

**HUNTINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 15, 2026**

Huntington City Council met in its regularly scheduled council meeting July 15, 2026 at the city office building located at 20 South Main Street. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Leonard Norton presiding.

The following were in attendance:

Mayor: Leonard Norton
Council: Judd Beagley, Tom Kay, Lesa Miller, Devin Wilson,
Gloria Wilson
Recorder: Brandy Wagner
Treasurer: Ronni Torre
Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement: Jessica Lee
Fire Chief: Chase Majors
Maintenance Dept.: Scott Gordon Animal Control: Robert Baker

Council member Miller extended a word to open the meeting, Council member Beagley led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item 1. MOTION: CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approval of June 17, 2026 City Council Minutes**
- **City Claims and Review of Financials**

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON – YES, AND COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON - YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Item 2. Discuss/approve/deny: BUSINESS LICENSE

No Business Licenses

Agenda Item 3. Dave Sebring – Fraud Risk Assessment

Council Member Devin Wilson presented the results of the recent Fraud Risk Assessment, performed by the audit committee. The city received a score of 365 out of 395.

COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 4. Ordinance O-2026-6

This is an ordinance pertaining to flag lot developments, an ADU summary table, updating out of date Utah State reference codes and technical corrections.

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O-2026-6; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON – YES, AND COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON - YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Item 5. Discuss/approve/deny: Ordinance O-2026-7

This is an ordinance pertaining to adding a administrative reinstatement fee and an appeal process to the business license chapter and a general appeal process to the codebook.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O-2026-7; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON – YES, AND COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON – YES.

Agenda Item 6. Discuss/approve/deny: Emery County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan

Resolution R-2026-14 is adopting the Emery County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R-2026-14 EMERY COUNTY PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON – YES, AND COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON – YES.

Agenda Item 7. Discuss/approve/deny: Purchase of canopies for Heritage Day Celebration

Mayor Norton and **Council Member Kay** would like to purchase six (6) smaller canopies and two (2) larger canopies. The total purchase price would be approximately \$7500.00.

COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE CANOPIES FOR HERITAGE DAYS; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – YES, COUNCIL MEMBER D WILSON – YES, AND COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON - YES.

Agenda Item 8. Discus: Discussion on Manufactured Home Parks and Recreational Park – Jessica Lee

Zoning Administrator Jessica Lee informed the council that one of the cities manufactured home parks had a trailer brought in without the proper clearance or notice. Her question to the council was how they would like her to proceed, since the codebook does not give a direction on how to handle the matter. The mayor suggested going through Planning and Zoning to get the codebook updated with a recourse on the matter.

Agenda Item 12. Mayor's Report

Mayor Norton started with gratitude to all city employees and council for all of the work to put on the rodeo and Heritage Days celebration. He would still like to encourage citizen volunteers who would like to help with the celebration. He also thanked the fire department for all they did with the celebration and the runs they have been on. They are short handed at this time and he encouraged interested parties to reach out to fire chief Chase Majors. The water usage has been 213-acre feet out of the 700 we have set aside for secondary. He thanked the citizens of Huntington for allowing him to be mayor, it's not always easy but the council tries to be fair.

Agenda Item 13. Department Reports

Fire Department: Chase Majors reported that the fire department survived the 4th of July. He thanked the city for all of their support. The department is short staffed, which allowed for limited engines to be the parade. He gave shout out to Cody at the BLM for stepping up and helping with the parade and also for helping during the fireworks. There was a task force who were able to take care of the one spot fire that happened during the fireworks show. The department is going to assist Price with their all Heros all female fire camp. They were called out on a fire north of Cedar Mountain named the Huff Hollow fire, which burned 1.6 acres for 8 hours. The department has seen a large dip in the number of red card fire fighters. He really

encourages anyone 18 years and up to apply to be a volunteer fire fighter. With the 4th over they department is back into trainings. Chief Majors did mention that they did not receive one phone call of anyone illegally set out fireworks. He is very thankful for all of his fire fighters and assistant chief Hunter Winch.

Maintenance Department: Scott Gordon reported it has been busy and they are playing catch up. He thanked Rene, one of the seasonal waters, for all of his help during Heritage Days. Jenifer is back up to the cemetery mowing. They are taking care of sprinklers, mowing, and spraying weeds.

Agenda Item 14. Youth City Council Reports

Report given during council reports

Agenda Item 15. Council's Reports

Gloria Wilson reported that three cemetery plots were sold, five funerals were held, and two plot transfers were completed during the month. She attended both days of the rodeo and stated that it was very well attended. She also attended the ice cream social, which was also well attended. She commented that the parade was very hot and thanked the Youth City Council for their help throwing candy during the parade.

Gloria recognized the Youth City Council for their assistance with filling sandbags. She thanked Scott and Robert for all their work with the Heritage Days celebration, stating that the event would not happen without their efforts. She also expressed appreciation to the firefighters for the show and suggested providing a dinner for them before the show next year. Chase recommended having the dinner after the show due to the firefighters' busy schedule prior to the event.

Gloria reported that the cemetery project has begun and that a walkthrough is scheduled for July 27th. She concluded by thanking the Mayor for all that he does.

Judd Beagley thanked Scott and Robert for skirting the shed at the Hart's ball field. He stated that the city has been fortunate with water this year and expressed appreciation to Rene, Dave, and the city workers for all their efforts.

Judd reported that EMTs have had booths at several community celebrations and are seeking volunteers. They will be offering training, and interested individuals may contact him for more information.

He announced that Emery County Recreation has hired a new director, Cade Nixon. Judd attended the festivities on the 2nd, which were not part of the official city celebration, but stated that the event was well attended and appreciated the citizens who organized it. Judd stated that the rodeo was great, although the weather was unusual on Friday. He mentioned receiving several calls asking whether the rodeo would continue despite the weather.

Devien Wilson thanked everyone who helped with Heritage Days and stated that he had heard only positive feedback regarding both celebrations. He reported that he has several sidewalk projects he hopes to put out for bid soon. A brief discussion was held regarding the Christmas dinner, but the topic will be continued at a future meeting.

Lesa Miller reported that everyone contributed to making Heritage Days a success. She recognized Tom for stepping in to help when she was unable to do so. She stated that the arena has a few dark spots and that she is looking into possible solutions.

Lesa reported that entertainment options are being explored for future events. She has secured a sponsor for the mutton busting but may need to find a new sponsor for the wild pony race. She also stated that the rodeo committee has agreed to continue helping with next year's rodeo.

Tom Kay reported that Planning and Zoning met the previous week and that it was Don Gordon's final meeting. The committee plans to vote on a new chair and co-chair in August. Tom stated that the rodeo and Heritage Days celebrations were successful and thanked the city workers and fire department for their assistance. He also expressed appreciation to Gary Arrington for his help with entertainment.

Agenda Item 16. Zoning Administrator Report

Jessica Lee reported that she completed three zoning clearances during the month. She also addressed several resident concerns regarding setbacks, weeds, and clutter, as well as one interaction related to water restrictions.

Jessica stated that she will be working with Brandy to update the Short-Term and Vacation Rental chapter of the city code. The goal of the update is to allow Huntington to grow responsibly while maintaining the structure and character of existing neighborhoods.

Agenda Item 17. Adjournment

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER MOVED TO ADJOURN; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED. MEETING ENDED AT 7:32 P.M.

Brandy Wagner
Huntington City Recorder