

# FERRON CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

7:00 pm

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Mayor Trent Jackson welcomed everyone at 7 pm. Council Member Gerry Stotler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

| Roll Call                      | Present  | Absent        |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Mayor Trent Jackson            | <u>X</u> | <u>      </u> |
| Councilmember Vance Brown      | <u>X</u> | <u>      </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> |
| Councilmember Mike Behling     | <u>X</u> | <u>      </u> |

## 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

### a. **DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY MINUTES DATED 4.15.2026**

Council Member Stotler and Council Member Brown typos. They will be corrected before posting.

**Council Member Stotler motioned to approve the minutes dated 4.15.2026 once corrections to spelling are made. 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>X</u> | <u>      </u> | <u>      </u> |
| Councilmember Gerry Stotler    | <u>X</u> | <u>      </u> | <u>      </u> |
| Councilmember Ray Petersen     | <u>X</u> | <u>      </u> | <u>      </u> |

**Motion passed.**

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

### a. **ARBOR DAY POSTER WINNERS** – Council Member Ray Petersen

Council Member Petersen presented the winners of the poster contest with a certificate and an envelope with their \$20 prize money.

### b. **REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Randy Kenney

Chief Kenney advised that the department had been involved in regional training. Discussion of fireworks for Peach Days. Discussion for banning “private” fireworks due to the lack of water. There are letters coming from the state fire marshal. The fire department will be altering their burns and activities due to the lack of water.

Chief Kenney then asked if Council Member Singleton would join him. Chief Kenney then advised the Council that they had been looking for money for the extraction tools. We have been borrowing Green Rivers tools since we had that failure. Council Member Singleton had reached out to numerous companies requesting donations. Chief went on to read a letter that they received from “The Green River Entergy Center” This includes: rPlus Energies, TSJ Construction, Bodec Electric, QE Solar, GHI, Alan Sterns and Sundt Renewables. “Thank you for the critical role the Ferron City Fire Department plays in protecting the Ferron Community and surrounding area. We truly value our relationship with Ferron City and want to expressly acknowledge that the Ferron City Fire Department is the first designated responder under the Green River Energy Center Emergency Response Plan. We have worked our partners on the Green River Energy Center, and the project is please and honored to contribute \$45,000 to support the replacement of your hydraulic pump system and extrication tools. We hope this

contribution helps to ensure that your department has the reliable, modern equipment necessary to respond effectively to emergencies.” With this contribution they have the funds necessary to order the tools that they need. Chief Kenney then presented to Mayor Jackson a check from rPlus Energies for \$45,000. The tools should be here in 3 weeks. Once we receive the tools, we will be sending Green Rivers to Elmo because theirs just went out.

c. **REPORT FROM EMERY COUNTY REC – Bralin Wilde**

Bralin couldn't make the meeting, but she had sent a report of the meeting held May 11, 2026. letter. Most of the meeting they discussed the budget. Purchasing a sound system for the rec center and rubber mulch for the complex playground. Softball, baseball, football helmets and a Utah Jazz Sponsorship were also discussed. The County Rec is also looking at possibly purchasing a vehicle for the staff to deliver the soccer nets etc. County Rec is planning on asking the County Commissioners for \$100,000 for projects and another \$100,000 to finish the fiscal year. If there are any questions the Council is to let Barb know and she will forward the comments to Bralin.

d. **REPORT FROM FERRON CITY YOUTH COUNCIL**

Council Member Singleton gave the report for the Youth Council. They felt that the Easter Activity was a success. Doughnuts and chocolate milk worked well. The youth council will be working with the Southeastern Stock Show to do a Bingo Night. They will be using books and dabbers. Everything that the Stock Show makes will be a 50/50 Split with the Youth Council. The Youth Council would like to do a County Wide Dance once the Agricultural and Event Center is completed. We talked about the Mural that was going to be painted on the restroom. Unfortunately, when we were going to paint the tree Arbor Day was when it decided to Rain. The Youth Council would also like to help with painting curbs for a service project.

e. **UPDATE FROM THE PRICE BLM, MILLSITE GOLF COURSE LAND SALE – Kyle Beagley** – Kyle was unable to make it. Council Member Petersen advised about the “Realty Action” finally happening with the sale of the property from the BLM to Ferron City. The 45-day public comment period is going on. Anyone in the nation can comment. Council Member Petersen encouraged perhaps the Mayor to write a letter. Everyone is encouraged to comment. Council Member Petersen advised that he had met with the Public Lands Council and they were going to write a letter of support.

f. **OPENING OF THE BID FOR TREE REMOVAL FOR THE FERRON CITY CEMETERY – CM Vance Brown**

Council Member Brown advised those in attendance and the council that there had been a meeting approximately 2 years ago concerning the trees. The trees are falling over one after another with every windstorm. Ferron City has had the Utah State Arborist come and look at the trees. Individuals from the Forest Service also came and looked at the trees. The trees are unhealthy at the Ferron Cemetery and need to be removed. The decision was made that 34 pines and 1 Ash needed to be removed. Advised that they had a site walk through on May 1<sup>st</sup> and there were 8 people present. We have received 3 bids. Tip Top Tree Service from Monroe, UT \$ 184,430.00. Tolbert Tree Service \$ 86,000.00, Chad Tolbert was in attendance. He advised the Council part of that bid was for reseedling. Next Bid was Z's Trees for \$155,500.00. Vance advised that he also had been in contact with Lauren Huntsman. He has an older brother that takes trees and turns it into charcoal. Now that we have the bids, Council Member Brown will contact the County and see if there is any help they can give Ferron City for the removal of the trees at the Ferron City Cemetery. Council Member Brown verified the bid from Tolbert Tree Service. 35 pine trees and 1 ash tree removal as well as stumps, \$70,000 and then \$14,000 for site restoration. Total bid for without reseedling \$84,000.00.

**g. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY BIDS FOR TREE REMOVAL FOR FERRON CITY CEMETERY**

**Council Member Petersen made the motion to award Tolbert Trees the contract for the tree removal at Ferron City Cemetery in the amount of \$84,000. Council Member Behling seconded the motion.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**h. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY TENTATIVE BUDGET AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor advised that he had received a couple of questions from Council Member Petersen regarding temp employees and purchasing a truck. We didn't budget for any seasonal personnel due to now we have two full-time employees. Kasey spends a lot of time at the Ferron Cemetery and Molen Cemetery and then Conner covers the rest of his town stuff. Mayor asked for suggestions. Then the question concerning a new truck. We combined in the tentative budget all the utilities. There isn't much margin in the utilities. Unfortunately, there will not be enough money to purchase a new truck, however, he does know that we need one, so we need to keep looking. Mayor also explained that Ferron city instead of giving a 3-4% COLA raise will be paying the full premium for the health insurance. SURPRISE. This will be effective July 1, 2026. Council Member Singleton would like the Car Show money to move from Fire Department to Peach Days. Council Member Petersen would like to use the \$10,000 for Road Maintenance in the C Funds to wages. When they spray weeds, they will have to make sure that they code it to the C Funds.

**Council Member Petersen motioned to approve the tentative budget and have the Public Hearing on June 10, 2026, at 7:00 before the next Council Meeting. Council Member Stotler seconded the motion.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**i. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY MOU CASTLE COUNTY CLASSIC – Crystal and Jake Thayn, Maegan Crosland**

Maegan Crosland spoke representing the Castle County Classic Livestock Show. They presented a MOU between Ferron City and CCCLS. Discussion involving the construction of the Ferron Agricultural and Event Center. Thursday and Friday are workdays and we don't want to get in the way of the construction. CCCLS stated that they will make sure to keep the way open to not impede the construction crew.

**Council Member Brown motioned to approve the MOU between CCCLS and Ferron City. Council Member Stotler seconded the motion.**

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

**Motion passed.**

j. **DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY STOCK PANELS AND SHOW RING CONTRACT**

Same Contract that was used last year. There were a couple of changes with the count of panels/pens and show ring.

**Council Member Brown motioned to approve the contract for the use of pens and show rings.**

**Council Member Singleton seconded the motion.**

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

**Motion passed.**

4. **PEACH DAYS DISCUSSION** – Council Member Singleton will be the liaison between Ferron City and Peach Days. Council Member Singleton had given the recorder a copy of a tentative peach day schedule and it has been misplaced. She will resend to the Mayor. There will not be mud bogs this year. Fire Chief Kenney will try to contact Lantis and see if they got our order. Fairgrounds will require 200 x 350 ft space for the trailer and to safely set off fireworks. There was a discussion also concerning how the fireworks scare the dogs, sheep etc. The Youth Council would like to do a dance in the new building for Peach Days. Horse Racing was discussed. Council Member Mike Behling is going to look into that. Theme for Peach Days, America 250.

5. **REPORTS**

a. **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEWS**

- i. Please make sure that all receipts are turned in. – There has been a problem with the CO-OP. Kasey Morris stated that he thought it had been corrected. Barbara has not seen the “fix” yet. Just please bring your receipts to City Hall.
- ii. Currently working with SERDA to update our purchasing policies  
Mayor advised that we are currently working with the SERDA and LAA to have our purchasing policies renewed and updated.
- iii. Questions concerning current 2025-2026 Budget – Please watch your spending where you can as we come to the end of the budget year.

b. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**MAYOR TRENT JACKSON** – Working with LAA to update our purchasing policy. That will be a big one. Kasey Morris had asked about a website that the state will reimburse for removal of lawns, planting water wise plants and a bunch of different things. However, in order to do that the City’s ordinance in our Water Conservancy needs to be updated. Mayor asked that the Planning and Zoning Commission go over that and make sure that’s something that will fit in. Even though the PZ may not have houses or things to approve they can start working on the ordinances. Reported on the ULCT conference that he attended. Water storage was a topic that was brought up. Budgeting for rural communities and finding rural opportunities for revenue. There are additional taxes that we could implement. Don’t want to do that. There is a one for firefighters and EMS specific. It was a very small tax. We are still working with the insurance company to finish up the claim for the Barn. Emery County Building Department and Jone and DeMille have written letters so hopefully we can finally get this all wrapped up. Representative Monson said that he had no problem asking for a one-time appropriation. We have about two blocks on the town up north that fall in JR Birds district. Monson stated that he would speak with him and get on board. CIB money we cannot build tables, chairs, flags, vacuums etc. All those things that we will need. We did have our first group contact the City about renting and using the Ferron City Agricultural and Event Center. Mayor asked Jacque about her training, and she stated that she appreciated the

council for letting her go. The new time keeping program is going well. Mayor will be working on maintenance to get them started. It does save a lot of time.

**COUNCIL MEMBER VANCE BROWN** - The old tractor that's down on the fairgrounds. Conner got it started and we have called Chris Henry for repairs. There is a horrible oil leak on the steering ram. We couldn't order a new one, so the old one was pulled, and we are going to see if it can be repaired. Once that is repaired it will need to go to Ferron City Maintenance shop to avoid vandalism and abuse. The Council was advised that the shop now has cameras and internet. The maintenance crew have been working hard on the Ferron City Cemetery and Molen Cemetery. Getting everything ready for Memorial Day. There hasn't been water on the Cemetery. The Ferron Canal Company are going to be spraying Molen Cemetery for weeds. That is a huge help to the city. Council Member Brown has made attempts to contact Mike Riley to have a veterans' memorial put up. Mike is currently out of the country. This may be next year's project. The lady auxiliary has been working on making sure that the flag holders are on the veteran's graves. Clifford Snow and John Healy took care of the crosses. There was not a planning and zoning meeting. Dog Control, we have had one call. The motorcycles driving up and down the streets. Also, the electric scooters. Concerned that there is going to be an accident. The MECCA club is doing a bike rodeo. They are also going to be covering electric scooter and bike safety.

**COUNCIL MEMBER RAY PETERSEN** – Gave an update about the work that Precision Concrete was doing on the sidewalks. The contractor doing the work for CVSSD is waiting for the power pole to be moved on Mill Road so that they can finish that. Asphalt repair is going on around town. They will be beginning the sewer line on Mill Road and 800 West. Chipping will begin in July-August on the north side of the city.

**COUNCIL MEMBER GERRY STOTLER** – Disastrous water situation. There has been a concern about citizens hoarding water. It's important to note that when we are out, we are out. Council Member Brown stated that he knows of some individuals that have been using the large containers to bring water from the mines. It's junk water so they have been bringing it to water their plants.

**COUNCIL MEMBER KELLE SINGLETON** – Youth council would like to do a movie in the park in July.

**COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE BEHLING** – Hinkins have brought in their big equipment and have been working the track and the arena. The water being used to work the track and the arena is coming out of a stagnant water pond that they have out on their farm. Ultimate Spray is coming to spray around the walking path and all around it. They have applied a pre-emergent and a post-emergent. Things are going well at the Barn. They got the floor poured into the office complex, and the farmers are moving in. They will be framing the offices. The bleachers have been pushed back a bit. They are hoping to have the bleachers in my June 15<sup>th</sup>. The retaining wall on the southeast corner where the slope is. We met with the Crawfords, and they agreed to allow us to put the retaining wall right on the property line. There will be a chain-link fence on top of the retaining wall. They will start backfilling the retaining wall soon. The stock show will be going to Castle Dale again this year. Mike met with Enbridge gas, and we had their easement surveyed and recorded. That is on schedule. All the utilities are on schedule.

## **6. GOLF COURSE AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS AND WORK ORDER REVIEW**

**KASEY EDGEHOUSE**- Kasey reported that the golf course was doing as well as it could. They are watering just twice a week. The last tournament had mostly out of area play. They do not plan to run many tournaments after June 1<sup>st</sup>. They don't want to schedule the tournaments and not have the course looks good. They will be roping off the golf cart paths so that people have to stay on the paths. They will not be plugging and sanding. They have purchased a water retainer that helps to

keep the water in the top layer of the grass. They are going to start updating the course on the website so that people can see the condition of the course.

Mayor Jackson advised that there is not a specific amount of water shares set aside for the golf course, that is a misconception. The golf course comes out the city's portion. The course averages 177-acre feet per season. The Golf Course is expected to cut down to just like the citizens. They are expected to use 2- 2 ½ acre feet per week. If they are currently following this direction.

Kasey Edgehouse went on to say that they would be able to bring the course back. There are things that they do to bring the course back. Kasey has spoken to courses in St. George and has gotten suggestions on what they do. So, everything will work out. Everybody is in the same boat, Utah is dry all over.

**KASEY MORRIS** – Nothing.

7. **CLOSED SESSION – N/A**

8. **APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS**

**Council Member Petersen made the motion to pay the bills. Council Member Stotler 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.**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Behling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Singleton 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.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

Attest:



Barbara Bowles

Barbara Bowles

Ferron City Recorder

Trent Jackson (Jun 11, 2026 12:43:53 MDT)

Mayor Trent Jackson