

**HUNTINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 14, 2026**

Huntington City Council met in its regularly scheduled council meeting April 14, 2026 at the city office building located at 20 South Main Street. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Leonard Norton presiding.

The following were in attendance:

Mayor: Leonard Norton
Council: Judd Beagley, Tom Kay, Lesa Miller, Devin Wilson,
Gloria Wilson
Recorder: Brandy Wagner
Treasurer: Ronni Torre
Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement: Jessica Lee
Maintenance Dept.: Scott Gordon Animal Control: Robert Baker

Council member G Wilson extended a word to open the meeting, Council member Miller led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item 1. MOTION: CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approval of March 18, 2026 City Council Minutes**
- **City Claims and Review of Financials**

COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON - YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Item 2. Discuss/approve/deny: BUSINESS LICENSE

Jerrin Huntington spoke on behalf of Shorty's Sugar Shack LLC.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR SHORTY'S SUGAR SHACK LLC; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON AND CARRIED.

Jessica Lee informed the council that **JOHNSON'S DIESEL SERVICE LLC** has amended their current business license to now include being a tow yard.

Agenda Item 3. David Sebring – Introduction running for County Commissioner

David Sebring introduced himself to the council and informed them that he is running for Emery County Commissioner.

Agenda Item 4. Karen Richards – Introduction running for County Recorder

Karen Richards introduced herself to the council and informed them that she is running for Emery County Recorder.

Agenda Item 5. Refurbished Huntington City Information Sign

Council Member Beagley addressed the council about the Huntington City information sign located near the elementary school. It had been brought to his attention by a citizen that the sign was completely sun faded and was in need of repair. The 2nd Ward Young Men's group, led

by Matt Diamond used AI to recreate the sign. The sign has been purchased and will be relocated into the city restroom located on Main Street.

Agenda Item 6. Discuss/approve/deny: Development of City policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence (AI)

Mayor Norton read the policy into record.

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF CITY POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF AI; MOTION SECONDED BY G WILSON AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 7. Discuss/approve/deny: Ordinance 4-2026 Water Conservation

Due to emergency use **Mayor Norton** read Ordinance 4-2026 into record. **Council Member Beagley** questioned the watering of the City flowers, Mayor Norton stated that the City will have to follow the watering schedule the same as residents.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 4-2026 WATER CONSERVATION; MOTION SECONDED BY BEAGLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON - YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Item 8. Discuss/approve/deny: Letter opposing the proposed solar farm development on the east side of Huntington City

Mayor Norton expressed concern regarding the proposed solar farm development, noting the potential for the City to become surrounded by similar projects. The Mayor and City Council indicated their intent to send a letter opposing the development to the Emery County Commissioners, Doral Renewables, and Governor Spencer Cox.

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE LETTER OPPOSING THE PROPOSED SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT ON THE EAST SIDE OF HUNTINGTON CITY; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON - YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Item 9. Public Hearing

- **Amending Chapter 5-2 (Animal Control) and Chapter 8 (Geotechnical Requirements)**

COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON MOVED TO GO INTO PUBLIC HEARING; MOTION SECONDED BY MILLER. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON - YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Ronni explained the amendment of Chapter 5-2 (Animal Control) with the need for a process of appeal to citations.

Zoning Administrator Jessica explained the amendment of Chapter 8 (Geotechnical Requirements) with the need for soil testing for multifamily or large housing developments within the city.

Animal Control Robert asked he can be present during the appeal process

No Public Comments

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO GO OUT PUBLIC HEARING; MOTION SECONDED BY MILLER. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON - YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Item 10. Discuss/approve/deny: Ordinance 3-2026 Amending Chapter 5-2 (Animal Control) and Chapter 8 (Geotechnical Requirements)

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 3-2026 AMENDING CHAPTER 5-2 (ANIMAL CONTROL) AND CHAPTER 8 (GEOTECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS); MOTION SECONDED BY D WILSON. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON - YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Item 11. Discuss/approve/deny: Fire Department Uniforms

Council Member Kay informed the council that the fire department would like to use their retention fund to purchase a polo shirt, green pants, and jacket in the amount of \$2991.41. **COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON - YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Item 12. Mayor's Report

Mayor Norton asked residents to work together in response to the current water shortage and expressed appreciation to the City maintenance crew for their ongoing efforts and upcoming projects. Appreciation was also extended to office staff for their work on City ordinances and to Jessica for her contributions around the community. It was reported that only one application was received for the part-time position; however, the applicant has since accepted other employment, and the position has been reposted. The maintenance crew was informed that branches are out for cleanup, and continued weed control efforts were requested, including additional spraying as needed. The Mayor and City Council will be attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns annual conference. Appreciation was also expressed to the City Council for their work on the City's annual Easter egg hunt.

Agenda Item 13. Department Reports

Fire Department: NO FIRE REPORT WAS GIVEN

Maintenance Department: Scott Gordon reported all the equipment has been serviced. The sprinkling systems are working and they are planning to clean those out. Branch pick up is scheduled for Friday. We had a seasonal worker, Dom, return for the season and he is doing a really great job. There was a water break out to the rodeo grounds that has been repaired.

Agenda Item 14. Youth City Council Reports

Report given during council reports

Agenda Item 15. Council's Reports

Tom Kay reported that on March 24, the fire department attended a Wildland 130 training, and Matt Mortensen will be attending an Air Operations training in Green River in April. Council

Member Kay will also be attending a LEPC meeting and currently has one individual completing community service.

Lesa Miller reported that she and Council Member Kay attended a cybersecurity training in Price. She noted that a water break at the round pen and arena at the rodeo grounds has been repaired. The Heritage Day Queen contest will be held on June 1st. She was approached by the Race Horse Association regarding painting and patching the exterior of the racetrack and authorized them to proceed. She also expressed gratitude for a citizen who has been picking up trash around town and near the lake.

Public Comment: Mike Greenan addressed the Council regarding an incident in which he observed a resident leaving town to dump a stove. He reported the incident to the sheriff's office, which did not file a report, and also contacted DNR, who documented the situation with photographs. Mayor Norton asked Mr. Greenan to provide the information to him so he can follow up with the sheriff's office.

Devin Wilson stated he had intended to discuss branch cleanup but noted it had already been addressed. He expressed appreciation to Scott and Robert for handling branch removal and weed spraying. He also shared that this was his first year attending the City's Easter egg hunt and commented positively on the event. He is looking forward to attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference.

Judd Beagley asked the maintenance crew whether a hole at the Lions soccer field had been repaired. He reported spending time at the little league baseball field developing a plan to begin work the following week. At the Emery Emergency Medical Special Service District (EEMSSD), discussions included the possibility of requesting cities to support additional funding from the county commissioners. He also expressed enthusiasm regarding the upcoming elections.

Gloria Wilson reported attending the candidate convention and found it to be informative and well organized. She thanked the **Youth City Council** for their assistance with the Easter egg hunt, noting their quick preparation and strong turnout. She also reported that activity at the cemetery has been quiet this month.

Agenda Item 16. Zoning Administrator Report

Jessica Lee reported completing several zoning clearances for sheds and residential structures. She placed a tag on a vehicle with expired registration, which was removed the following day. She also handled several phone calls regarding various issues, including a request to relocate a power box to allow for sidewalk installation. She has been focusing on recreational vehicles (RVs) that appear to be used as residences and has spoken with a resident regarding overgrown weeds. She also raised a question for Council Member Kay regarding fencing around trailer parks, which will be discussed at a later time.

Agenda Item 17. Adjournment

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO ADJOURN; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED. MEETING ENDED AT 7:35 P.M.

Brandy Wagner
Huntington City Recorder