MINUTES
Springville City Council Emergency Meeting – June 25, 2026

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2026, AT 9:00 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 110 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH.

Presiding and Conducting: Mayor Matt Packard

Elected Officials in Attendance: Karen Ellingson
Logan Millsap
Jake Smith
Mike Snelson
Mindi Wright

City Staff in Attendance: City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald, Assistant City Administrator/City Attorney John Penrod, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Bruce Riddle, City Recorder Kim Crane, Administrative Services Director Patrick Monney, Public Safety Director Lance Haight, Fire Chief Hank Clinton, and Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Child

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Packard called the meeting to order at 9:01 p.m.
Mayor Packard asked Councilmember Ellingson to give an invocation.

Mayor Packard convened the emergency meeting to discuss Governor Cox's Executive Order 2026-04 declaring a state of emergency related to wildfire risks from fireworks. He asked City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald to provide an overview of the executive order, recommendations from the State Fire Marshal, and actions being considered by neighboring communities. Throughout the discussion, he sought Council input on whether to implement a complete fireworks ban or further restrict permitted discharge areas. He questioned whether adjusting existing boundaries would adequately manage the risk.

City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald reported that the City was awaiting additional guidance from the State Fire Marshal regarding the executive order. He explained that state law allows the Mayor and Fire Chief to designate areas where fireworks may be discharged. He reviewed the City's current fire restriction maps, campfire restrictions, and fireworks restriction maps, and explained that the Council needed to determine whether to prohibit fireworks entirely or further reduce the allowable discharge areas. He also summarized actions being taken by neighboring communities and later reviewed applicable state laws governing fireworks.

Councilmember Smith asked about enforcement of a potential fireworks ban and later commented that the Governor's remarks reflected the seriousness of the current fire conditions. He asked whether a drone show could be considered as an alternative community celebration. During the Council discussion, he expressed support for a full fireworks ban, stating it would be the safest and easiest option to enforce under the current circumstances.

Public Safety Director Chief Haight explained how fireworks enforcement had been handled in previous years and noted that enforcing designated discharge areas could be challenging. He later stated that if surrounding cities continued to allow fireworks, mutual aid resources could become strained. He emphasized that clear public messaging and enforcement information would be essential if a ban were adopted.

Councilmember Millsap asked additional questions regarding enforcement and whether a complete ban or designated discharge areas would be easier to administer. Although he stated he preferred a more limited restricted area, he acknowledged that a full ban would be the simplest approach and ultimately supported a full ban for this year. He also asked whether there were alternative ways to provide a special community celebration.

Councilmember Karen Ellingson asked whether there were locations within the City that could be designated for fireworks use. She later asked how the Council could assist the public safety departments and inquired whether current fire conditions represented an increased risk compared to prior years. After discussing concerns about fire conditions and mutual aid availability, she stated that she was leaning toward a full ban if public safety resources were at greater risk, although she later indicated a preference for maintaining more restrictive designated areas rather than implementing a complete ban.

City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald responded that hard-surfaced park areas could be considered for designation, although fireworks are prohibited within City parks. He also explained that existing state law already provides for clearly defined discharge areas.

Councilmember Wright stated that she supported a full fireworks ban because of the unusually dry conditions and recommended extensive public communication regarding the restrictions and associated penalties. She later reaffirmed her support, noting she had witnessed fireworks-related incidents in the past.

Councilmember Snelson stated that he supported a full fireworks ban.

Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Child reported that professional drone shows typically cost approximately $15,000 and were likely already booked. She stated that staff would investigate the availability of a drone show and could also provide residents with information about professional fireworks displays in surrounding communities.

Fire Chief Clinton stated that a full fireworks ban would be safer than attempting to manage designated discharge areas and explained that enforcing multiple permitted locations would be difficult. He described current staffing practices for fire response and noted that public education and awareness would be important. He later reported that fire conditions had reached Level 1 earlier than usual and were expected to increase to Level 2 within a few days. He explained that previous years had experienced multiple wildfire incidents and that mutual aid availability could become limited. He concluded that a full ban would increase public awareness and help reduce wildfire risk.

Mayor Packard asked whether existing restrictions near the foothills could be expanded and facilitated additional discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of a complete ban versus further restricting allowable discharge areas. He later conducted a second poll of the Council to confirm members' positions before concluding that a full ban was the most prudent course of action. He directed

staff to coordinate public messaging with the State Fire Marshal's guidance and thanked everyone for their participation.

CLOSED SESSION, AND ADJOURNMENT IF NEEDED – TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MOTION

The Springville City Council may adjourn the regular meeting and convene into a closed session as provided by UCA 52-4-205.

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: **Councilmember Snelson moved** to adjourn at 10:11 p.m. **Councilmember Smith seconded** the motion. **Voting Yes:** Councilmember Ellingson, Councilmember Millsap, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Snelson, and Councilmember Wright. The motion **Passed Unanimously, 5-0**

This document constitutes the official minutes for the Springville City Council Emergency Meeting held on Tuesday, June 25, 2026.

I, Kim Crane, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City Recorder for Springville City, Utah County, State of Utah. I do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true, accurate, and complete record of this meeting held on Tuesday, June 25, 2026.

DATE APPROVED: July 07, 2026

Kim Crane
City Recorder