



SPRINGVILLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR AGENDA
ELECTRIC OPERATIONS CENTER
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
777 NORTH 425 WEST, SPRINGVILLE UTAH
June 10, 2026 – 6:30 A.M.

Board Members Present:

Chairman Rollin Hotchkiss, Vice-Chair Nile Hatch, Clair Anderson, Carl Burrows, Bryan Boshell, Denice Gale, Kellen Hyer, Eric Nord, Joshua Reidhead, Anders Sorensen,

Board Members Not Present:

Travis Ball, John Chaston, Frank Young

Council Members and Staff Present:

Mike Snelson, Jason Miller, Brad Stapley, Jake Nostrom, Tyson Bartlett, Mike Pool, Terrance Harris, Tyler Lowe, Bruce Riddle, Janna Penrose

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Utility Advisory Board – May 13,2026

Overview

The meeting began with a welcome from Rollin Hotchkiss, who confirmed a quorum and called for approval of the previous month's minutes, which were approved unanimously. Rollin noted the unique agenda for the day, focused primarily on a training session about the city's power system, and turned the meeting over to Jason Miller for an in-depth presentation.

Jason began by explaining the structure and benefits of Springville's public power system, emphasizing that unlike private utilities, any surplus revenue is reinvested into the city rather than distributed to shareholders. This structure helps keep rates stable and supports city services. He highlighted the importance of providing safe, reliable, and affordable power, with a focus on price consistency to avoid rate shocks for residents and businesses. Jason discussed the partnership with Stouffer's (Nestle), which has been a key industrial customer and helped enable the construction of the Whitehead power plant, providing a stable base load for the city's power needs. The presentation covered key concepts such as the difference between capacity (measured in kilowatts or megawatts) and energy (kilowatt-hours or megawatt-hours), using water pipe analogies to clarify the distinction. Jason explained that large industrial customers like Nestle have a much higher demand (about 12 megawatts) compared to residential customers, who typically use under 1,000 kilowatt hours per month. He also described the city's tiered rate structure, where higher usage results in higher incremental rates, and discussed the impact of air conditioning on residential demand. The discussion moved to renewable energy, with Jason explaining the limitations of solar and wind power for Springville. He noted that residential solar installations are relatively few and generally do not produce enough to offset household demand, and the city's buyback rate for excess solar generation is set at four cents per kilowatt-hour. Wind projects, while part of the



city's portfolio, have proven less reliable and more costly due to inconsistent production and additional regulatory requirements. Jason explained that the city is cautious about investing in new wind projects but participates in existing ones through long-term contracts. Jason then provided an overview of the city's power infrastructure, including the transmission and distribution systems. He described the importance of the 46 kV transmission loop, substations, and the use of transformers to step down voltage for residential and business use. The city's infrastructure includes miles of overhead and underground lines, and all new developments are required to have underground utilities. Jason emphasized the high cost of maintaining and upgrading this infrastructure, which is a major factor in rate setting. The meeting also covered the city's participation in regional power organizations, including SUVPS (Southern Utah Valley Power Systems) and UAMPS (Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems). These partnerships allow Springville to share resources, increase redundancy, and participate in larger power markets. Jason detailed the city's power supply portfolio, which includes the Whitehead Power Plant (natural gas), hydroelectric projects, solar, wind, and long-term purchase contracts. He explained how market conditions and outages at facilities like the Nebo plant can impact the city's power costs and rates. Questions from board members addressed topics such as the efficiency of transmission at higher voltages, the city's ability to opt in or out of UAMPS projects, and the impact of renewable energy on attracting businesses. Jason clarified that while the city can choose whether to participate in new projects, it is committed to existing contracts. He also noted that while some companies inquire about the city's renewable energy mix, most are more concerned with power pricing and reliability. The meeting concluded with a discussion of rate stability and competitiveness. Jason noted that Springville's residential rates are generally lower than Rocky Mountain Power's, and the city strives to keep rates consistent and reflective of actual costs. Preventative maintenance and strategic planning are ongoing priorities to ensure system reliability and cost control. The meeting was adjourned with thanks to Jason and the power department team for their expertise and leadership.

Action Items

- **[] Send the Springville Power Overview PowerPoint deck used in this meeting to all board members after the session.**