

FERRON CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

7:00 pm

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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> </u>	<u>X</u>

City Recorder, Barbara Bowles, led the pledge of allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY Minutes dated June 10, 2026

Council Member Stotler motioned to approve the minutes dated June 10, 2026. Council Member Petersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</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. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT – Randy Kenney

Fire Chief Randy Kenney reported on recent wildfire deployments and upcoming training events, noting they currently have five certified wildland firefighters with a sixth expected by year-end. Reported on the success of their fund-raiser at Mayors Park. Advised the council of upcoming events.

b. REPORT FROM EMERY COUNTY REC – Bralin Wilde

Bralin provided an update on Emery County Recreation activities, highlighted by the hiring of Kade Nixon as the new director. The report noted the approval of the Disaster Mitigation Plan alongside various facility improvements. Additionally, Bralin addressed ongoing concerns regarding the low participation numbers in youth tackle football.

c. REPORT FROM FERRON CITY YOUTH COUNCIL

Council Member Singleton highlighted the recent activities of the Youth Council, focusing on a community service project where students painted curbs red around the city and assisted with the local stock show. These efforts successfully raised nearly \$900, which will be divided evenly between the committees to fund future initiatives.

d. REPORT FROM BOYS STATE PARTICIPATES.

Two participants returned to share their Boys State experiences with the Council, noting that the program significantly improved their understanding of government operations. In recognition of their active participation and leadership, both students also received academic scholarships.

e. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY Uniforms for Maintenance – Kasey Morris – Kasey not in attendance.

The council reviewed a proposal to provide uniforms for the maintenance staff, suggesting an allotment of five shirts each for the spring and winter seasons. The discussion confirmed a total uniform budget of \$1,000, which includes a provision for work boots to be replaced once per year.

Council Member Petersen motioned for the maintenance crew to purchase 5 shirts ea., their choice on style.

Council Member Stotler seconded the motion.

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</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.

f. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY – Quote for Speed Limit Signs

Mayor Jackson presented a quote for four electronic radar speed signs capable of collecting traffic data to share with the Sheriff's office. The vendor holds a Utah state contract, allowing the city to secure state contract pricing. These signs, identical to the ones on Canyon Road and Molen Road, are proposed for Mill Road, 200 East, Junior High Road, and potentially Bench Road. Funding would come from B&C Road Funds, supplemented by donations from local citizens.

While Council Member Petersen expressed support for the project, Council Member Brown strongly opposed the proposal, citing serious concerns regarding the cost and a firm stance against electronic signs. Additionally, the City Recorder noted that standard, non-electronic speed limit signs had already been ordered and were expected to arrive within the next two days.

Council Member Petersen made a motion to purchase the electric signs. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion.

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u> </u>	<u> X </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.

g. UPDATE on the City purchase of the BLM/Millsite property – Council Member Ray Petersen

Council Member Petersen updated the council on a long-term land acquisition effort that has been in development for eight years, noting his personal involvement for the last three. He announced that Ferron City received a final letter from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) confirming the completion of the review process. The final step requires Ferron City to purchase the 157-acre parcel for \$173,000. If the council accepts the terms and submits the funds, the entire transaction is on track to be finalized by August 11, 2026. The Mayor expressed his gratitude to Council Member Petersen for his hard work and persistent dedication to seeing this project through to completion.

h. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY – Hiring of temporary employees for City Maintenance – Council Member Ray Petersen

Council Member Petersen addressed the council regarding the immediate need for seasonal maintenance workers. He noted that \$10,000 is available in C Funds which could potentially be allocated to hire workers that could help maintain curb, gutter, sidewalk, and weed control projects. While he reached out to previous part-time employees, none are currently available. As an alternative, Council Member Petersen suggested utilizing a temporary staffing agency. He highlighted that a temp service reduces administrative burdens, allowing the city to easily replace workers who are not a good fit without managing extensive paperwork. The council agreed to gather more information on agency rates and terms for a future discussion.

i. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY – Purchase of a new maintenance truck – Council Member Ray Petersen

Council Member Petersen informed the council that Conner and Kasey located a potential replacement truck, similar in model to Ferron City's current Ford F-350. He explained that funding the purchase is complex; while \$20,000 is available in C Funds, the utility budgets currently lack the necessary capital, meaning the purchase price would need to be split across multiple budget lines. Furthermore, if C Funds are utilized, the city must maintain strict mileage logs for three years to document exactly how much distance is driven for each respective department.

The council discussed selling existing surplus equipment to help offset the cost. It was noted that the Chevrolet truck Conner currently drives has reached 301,000 miles and is nearing the end of its operational life, underscoring the clear need for a replacement. The council agreed to table the matter and place it back on a future agenda once the specific truck is inspected and a final funding plan is solidified. Mayor Jackson requested that Conner contact him or Council Member Petersen immediately after inspecting the vehicle tomorrow.

j. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY – Outside water connections for Jeff Ewell approximately 415 E Dutch Flat Road

Mr. Ewell addressed the council regarding his son's plans to move back to Ferron. While an existing water line runs near the property, new hookups are currently prohibited, prompting Mr. Ewell to propose installing a private 2-inch water line. He discussed the matter with Garrett at the Castle Valley Special Service District (CVSSD) and identified a connection point, noting he would secure a property easement from Mr. Anderson. Mr. Ewell described the current line running down Dutch Flat Road as disorganized and requested permission to connect directly to the city line. He sought city approval ahead of his scheduled meeting with the CVSSD the following evening.

During the discussion, Mr. Ewell inquired about transferring existing water shares from within city limits to this project. The Mayor denied this request, clarifying that those specific secondary (irrigation) shares are tied to a property at

Highway 10 and 500 South and must remain within city limits to avoid complications. Mr. Ewell noted he possessed two alternative shares that could be dedicated to the Dutch Flat property instead.

The Mayor explained to the council that for outside-city connections, the CVSSD Board typically defers to the city representative's stance. He noted that if approved, the homeowner would hook up to the meter, be billed based on that specific meter's usage, and bear full responsibility for maintaining the private line with no city servicing for leaks or breaks. Finally, Mr. Ewell was advised that water usage outside city limits is subject to a different, more expensive rate structure.

Council Member Brown motioned approving the outside water connection for Mr. Ewell. Council Member Stotler seconded the motion.

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </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.			

4. PEACH DAYS DISCUSSION

Council Member Singleton updated the council on preparations for the 125th annual Peach Days celebration, which will be centered at Mayors Park. The event will require scheduled road closures and significant setup coordination; she currently has three pages of work orders drafted. Council Member Singleton outlined the proposed schedule and detailed the specific assistance required from city staff. Notably, this year's event will not feature horse races or mud bogs.

Key event details and departmental coordination include:

Events & Tournaments: The Ferron Fire Department volunteered to host a cornhole tournament. Because the Car Show is stationed at the Fire House, the tournament will be held there as well. Bingo and the accompanying dinner on Saturday night will be managed by Barb.

Concessions: Council Member Singleton expressed concerns that the park concession stand is currently being used for storage. Emphasizing its value as a city asset, she announced that she and her Youth Council Advisor hold valid food handlers permits and will actively use the stand to serve food during the event.

Dinner & Entertainment: The council discussed holding the dessert contest concurrently with the dinner. Live entertainment is scheduled for the dinner and dancing, and Mayor Jackson requested serving turkey legs, noting that the city's large barbecues need to be located. Ryan Mills informed the council that sawdust can be sourced for the money pit event.

Vendors & Activities: Vendors are scheduled to operate from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday. Regarding the boxcar races, it was noted that traditionally, families build their own cars, while the city's fleet serves as backups for participants without one.

Maintenance Work Orders: The maintenance crew is requested to begin preparing the field at Mayors Park once a current water leak is resolved, which is expected tomorrow. Maintenance will also check the condition of the city boxcars, set up the stage at Mayors Park, uncover the city float (currently tarped in the old shop), and prep the fairgrounds area utilized by the Fire Department for the fireworks display.

5. RESOLUTIONS

a. **DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY Resolution 2026-7.15 A RESOLUTION OF FERRON CITY ADOPTING THE EMERY COUNTY PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN**

The Mayor presented a resolution to adopt a comprehensive, 432-page countywide mitigation plan, explaining that participation from all municipalities within the county is required. The full document is currently accessible to the public on the county website. Adopting this unified plan ensures that all participating cities can collectively benefit and qualify for emergency assistance if an incident occurs. Upon council approval, the adopted resolution will be forwarded to Jeremy Lake at the Sheriff's Office. Once all local municipalities formally adopt the plan, the county will apply for federal or state grant funds to secure proactive and emergency financial aid for future disasters.

Council Member Stotler motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-7.15 A Resolution of Ferron City Adopting the Emery County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Council Member Petersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </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.			

6. REPORTS

a. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEWS

Mayor asked if there were any questions for Barb. Nothing.

b. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR TRENT JACKSON –

Mayor Jackson briefed the council and community on several city updates, legal matters, and ongoing infrastructure projects:

Park Vandalism: The Mayor announced that Ferron City will press charges to the fullest extent of the law regarding recent park vandalism. A local citizen successfully captured photographs of the incident, which were submitted to the city. The Mayor expressed a strong desire to curb vandalism ahead of the completion of the Ferron Event Center, noting that the new center will be equipped with security cameras.

EMS & Emergency Services: The EMS department achieved an 86% in-service rate last month and operated at a profit, avoiding a deficit. Currently staffed by five to six EMTs, a new EMT training certification class is scheduled to begin shortly.

Secondary Water Shares: Next month, the council will discuss the specific water shares required for secondary water access, with the goal of simplifying the current process.

Official City Communications: The Mayor explicitly reminded the council and attendees that the "Ferron City Community" Facebook page is completely independent and not associated with Ferron City government. Official information must be obtained directly through city channels. Furthermore, instructions on how to register for the county emergency notification system will be published in the city newsletter through the end of the year.

Subdivision Gas Leak & Weekend Water Main Break Response: Addressing public criticism regarding a recent gas leak at the Ferron Creek Subdivision, the Mayor clarified that the Fire Chief personally went door-to-door to alert residents. He emphasized that Ferron City is not responsible for managing countywide emergency alerts, though the city did post a notice on its official Facebook page. Regarding public frustration over the lack of a social media alert for a water main break on the following Saturday, the Mayor noted the incident occurred over the weekend and reiterated that citizens seeking immediate, accurate updates should contact City Hall directly.

Legal Representation Termination: Ferron City has parted ways with attorney Lisa Baskins. During a recent fireworks restriction issue, Ms. Baskins billed the city \$200 for forwarded information from the State and Governor Spencer Cox, which included an incorrect 10:00 AM deadline that the State Forester later refuted. The Mayor contested the charge for unsolicited and inaccurate information. In a subsequent email inquiry regarding her interest in drafting a contract for the potential sale of the Millsite Golf Course, Ms. Baskins' firm notified the city two days later that they would no longer provide legal representation.

Ferron Event Center Progress: Infrastructure adjustments are underway at the event center. A fire system pipe on the north side will be relocated to clear the trailer unloading zone, and a pipe near the large wash rack on the east side will be modified for safety to prevent children from climbing on it. Additionally, Tushar Construction will level and grade the sloped eastern side of the building out to the racetrack to maximize usable ground area. The salt bunker will also be relocated near the City Shop.

City Hall 2.0 Evaluation: A construction service manager inspected the City Hall 2.0 building and estimated renovation costs at \$1.3 million to make it fully functional. The Mayor requested that the council determine the building's future, suggesting alternatives such as gutting the structure to build an open-air pavilion or a community stage like the facility in Castle Dale.

Fireworks Cancellation: The Mayor defended the decision to prohibit fireworks, explaining that Ferron City lacks a designated, safe open space—such as Castle Dale's Cheddar Field—to host them safely, and public safety remained the top priority.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANCE BROWN –

Animal Control Issues: A recent incident was reported involving two dogs that attacked and killed a calf before fleeing the scene. Video footage of the attack exists, and the Sheriff's Office is actively investigating the matter. Additionally, code enforcement addressed a separate animal neglect case where a resident went out of town and left their dogs tied up without water. Kasey Morris intervened to resolve the immediate situation, and an official warning letter outlining the city's animal control ordinance was sent to the owner.

Planning & Zoning: The Planning and Zoning commission is scheduled to review current municipal ordinances to draft updates, with the local sign ordinance designated as a top priority. The city is still actively seeking volunteers to fill vacant seats on the Planning and Zoning board.

Cemetery & Ground Maintenance: All designated trees at the cemetery have been cut down. The stump grinder experienced a mechanical failure, and operations will resume as soon as replacement parts arrive. Conner noted that irrigation water to the cemetery was partially turned on last Friday. Additionally, the Fairgrounds Community Recreation Center (FCRC) notified the city that they recently sprayed weeds on their grounds, clarifying that a tree on the property was already dead prior to their chemical application.

Weed Control & Traffic Safety: Attention was called to the growing weed problem along public roadways, which is becoming unmanageable. The maintenance crew was directed to prioritize clearing overgrowth specifically around stop signs to ensure they remain fully visible to drivers.

Upcoming Workshops: Council Members and Planning and Zoning are encouraged to attend an educational workshop on nuclear energy safety hosted at the Carbon County Event Center. Additionally, the event center will host a housing workshop on September 9 focusing heavily on regulations and development for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

COUNCIL MEMBER RAY PETERSEN-

The Golf Course has done an excellent job conserving and managing water usage across the facility. Despite minimal recent promotional marketing, the course continues to attract a high volume of out-of-town players, while maintaining steady, consistent play from local golfers.

COUNCIL MEMBER GERRY STOTLER –

Parade Coordination: Distribution of parade participant registration forms is currently underway. Both ESCO and the Utah Highway Patrol have been contacted and provided with the official parade route. Plans are also in place to ensure the school crossing lights are active during the event.

Water Meter Maintenance: Collaboration continues with Jacque and the Castle Valley Special Service District (CVSSD) to replace malfunctioning water meter parts. Kasey is consistently reporting broken meters so they can be promptly troubleshooted and repaired.

Water Supply & Conservation: Millsite Reservoir is currently at 34% capacity, with Ferron City usage averaging 25-acre feet of water per week. The secondary water supply will be shut off as soon as current reserves are entirely depleted. Residents are commended and thanked for their excellent, ongoing water conservation efforts.

Well Location Clarification: Addressing recent inquiries, Council Member Stotler clarified that Ferron City does not own or operate any municipal water wells; the two wells referenced by citizens are located in Emery Town.

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLEEE SINGLETON –

Reported that the Fire Department's "Ignite the Night" fundraiser was a great success, drawing strong and welcome support from the local community. The tug-of-war competition between the firefighters and local children was highlighted as the most popular event of the evening. Additionally, she noted that facility improvements were recently completed at the fire station, featuring newly installed flooring in both the training room and the kitchen area.

COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE BEHLING – Absent

c. GOLF COURSE AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS AND WORK ORDER REVIEW

KASEY EDGEHOUSE- Absent

KASEY MORRIS - Absent

CONNER KINROSS - Reported that they were trying to keep up with the weeds. The skidster is currently not working. Mayor stated that he had spoken with Kasey Morris in regards to Kasey's concerns about mowing and weed eating and starting a fire. Mayor stated that he didn't see the concern. Once the weeds are mowed, spray them and be done. The longer we wait the higher the weeds get.

7. CLOSED SESSION – Not needed.

8. APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Council Member Stotler made a motion to pay the bills. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion.

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </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.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Petersen motioned to adjourn. Council Member Brown seconded the motion.

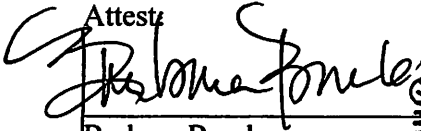
Roll Call

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Mike Behling	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Attest:



Barbara Bowles
Ferron City Recorder



Trent Jackson (Aug 13, 2026 12:14:03 MDT)

Mayor Trent Jackson