

Erda City Council Minutes

4/24/2026 – 7:00 pm

Erda City Office/Fire Station - Auditorium

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

- a. City Council: Sheldon Birch, Scott Droubay, Larry Kimpel, Kyle Matthews
- b. Staff: Jennifer Poole-City Recorder, John Brems- City Attorney, Rachelle Custer- City Planner
- c. Absent and Excused: Clyde Christensen

2. Pledge

- a. Sheldon led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

- a. Craig Hansey- I had a question about some of the financial statements and the fees. Hales Engineering, Aqua Engineering, and Ensign Engineering, what are those being used for?
- b. Scott- Ensign Engineering is our engineer. They review building permits, road construction designs and plans, before they are approved. Aqua reviews plans engineered by Ensign. Hales did our impact fee study.
- c. **Sheldon moved to close public comment, Larry seconded the motion**
- d. **Public comment closed**

4. Approve meeting minutes from 3-27-26

- a. **Sheldon made a motion to approve meeting minutes from 3-27-26, Scott seconded**
- b. **Voting was unanimous to approve the meeting minutes from 3-27-26**
- c. **Meeting minutes from 3-27-26 APPROVED**

5. Treasurer Report

- a. Scott- Our Payroll is up to date and current. We do have our next year's budget that we need to pre-approve in May, and finalize it in June. If there is anything that we don't have, please let me know so we can get that included. I also noticed, going over some of the statements from last year, we have a bit more in some categories than we've used. I am inclined to keep them and not lower the amounts, unless someone tells me we should.
- b. Sheldon- We do have a budget and I wanted to update some items. I asked Dave to increase our legal fees budget and our two grants that will require matching funds, and I mentioned, I am concerned about the possibility of our need for help with inspections in the next year. I don't know if Ensign will be able to keep up with inspections.

- c. Jennifer- Our Building Inspector has requested we add the additional feature onto our permit program to keep track of inspections. I have requested a quote from the company.
- d. John- First meeting in May we need to adopt the tentative budget then we can make changes to that.

6. Sheriff's Report

- a. Sgt Leardahl- In the month of March we had a total of 105 calls of service, with 16 arrests. 7 of those were at the Bronzewood live for life center. There were 112 citations issued. We had several major incidents involving the residents at the Life for Life home on Bronzewood Cir.
- b. Scott- With all of the construction going on we have a few gravel trucks going down on weight restricted roads. I saw a deputy and asked him if they could do something about that and it did improve.
- c. Sgt Leardahl- We do have some specific officers that are responsible for that and we are doing an operation in the near future on this again.

7. NTFD Report

- a. Buck- We had a total of 17 calls last month. There was a trailer fire off of Droubay by the gravel pit. There was a vegetation fire, 7 medical calls. One item of note, a citizen complaint on Blossom Dr. We had construction on a residence tucked behind some homes. We responded to the complaint and put a stop work order on the home. I am working with the land owner on their options to legally move forward.
- b. Reese- It helps to educate citizens on reducing wildfire risks and improving defensible space. A small citizen group is needed to form a committee.

8. NTFD Mitigation Specialist Presentation

- a. Reese Lewis- I am the new mitigation specialist for NTFD. My role is to implement the program called firewise, it is a national program partnered with the Forest Service. It is to help mitigate the effects of wildfire when it interacts with the urban environment. My job is to help you and the citizens prepare and do the work beforehand to prevent and prepare for wildfires. We want to get information out to the citizens in the area. Structural preparedness, defensible space and such.
- b. Sheldon- So you'll be expecting a citizens committee to help make plans and to do the work?
- c. Reese- Not to do the work, there are grants available and such. But there are many simple things like yard work, and landscaping that can be done by land owners.
- d. Scott- Will you define the areas where we have problems?
- e. Buck- We have the wildfire overlay map, and Erda is in the middle of that.
- f. Sheldon- I learned from COG a few months ago they analyze what certain types of fuels are around us and the dangers they present.
- g. Sheldon- This sounds like a good opportunity for our emergency preparedness committee. I believe that is Larry and Scott. The rest of the council can recommend people for this committee as well.
- h. Reese Lewis- Once we have the group in place I can bring material and I can teach and we decide on an action plan from there.

9. **Consideration of Resolution 26-06** Approving Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Tooele County for Dispatch Services
- a. Sheldon- This was emailed to us. It is the new year's costs for dispatch. They take their expenses and divide it by the number of calls they have in an area and the rate is based on a 3 year average.
 - b. **Sheldon- Motioned to approve Resolution 26-06, Larry seconded the motion**
 - c. **ROLL CALL: Scott- Yes, Larry- Yes, Kyle- Yes, Sheldon- Yes**
 - d. **Resolution 26-06 APPROVED**
10. UDOT Letter of Support for Trail Network Study
- a. Sheldon- This comes from COG. They are recommending a feasibility study, it's a study to determine where a trail could be placed alongside Hwy 36 to connect Tooele City to Stansbury Park. They have asked each affected municipality to sign a letter of support. Are you okay if I sign this letter?
 - b. Kyle- So who pays for this study?
 - c. Sheldon- This is funded by them not Erda City.
 - d. Council agrees to the letter
11. Discussion of involvement in Lawsuits
- a. Scott- A month ago we voted to continue the resolution on the lawsuits that we are involved in. It has made no progress. I think we need to get out of this. There is no advantage for Erda City if we stay on this lawsuit. There are several disadvantages. About half of the residents want to leave the City because of this lawsuit. Six Mile doesn't want to stay here. We could be on the hook for the legal costs, but we'll likely be on the hook for lost revenue from Six Mile.
 - b. Kyle- I think they want more than we are willing to give up. We tried presenting them with a solution and they didn't want it.
 - c. Sheldon- I agree we need to be out of the lawsuit, I have my own reasons for this. I don't think we win by forcing people to stay in Erda that don't want to be in Erda. I don't think we win when we are tied up in court hearings for years. There is a possibility of the nuclear life cycle to be built west of this. There is a potential of this lawsuit holding that up from being built here. We did present them with a solution that they did refuse. I don't see another way to end this other than getting out of the lawsuit.
 - d. John- If we remove our name from the lawsuit that property will go to Grantsville. We did just motion to join the lawsuit with Grantsville against the Lieutenant Governor. The end of May is the grand hearing, the court is going to hear all of the motions and give a finding.
 - e. Scott- What does Erda stand to gain from that lawsuit? Even if they say we keep Six Mile, they will just file a disconnect anyway.
 - f. John- On the disconnect it's our preference on whether we let them go. I also don't see any legal basis they can file for damages. You can always have this item on an agenda and it will be voted on.
 - g. Larry- I vote we wait to see what happens with the lawsuits at the end of May.
 - h. Scott- We have citizens who want to disconnect right now because of this. We gain nothing from forcing Six Mile to stay in Erda.
 - i. Sheldon- Put this on our next agenda.

12. Council Representative Reports

- a. Kyle- No reports, I do have some comments. I got a call from a disgruntled citizen about being involved in this disconnect.
- b. Kyle- I would like to direct the City Attorney to create a moratorium on those within the disconnect area.
- c. John- The development agreement says they have certain rights and responsibilities. There are expectations. One is compelling countervailing public interests. It seems to me that a disconnect is a compelling countervailing public interest. If you would like to trigger that cause and stop the vesting on the Copper Cove development agreement you could. Anything within the disconnect area you create a moratorium so they can't do any more development. You can condition it how you'd like.
- d. Kyle- No new development on anything within the disconnect.
- e. John- If someone is in the middle of building it is not fair to stop them, but you could say no new building permits. These people might be in the county and become controlled by the county and not Erda, however we could continue as is with no moratorium.
- f. Scott- I don't see how Erda benefits from this.
- g. Sheldon- I don't see the why behind this? How does it benefit us? Or what is the risk if we don't?
- h. Kyle- Why would we approve something we don't know where it will end up?
- i. John- I can't evaluate the risks or benefits of this. If two people direct me to do so I can get it on the agenda.
- j. Larry- I guess I'll be working with NTFD again. We can get work started on that.
- k. Scott- We have a neighbor of mine who had problems with his well. He has received a lot of shock waves from the construction across the road at Sunset Majestic. It affected his well, costing several hundred dollars. Should we help him with that?
- l. John- I would not recommend doing it as a City. It is between the contractor and the homeowner. If as a person you want to help them and let them know the process of contacting the contractor and filing a claim you can do that.
- m. Sheldon- Certified Tax Rate, I want to bring up the idea of keeping the certified tax rate. I just assumed we would keep the same tax rate we've had. As a reminder we need representation at the RPO meeting on the 27th. I wanted to update the council on the road to be built behind Tooele Valley Motorsports. We have plans completed and are ready to send it out to bid. There is a citizen who has questions about his fence line.
- n. Scott- Kyle and I went and spoke with him. He is going to do an encroachment agreement.
- o. Sheldon- There was a discussion not too long ago about an enforcement officer. Where are we with that?
- p. Buck- We've written an interlocal agreement, it is being reviewed by our attorney.
- q. John- Separate from the code enforcement is the building inspector. With the new developments going in we expect the number of building applications to increase. With this there was discussion that we might need a public works inspector, the county is currently doing it, but we feared they couldn't keep up with the increase in work.
- r. Sheldon- I will talk to them to see if there is a basis to this.
- s. Jenn- There are several inspectors. Code enforcement, building inspector and civil works inspector.

13. Adjournment

- a. Sheldon motioned to adjourn the meeting, Larry seconded
- b. Voting was unanimous to adjourn the meeting
- c. Meeting adjourned

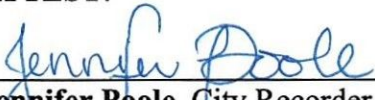
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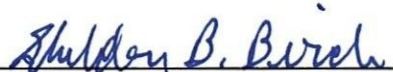
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Council this 14th day of May, 2026.

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ATTEST:



Jennifer Poole, City Recorder



Sheldon B. Birch, Council Chair