neat facility here in Ferron and for our community in the future. Ryan was asked what his work schedule was. Ryan works what is called a industrial schedule at the power plant. There are some weeks where he has more time than others. However, he is available via telephone or text. Ryan is comfortable working with computers, he may be a little rusty, but he is sure he can figure it out.

Clayton Fox advised the council that he was born and raised here in Ferron. Once he got through his high school years he couldn't wait to get out of Ferron. Then a few years later he was doing everything he could to get back in. Currently he is shoeing horses and has a small handyman business. Clayton has helped with Peach Days in the past. He has been involved with the Junior Kids Rodeo and other kids' events. Clayton advised how a few years ago he had a health scare. He was amazed at how the community stepped up to help. The community was there for him and his family and would like the change to give back. Clayton went on to state that he has extensive knowledge in rodeo and roping and construction. Right now, he is self-employed so he would be

available anytime needed. Currently Clayton stated he is on disability and his schedule is what he makes it.

The mayor thanked all three individuals for showing interest in the open Council Member seat. He advised that if City Council didn't work out that there were openings in Planning and Zoning. Also, in 2 years there will be opportunities to run at that time.

**Roll Call Vote:**

	Mike Behling	Ryan Mills	Clayton Fox
Council Member Kellee Singleton	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Council Member Gerry Stotler	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Council Member Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Mike Behling was voted in to replace Laramie Morgan on the City Council. Mike was invited to come and sit on the bench.

**3. OATH OF OFFICE**

Jacqueline Wilde was given the Oath of Office for City Treasurer by Barbara Bowles.

Barbara Bowles was given the Oath of Office for City Recorder by Jacqueline Wilde.

Kellee Singleton was given the Oath of Office for City Council Member by Barbara Bowles.

Mike Behling was given the Oath of Office for City Council Member by Barbara Bowles.

Gerry Stotler was given the Oath of Office for City Council Member by Barbara Bowles.

Trent Jackson was given the Oath of Office for City Mayor by Barbara Bowles.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

a. MINUTES DATED 12.17.2025

b. RENTAL PROPERTY UTILITY PERMISSION FORM – ERIC OR LISSA FUNK

**Council Member Ray Petersen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Kellee Singleton seconded the motion.**

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Motion carried.

**5. GENERAL BUS. / DISCUSSION ITEMS / ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

a. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT – Randy Kenney

Fire Chief Kenney advised that there are 4 Fire Fighters going to Winter Fire School. Red Card Training for Wildland Firefighters. Fire Department was notified by the Forest Service that they may not have an engine boss. If that is the case, then Ferron City is a verified pool, and they will rely on Ferron City to respond. This is wildland fires. There will be county training and regional training in the first half of the year. The fire department does have a full training schedule.

The fire chief then spoke concerning the burning at the pit. It was good training for the fire department. The two city employees were crucial.

There were problems with citizens coming to watch the fire. The burn pile was much more than we had agreed on.

There is another weed pile over in the fairgrounds that will be addressed when there is a good burn day. The pile that is currently located at the Cemetery there is no safe way to burn. Chief would like to have that pile moved to where it can be more controlled.

Mayor advised that the biggest concern he had heard from citizens was the fire getting away. Mayor asked what the liability for Ferron City is if we are burning someone's pile on their property. Mayor is aware that the burn the other day was our burn, not on our property. Do citizens have to sign a waiver? Ferron City isn't held liable if the fire goes crazy? The Fire Chief explained that the homeowner would get a burn permit. The Fire Department will get a burn permit because they are lighting the fire. The Fire Department will do the initial burn down where it is. Once the fire is to the point where the homeowner can handle it the fire is then turned over to the homeowner to watch. The waiver has two copies. One copy is given to the homeowner which has all of our phone numbers on it.

The fire the other night. We had a fire fighter going and checking on the fire every hour as well as City Personnel there with backhoes if there was an issue.

Council Member Behling asked if there was fee to have the Fire Department do a burn. The answer was that the Fire Department asks for a donation.

The Fire Chief asked that in the future if we use that location to put trees from the City etc. to be burned that we lock the gate so that only City debris is in the pile. Also, there was a way to keep it away from the hillside and a clearing so that the fire department could move completely around the burn pile. That location is the most convenient location. However, the city may need to look at some additional burn sites.

**c. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY INCREASE FOR MAINTENANCE FOR ITRON \$ 5,604.06**

Mayor advised the Council that this was the maintenance fee for the water meter reader. This isn't something we could get rid of. It is something that we use. This is for the maintenance of the software and hardware.

**Council Member Gerry Stotler motioned to approve the increase for the maintenance agreement between Ferron City and Itron. Council Member Ray Petersen seconded the motion.**

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>X</u>
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**Motion carried.**

**d. RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR THE SHEEP BARN DISASSEMBLY & RELOCATION**

Mayor advised of the bids received:

Winn Construction	\$ 35,000.00
Big H Metal	\$ 37,450.00
Clayton Eubanks Const.	\$ 96,735.00
CK Construction	\$176,269.00
Tushar Construction	\$189,850.00

We awarded the bid to Winn Construction. When I spoke to Brock Winn he advised his bid was actually \$25,000.00. This is because he would trade that south half for some labor, and he valued that at \$10,000.00. So, we will end up paying him \$25,000.00 when he reassembles.

**Council Member Ray Petersen motioned that we ratify the acceptance of the Bid from Winn Construction for the Sheep Barn Disassembly and Relocation. Council Member Stotler seconded the motion.**

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>X</u>
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**Motion carried.**

**e. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY CONTINUING LEASE OF BACKHOE, \$11,500**

Mayor asked Kasey Morris how many hours was used on the backhoe. Kasey advised that 300 hours was used. This is an annual lease.

**Council Member Gerry Stotler motioned that we continue the lease for the backhoe. Council Member Kellee Singleton seconded the motion.**

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>X</u>
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**Motion carried.**

**f. DISCUSS/APPROVE DENY INCREASE OF C MONIES PAYABLE TO CVSSD- 15% TO 20%**

Mayor advised that this was briefly spoken about in the November and December Council Meetings. We

receive B&C Funds from the State. Currently Ferron City gives 15% of these funds to CVSSD for street projects. Mainly chip sealing, which doesn't cover the full cost. Ferron's chip seal project will cost 1.4 million. They will be doing the North half of Ferron this year. So, CVSSD asked that we increase our B&C portion from 15% to 20%. This last year they did the South half of Ferron and like I said the North half is scheduled to be done this year. The cost of materials has gone up. They have asked all the City's to increase their amount not just Ferron. Labor has gone up also. Currently it would be a difference between \$21,000 and \$28,000.

**Council Member Ray Petersen motioned to approve the increase given to CVSSD from 15% to 20%. Council Member Mike Behling seconded the motion.**

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**Motion carried.**

**g. BUSINESS LICENSE UPDATE**

Mayor advised that back in December it was announced that Planning and Zoning would no longer be handling Business Licenses and that the Business License Administrator would be Barbara. Terrance, Planning and Zoning Chair would just be making sure that the business is allowed in that zone. Barb has been diligently going through the business licenses, and we had "tons" of businesses operating in Ferron without current business licenses. With all the research that has been done we also discovered that state law says we cannot charge a business license for home-based businesses that don't have an impact. Orangeville is going through the same revamping process also. Our current ordinance over business licenses states that we can charge a 10% fee every month if they pay a business license fee. However, the renewal letter being sent out stated that if they were not renewed by June, we would assume that the business was no longer in business and that they would need to fill out a new application. Planning and Zoning will be working on our ordinance. As of today, there is only 5 more letters that need to be sent out to businesses that have not renewed in the last couple of years. Mayor wanted to thank Jacque and Barb for tackling this issue. There was a question concerning the Jr. Entrepreneur program. The Jr. Entrepreneur program will not be charged for a business license. Now, some home-based businesses still need a business license so that it can be claimed on their taxes. Those individuals can fill out a form and get a paper copy for \$25.00.

**h. OPMA, ETHIC AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST PAPERWORK DUE**

Mayor advised that this is something that has to be done every year. This is something that the auditors look at when we have our audit. Please make sure that we get these done and the certificates turned in.

**i. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY COUNCIL MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS 2026**

The Council Member assignments were discussed.

Fire Chief asked about Fireworks. He stated that he had spoken with Lantis, the provider of the fireworks for Peach Days. Due to tariffs, we may need to up our fireworks budget by 20%.

When Council Member Laramie Morgan was still here, he suggested that perhaps we offer to make Megan Ervin the event planner for the City. It was also mentioned that Megan had just started a new job and that it may too much for her to be Youth Council, Event Planner and over Peach Days. We do not want to overload her.

It all comes down to budget. How much of a role should the city take on entertaining our citizens?

**6. ORDINANCES**

**DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ORDINANCE 2026-1 WUI CODE**

Mayor advised that this was put on the agenda prematurely. This will first need to go to Planning and Zoning and then to City Council. There is not a current map of what areas would be affected. This is a State Law. Right now, we would just be adopting the Code. Currently Ferron City does not have any areas that would be considered HIGH risk. Petersen does not feel that Ferron City should sign off on it at this time. If the County or State cannot provide a current map, then we shouldn't sign off on it. Commissioner Worwood attended the meeting. He stated that he had spoken to the County Fire Warden that right now some of the subdivisions in the County would be required to follow the code and then their neighbors would not. Mayor Jackson advised that we still had some time because the PZ had to have a Public Hearing and so there was time to get some more information.

**7. REPORTS**

**A. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEWS**

Budget and Financial Report was sent out and questions were answered.

**B. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**a. MAYOR TRENT JACKSON**

Mayor advised that he had put the reports on the drive for the Ferron City EMS Garage for the Council to look at. For the year 2025 they ended in the black, making \$76,182. Month of December they were 85% staffed and only 5% partially staffed and 8% no staff. Ferron City is one of the bigger garages. In the month of December, they had 20 runs, 13 of which were billable and 7 were not. Their enroute from dispatch was 5.8 minutes. They are offering the EMT Course once again. If you are interested, sign up. If you are interested in the Fire Department sign up. Tomorrow is the CVSSD meeting where they will be discussing projects for the year. Chip seal and the sewer running down mill road are the two big ones for Ferron City. Cybersecurity, please do your training. The project at the fairgrounds is under way. They are hoping to have a building standing in March. Question was asking about the walking path down at the fairgrounds. Was it in the plans to light that section up. It gets dark and it is pitch black down there. Would it be possible to put some lights up down there. Council Member Behling advised that he knows about some solar powered lights that would work really well down there. He will look into it.

**b. COUNCIL MEMBER VANCE BROWN – Absent**

**c. COUNCIL MEMBER RAY PETERSEN**

In the next month would like to advertise for another sidewalk contract. Repair and Replacement of some sidewalks. Council Member Petersen asked the Council if they had any knowledge of any sidewalks that needed repair to let him know. Also, there is a problem at the park with moles. ( It was advised that the City has used Seth Weber in the past. That he has a machine that pumps gas into the holes and it takes care of that problem.)

**d. COUNCIL MEMBER GERRY STOTLER**

Council Member advised that Millsite is at 40% according to the Conservancy District. She stated that she has been checking the Farmers Almanac and it looks like the end of January and February we should have on and off rain and snow. Cody Allred was here and presented to the Ferron Canal Company meeting on Saturday and gave a really good report. There was some miscommunication concerning Ferron City requiring a water share to hook up to culinary water within City Limits. That has been sorted out. I have been working with Jacque and Kasey concerning zero read meters, delinquent water bills and trying to get away from the 48-hour notices. Council Member Stotler also stated that she had learned that the last 2-5 years have been the driest, on record since 1906. There is an agreement that has to be signed. Mike Behling then helped Gerry explain how when Lake Mead and Lake Powell are full that is 50-million-acre feet of water between those two lakes. Right now, there is only 15-million-acre feet. The problem is because of those two lakes and because they DID have water, when we had a bad year up here, they wouldn't have to conserve it down there. So, now that it's getting bad... they are starting to conserve. It was a good meeting but delivered bad news.

**e. COUNCIL MEMBER KELLEEE SINGLETON**

Fire Chief gave a great update. There was a problem with the security system at the fire house. Bryan with Security Systems is coming down to install the battery backup system that we purchased, per his request. He will also be installing block-off plates on both doors. Youth Council – we have already set up a meeting for February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to talk about the Easter Celebration.

**C. GOLF COURSE AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS AND WORK ORDER REVIEW**

**KASEY EDGEHOUSE** – Kasey advised the Council that currently the Golf Course is shut down. The course takes a beating when it is this cold, and carts are allowed to drive on it. The greens are being closely monitored for moisture content. With the little bit of moisture that has been received on the course the greens are doing well. Since there hasn't been anything for about a week, they may be watering this coming Monday. Currently staff have been working on getting equipment cleaned up and ready for the next season. So far, we haven't had to grind the rails and are hoping that we can hold off until March. Golf Carts are currently getting the oil changed. We are looking at possibly needing to change 10 batteries in the carts, which will be a bit of expense but overall, the carts are in great shape. Kasey reported that the Golf Course had a busy year in general, including the fall. The course started to get better as we entered fall and the greens really recovered fine. The plan is to plug in sand in the first week of June. Kasey acknowledged that it's hard because we're hoping that the spillway would be spilling. The course always pulls in more revenue when the spillway is spilling. As far as tournaments, Kasey stated that he didn't do many last fall because it's hard to pull people down from up North when the course doesn't look its best. The increased revenue seen at the course Kasey stated is usually from out-of-area players. Most local players have golf passes. Kasey stated that Council Member Petersen has spoken with a lot of the players and advise the Council that he has seen a lot of new faces from all over coming to play the course. They found us somewhere on the internet and wanted to give Millsite a try. Kasey advised the council that so far he has 6 large groups that have committed to hold tournaments at the course, the largest being around 200 players. The course is still in need of another mower and a

roller. The course would really like a top dresser also. If Millsite owned a top dresser then it would be possible to top dress the course every 6 weeks. This would help keep the course healthy. This is something we will need to budget for.

Kasey has spoken to Dave Sebring about the bridge on Hole 7. The bridge needs to be replaced. It is to the point that something bigger and better needs to be done to cut down on the slope. The goal with the new bridge is to drop the top side about 4 feet and extend it up into the canyon so that the carts won't struggle.

Kasey also wanted to mention one more thing about the carts. The lease for the carts is getting close to the end. He would like to suggest that we go electric with the carts. He understands that it would be a hard thing to do because it would take a lot to prepare for a fleet of electric golf carts with charging stations etc.

The new bridge would need to be craned in. It would be a two-piece bridge. There is not a date yet set for the bridge. The labor for the bridge will all be donated and we will just need to pay for the materials. Kasey stated that would be between \$12-\$15,000. The trail crew with the County and they will also be helping with the project to keep the cost down as much as possible.

The plan right now is to open the first part of March or possibly the middle of February if the weather continues the way it is. Kasey stated that looking at his budget he has had some major repairs with restrooms. He feels that everything is where it needs to be. Kasey will continue to work with Ray for the purchase of the land from the BLM. He will continue to work with the youth because their parents follow.

#### KASEY MORRIS

Kasey asked the Council if they would consider uniforms for the maintenance crew. Barbara explained the problems that the city has had in the past using uniform companies. Council Member Behling stated that Book Cliff is where Emery Telcom gets their shirts from and then they are embroidered on.

#### 8. CLOSED SESSION

Not required.

#### 9. APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Council Member Petersen made a motion to pay the bills. Council Member Stotler seconded the motion.

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>X</u>
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Motion carried.			

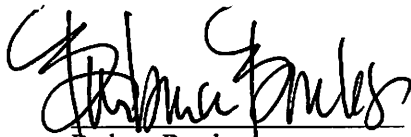
#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Behling made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion.

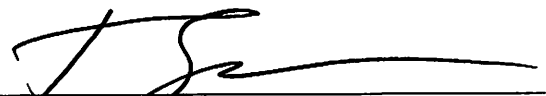
Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>X</u>
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Motion carried.			

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest:

  
Barbara Bowles  
Ferron City Recorder



  
Mayor Trent Jackson