

FERRON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
PUBLIC HEARING 6:00 P.M.

1. Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

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

Mayor Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Open Public Hearing to Amend the 2025-2026 Budget

Motion by Councilmember Brown, a second by Councilmember Peterson to open the public hearing.

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

Motion passed.

3. Accept Public Comments

Mayor Explained that the wages were moved back to where they were originally. The funds had been put in the budget, however, when payroll was running the funds were not being withdrawal from the budgeted account. The General Budget was not balanced, C funds were not balanced. The Fairgrounds building of the Agricultural Center has been moved from the General Account to the Capital Account. There is \$173,000 in the LBA for the purchase of the grounds from the BLM. Currently Water is showing a positive balance and sewer a negative. Golf Course is showing the biggest negative right now. The Golf Course just started the new season so the hope is that they will be able to turn that around. Perpetual care is now zeroing out. Mayor stated that all in all what we have done is what we will be doing again at the end of June to balance everything out. If there is any money left over from this year it will be appropriated to next year's budget.

No public comments.

4. Amend the 2025-2026 Budget

5. Close Public Hearing and Open the Regular Session

Motion by Councilmember Brown, a second by Councilmember Behling to close the public hearing.

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

Motion passed.

REGULAR SESSION

Motion to convene regular City Council meeting by Councilmember Brown and a second by Councilmember Peterson.

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

Motion passed.

1. **VALAR ATOMICS**

Jessee Housekeeper introduced himself. Jessee went over his education and work history. Currently working with VALAR ATOMICS, bringing a small modular nuclear reactor to Orangeville. He is here tonight in Ferron to give the citizens of Ferron and Emery County an update on what is going on at Valar Atomics. He explained what a reactor is and how their reactor works. He explained how they use helium to cool their reactor. The reactor is 8 X 8 X 20. The reactor that is being tested in Orangeville is not portable, it is attached and surrounded by concrete and rubber. Jesse showed several videos of the creation of the site, the transportation of the unit to Utah and the relationship between the Department of War, President of the United States and Valar Atomics. There is over 400 + trucks of concrete in the ground. All testing of the reactor is done at "worse case scenario". We take that data and see what we can do to improve. Mr. Housekeeper did a great job explaining all the technical workings of the reactor and how it benefits.

The question was asked: "When solar first come into this county, it was promised they were going to bring so many jobs. I don't think we have seen a handful of jobs. How many jobs has Valar produced, to date?" Mr. Housekeeper responded with, " Here in Emery County? We actively employ 120 people. A lot of those are NOT living in Utah. We have 15-20 full-time employees at the site. We also have construction workers and electricians. I love to under-promise and over-deliver. I'd rather say 30 and higher 40 than 50." Keep in mind those people must be housed and fed. Valar currently feeds our employees 3 meals a day. So, it isn't just who we employ we have catering, we rent housing etc. We are constantly running to ACE Hardware. Concrete, we have poured 5000 plus yards of concrete and moved 40,000 plus cubic yards of material, using local contractors. Valar will not replace the power plants.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. MINUTES DATED 3.11.2026
- b. RENTAL PROPERTY UTILITY PERMISSION FORM – Sheila P Kearney

Motion by Councilmember Brown to accept items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Petersen.

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

Motion passed.

3. GENERAL BUS. / DISCUSSION ITEMS / ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT – Randy Kenney
- b. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY – Karen Richards – Candidate for Emery County Recorder

Karen Richards introduced herself. She is currently running for County Recorder. She was raised in Orangeville, UT. She has worked for Emery County for approximately 11 years. She has worked in the Commissioners Offices, Auditors office and is currently in the Assessor's Office. She helps with building permits and motor vehicles. She works closely with all offices in the County building. Ms. Richards stated that one thing she would like to be her goal is to have all the offices in the County Building work closely together to move things forward in a way that is even more transparent, accurate, and timely, while being friendly and approachable.

- c. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY - Arbor Day Declaration

The declaration is paperwork stating what day Ferron city is going to celebrate Arbor Day. Councilmember Petersen stated that we will have a celebration on the 24th, however we will hold off on the planting of the trees. Perhaps in hindsight we should have rethought the purchase of the trees.

Council Member Petersen made a motion to approve the Arbor day Declaration. Council Member Behling seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed.

- d. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY - Boys State Donation

Council Member Vance Brown motioned to approve a donation of \$200 ea for the 3 boys attending Boys State Total of \$600.00. Council Member Mike Behling second the motion.

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

Motion passed.

- e. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY – Updated Ferron City Vandalism Incident Reporting Procedure

Mayor advised the Council that currently there was not a consistent way of reporting or tracking vandalism concerning City properties. This included the Golf Course. Currently maintenance was reporting vandalism one way, and the Golf Course was reporting it another if either were reporting it at all. Mayor asked Barb to come up with a form. This form would be available online so that could be filled out and sent electronically or printed out and returned to City Hall. This form track materials and labor used to repair vandalism. If we had a set procedure in place, then it would give a more accurate account of how much money the city is spending repairing Vandalism. Mayor went on to explain that the \$6 million dollar project currently going on at the fairgrounds was due to acts of Vandalism. Barb advised that currently the 2025-2026 to the best of her finds the City had already spent approximately \$600 on graffiti removal, repairs to Mayor Parks restrooms, etc. An example of the swings being stolen from Mayor Park. There wasn't a report filled out on that. Ferron City had purchased a new swing to be used at the fairgrounds prior to the fire. The swings from that set were used to replace stolen swings from Mayors Park. Now, when we do go to set up the new swings we will not have any swings for that set. These are things that City Hall needs to be aware of so that we can replace. Basically, if there are items stolen or vandalized, we do need to contact ECSO. By reporting then the Sheriff's Office can also track if there is anything similar between other cities in the County. On the form it does ask for the case number. To get a copy of

the sheriff's report a GRAMA request does need to be filled out. All the forms will be kept in paper form in the safe due to most of the vandalism is caused by minors. If City a staff takes pictures that is best, then the pictures do not need to be requested.

There was a discussion regarding putting cameras up at Mayors Park and the Cemetery. That will be costly and will need to be budgeted for. It's not just the cameras but it is also getting power to run the cameras.

Keeping Mayors Park restrooms open for the truck drivers was discussed. Locking the restrooms and unlocking the restrooms currently needs to be done by key. There is the option of having the same door locks for the restrooms as we have for the new restrooms at the fairgrounds and city hall. However, power and internet are the issues.

Filling out the forms and reporting damage will help the city determine the cost of putting up cameras and door locks versus vandalism.

Mayor brought up the ordinance that currently is on the books that Ferron City can charge you a fine of \$1000 and 6 months in jail. Well, that \$1000 isn't going even to touch an attorney bill.

Council Member Mike Behling made a motion to start using the updated vandalism form. Council Member Brown seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed.

4. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY Resolution 2026-4.15 BUD A Resolution amending the 2025-2026 General Fund, Class C Roads, Capital Projects, Local Building Authority, Water Utility, Sewer Utility, Secondary Water, Golf Course & Perpetual Care Funds.

Council Member Ray Petersen motioned to revise the 2025-2026 Budget. Council Member Mike Behling second the motion.

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

Motion passed.

5. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY Resolution 2026-4.15 RMP A Resolution to request Rocky Mountain Power to relocate a power pole. Mayor explained to the Council that RMP requests that to relocate a pole, it needs to be done in resolution form. This is the pole located up on Mill Road that is needed to be relocated for the curb and sidewalk project. Citizens will not be paying to relocate this pole.

Mayor went on to advise the Council our current franchise agreement is with Utah Power dated 1977 and was good for 50 years. Which means in 2027 it will expire. There is an updated agreement they sent with it. There are a few things that are concerning and we will be discussing those items in a later meeting.

Council Member Brown motioned to approve Res 2026-4.15 RMP. Council Member Petersen seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed.

6. REPORTS

a. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEWS
- Combining Utilities Funds

Mayor advised that with speaking to other cities here in the county, it has been beneficial to combine the culinary, secondary, sewer and garbage into one fund. You still will have the individual revenues. However, it will all be in one fund instead of separate. We will be giving this a try with the 2026-2027 budget.

Mayor asked Jacque if she had anything she would like to report to the council.

b. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR TRENT JACKSON – No comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANCE BROWN – There wasn't a Planning and Zoning meeting this month. The 8th graders had been to the cemetery to help clean it up and did an amazing job. Praise Kasey and Conner for all their work at the Cemetery and how well it looks. He will be contacting Mike Riley to see about putting a Veteran memorial at the Ferron Cemetery prior to Memorial Day. The American Legion is going to be at the Cemetery around the 13th to do prepare for the flags. Currently there is a bid to have 34 Pine and 1 Ash Tree removed from the Cemetery. Once we have the bids there is the possibility of getting some help from the County to have those removed. There is also the possibility of contacting

Lauren Huntsman's brother who takes trees and turns them into charcoal. I will need to contact him. Then on the 25th we are making the logs available to citizens. Kasey has spread them out to make it easier to see and pick up. There has been a lot of interest. They stated that they would even like to donate. Nothing to report on animal control. Haven't seen any more motorcycles in the cemetery. Reported that there was an ATV/OTV class in Price and the individuals that he had spoken to that attended early thought it was a good class. Just wanted to add that the Canal Company has offered to spray for weeds again at Molen Cemetery.

COUNCIL MEMBER RAY PETERSEN – Reported that Kasey Edgehouse was up North so he would report on Golf Course. Right now, the Golf Course is in preservation mode. Minimal watering and fertilizing. They will be spraying for dandelions. There is a volunteer group coming from the Junior High to help paint curbs. Arbor Day Celebration is on the 24th. Will be postponing planting any trees for now. Wanted to praise the maintenance crew for all their hard work.

COUNCIL MEMBER GERRY STOTLER - Absent

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLEEE SINGLETON - Absent

COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE BEHLING – Will be hiring someone to spray the walking path and the retaining wall. They currently are only a few days off due to the wind, rain and snow. We will take the snow and rain. They will be focusing on the office complex of the barn and getting everything ready for the floor to be poured. The bleachers will be delivered approximately on the 2nd wk. of June. We will not make the stock, we do not want the liability. The horse track has been closed temporarily. Thank you to the maintenance staff for getting that track closed.

c. GOLF COURSE AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS AND WORK ORDER REVIEW

KASEY EDGEHOUSE – Not in attendance.

KASEY MORRIS – Reported he had gone to an OSHA training. He is currently working on a report for the council. Mayor stated that he looked forward to seeing it.

7. CLOSED SESSION

N/A

8. APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Council Member Ray Petersen motioned to pay the bills. Council Member Vance Brown seconded the motion.

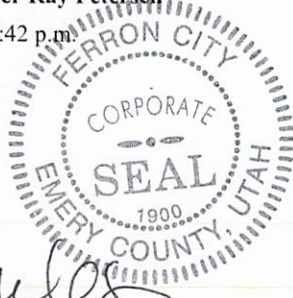
Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u> X </u>	_____	_____

9. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mike Behling motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Ray Petersen seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Attest:

Barbara Bowles

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Ferron City Recorder

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Trent Jackson (May 15, 2026 08:34:14 MDT)

Mayor Trent Jackson