

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, December 17, 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 Keith Roper
8 Heather Taylor

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10 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

11 Sara Stettler

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13 **STAFF PRESENT**

14 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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16 **STAFF ABSENT**

17 Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison

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19 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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21 Minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Heather Taylor made a **motion**
22 to approve the minutes as written. Brandon Henderson seconded the motion, which was passed by
23 unanimous vote (4-0).

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25 **DISCUSSION – GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

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27 Heather Taylor gave an update on the history of the General Plan. The General Plan is a
28 plan for the city that should be reviewed every 20 years, but it has been 30 years since it was
29 reviewed. The City Council has been working on the General Plan for over one year. Mike Eggett,
30 City Planner, works as a contractor for Centerville and other cities to help with their General Plans.

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32 The Planning Commission has approved the General Plan and sent it to the City Council
33 with two emails from citizens that need to be addressed. It is required by law to have a townhall
34 meeting for the General Plan before it is approved by the City Council. Heather Taylor said the
35 city will begin working on the budget in February.

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37 Heather Taylor and Brandon Henderson have reviewed the proposed General Plan.
38 Heather said she talked with Mike Eggett today, and the Tree Board should do nothing to the
39 General Plan, and focus instead on:

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41 1. Creating an administrative policy guide for the city, and then when the implementation
42 portion of the General Plan comes in, it would have administrative weight. Heather will
43 subscribe to get an agenda for the City Council meetings. Mike Eggett told Heather she
44 can call him regarding issues with the street's projects. He also suggested reviewing
45 the zoning of the Parrish Lane project. Mr. Eggett suggested reviewing the zoning of
46 the west side of I-15. The wetlands are governed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

1 2. Keith Roper said the General Plan should include that Centerville City is a Tree City
2 USA, and that the city is committed to this for the long term, and what the requirements
3 are to be a Tree City USA.
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5 3. Heather Taylor talked with Brian Plummer, and he said he would welcome language in
6 the General Plan that supports canopy growth over the long term that is compatible
7 with the infrastructure and utilities. There needs to be a neighborhood sensitive
8 transition in the park strips, and public right-of-way. This applies to citizens who are
9 sensitive of trees that are removed by the city. Barbara Allen said she talked with a
10 woman who had six trees removed, and she was happy to receive five vouchers. Where
11 a full transition is not practical, trees could be planted with advice from the Tree Board.
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13 The City Council approved the planting of 250 trees for the 250-year celebration of
14 American independence in 2026. Mike Higgins told Heather Taylor that this is a lot of trees, and
15 there is not enough space in the parks to plant this many trees. The Tree Board discussed what the
16 longest living trees are in Centerville. The Board will ask Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation
17 Director, to see if he knows the answer to this question.
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19 Heather Taylor reported that from Marc Marchants perspective, all trees will negatively
20 affect utilities at some point. Barbara Allen said a citizen told her that she planted trees that were
21 supposed to be good for park strips, but the city took the trees our anyway. Do the street
22 coordinators know what trees are appropriate for park strips?
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24 Brandon Henderson discussed pages 11 and 12 of the goals, and he would like to see a goal
25 focused on trees and Tree City USA. The Tree Board made the following goal to add to the General
26 Plan:
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28 The Tree Board Administrative Guide is to maintain Centerville's culture and quality of
29 life. Centerville residents cherish their smalltown community for its atmosphere and convenient
30 access to services. The city will protect its historic buildings and natural beauty, support
31 community events and preserve the unified smalltown feel that defines Centerville's character and
32 cultivates its natural surroundings.
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34 Implement Water Conservation and Environmental Stewardship. The city will lead by
35 example in waterwise practices by promoting drought resistant landscaping, efficient irrigation
36 systems, and sustainable development practices that protect our natural resources for future
37 generations. The city will strengthen and expand its urban tree canopy to enhance community
38 wellbeing, climate resilience, and smalltown atmosphere.
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40 Gary Woodward is now on the Planning Commission, and they are working on a
41 landscaping code for the city. Keith Roper said there is a new city code that new multi-family
42 homes are required to have two trees per lot, and corner lots are required to add one additional
43 tree. Heather will type the recommendations and email them to the Tree Board members and to
44 Mike Eggett.

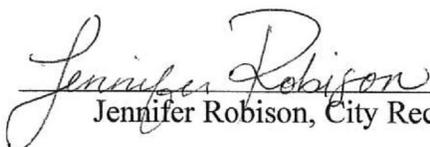
1 Tree Board members will contact the City Council about trees not being mentioned in the
2 General Plan. The goal is that the City Council will be surprised there was no mention of trees in
3 the General Plan, and that the city has a long-standing commitment to trees.

4 **NEXT MEETING**

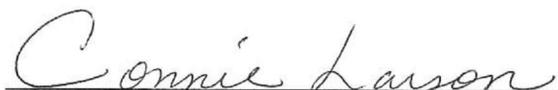
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6 The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, at 8:00 p.m. at City
7 Hall.

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9 **ADJOURN**

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11 At 9:35 p.m., Brandon Henderson made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Heather Taylor
12 seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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28 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

