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Mona City Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Mona City Building – 20 West Center
7:00 p.m.

Pledge

Prayer

Public Hearing:

- Ordinance 2026-11: Updates to Mona City Code Sections 1 and 3
- Resolution 2026-15: Updates to Mona City Fee Schedule

Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approval of August 11, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of August 11, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of August 12, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

Action Items

- Consideration and Approval of Hiring Recommendations
- Consideration of Resolution 2026-14: Adoption of City Policy for Surplus Personal Property.
- Consideration and adoption of Resolution 2026-15: Updates to Mona City Fee Schedule
- Consideration and adoption of Ordinance 2026-16: Code Commitment
- Consideration and adoption of Ordinance 2026-11: Updates to Mona City Code Sections 1 and 3

R6 Advisor Shay Morrison

- Data Privacy
- Website/.gov
- Land Use Checklists
- Budget Online

Gas & Water & Roads

Sewer

Council Reports

Public Comment

Adjournment

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Mona City Council Public Hearing Notice
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
7:00 pm
Mona City Council Room, 20 W. Center St.

Notice is hereby given that the Mona City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mona City Council Chambers located at 20 West Center Street, Mona City. The purpose of this hearing is for the following:

- Updates to Mona City Code Sections 1 & 3
- Updates to the Mona City Fee Schedule

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Taylor Flake	William Mills
Shelley Flake	Kellie Barnes
Harry Ellertson	Michael Barnes
Joshua Davis	Andy Gray
Jaina Davis	Dale Handwerker
Aleene Bassett	Stefie Gray
Wade Woodstulme	Weston Gray
Chris Woodstulme	Christine Miller
Julia Flake	Mark Miller
Tiler Voorhees	Kelly Andrews
Raquel Oliver	Dakota Gray Stewart
Naomi Leighton	Colton Cobbley
Brett Hite	Joe Wells
Kristin Jensen	Piper Wells
Julie Rasmussen	Carson Painter
Thad Handwerker	Emileigh Painter
Tara Hendricks	Hagen Hall



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Hailey Painter

Lindsay Painter

Dan Woodhull

Jinelle Post

Randy Pice

Leeroy Barber

Shanny Barber

Emalee Jones Peel

Amy Jones

Boz Mears

John Young

Dustin Hopkinson

LOGAN HOPKINSON

Jenny Elston

Jana Hardy

Sharon Young

Randy

Megan Thomas

Janice Helmyer

Wayne Helmyer

Erica Burgon

Karen Sherry

Scott Halverson

Selena Chappell

Lucinda Kay

Richard Kay

Laura Hansen

Tasha Miller

David Bruck

Myrna

Vicky Davies

Steve Cooper

Charise Cooper

Ephraim Cooper



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Public Comment Signup Sheet

Any member of the public wishing to speak must sign up on this sheet and list their topic. Individuals who have signed up will be called to the stand and may speak for up to three minutes.

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Name	Subject you wish to speak on
✓ Taylor Flake	data center-zoning
✓ Shelley Flake	data center-resolution
✓ Jobina Davis	Commercial Zoning
✓ Joshua Davis	Water Rights For Business.
WADE WOOLSTENHOLME	DATA CENTER
BRAYDEN KAY	" "
✓ CHRIS WOOLSTENHOLME	" "
✓ Naomi Leighton	" "
✓ Tara Hendricks	" "
✓ Wayne Polson	" "
✓ BILL MILLS	" "
✓ Cody Gray ?	Data center-substation
✓ Steve Gray ?	" "
✓ Christine Miller	Data Center
✓ Mark Miller	Data Center
✓ Joe Webb	Data Center
✓ Tina Webb	Data Center
✓ Emileigh Painter	Data Center
✓ CRISTALL WOODHURST	
✓ DAN WOODMAN	
Greg Gurney	





Mona City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Mona City Council Room – 20 West Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Troy Painter - Mayor
Kris Kay - Councilmember
Tony Openshaw - Councilmember
Alesha Newton - Councilmember
Kevin Squire – Councilmember, Mayor Pro-temp
Devan Ingram – Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT Alicia Hills – Recorder/Clerk
Michelle Dalton – Secretary/Treasurer
Karsen Cloward – Streets & Water Worker
Preston Laforett – Streets & Water Worker
Brent Arns - Sewer Plant Supervisor
Crystal Wohlforth – Cemetery Caretaker

OTHERS PRESENT: See Meeting Attendance Roll

Mayor Troy Painter called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Opening prayer/Pledge of Allegiance:

Greg Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jones and Demille Engineer Dan Fechner led the prayer.

Public Hearings

- Ordinance 2026-11: Updates to Mona City Code Sections 1 and 3
Councilmember Kay motioned to open the public hearing. Councilmember Ingram seconded the motion. The Mona City Council roll call votes to open the public hearing were as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye
Councilmember Squire	Aye

Public comment: None

Councilmember Ingram motioned to close the public hearing. Councilmember Openshaw seconded the motion. The Mona City Council roll call votes to close the public hearing were as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye



Councilmember Squire

Aye

- **Resolution 2026-15: Updates to the Mona City Fee Schedule**

Councilmember Squire motioned to open the public hearing. Councilmember Openshaw seconded the motion. The Mona City Council roll call votes to open the public hearing were as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye
Councilmember Squire	Aye

Public comment: None

Councilmember Squire motioned to close the public hearing. Councilmember Ingram seconded the motion. The Mona City Council roll call votes to close the public hearing were as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye
Councilmember Squire	Aye

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Openshaw motioned to approve the Work Session Minutes of August 11, 2026, as written. Councilmember Ingram seconded the motion. The Mona City Council roll call votes to approve the Work Session Minutes of August 11, 2026, were as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye
Councilmember Squire	Aye

Councilmember Openshaw motioned to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2026, as written. Councilmember Squire seconded the motion. The Mona City Council roll call votes to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2026, were as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye
Councilmember Squire	Aye

Councilmember Ingram motioned to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2026, as written. Councilmember Squire seconded the motion. The



Mona City Council roll call votes to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2026, were as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye
Councilmember Squire	Aye

Action Items:

- Consideration and Approval of Hiring Recommendations

No items to discuss.

- Consideration of Resolution 2026-14: Adoption of Mona City Policy for Surplus Personal Property

Recorder Hills stated that Mona City currently does not have a policy on the selling of City property and gave an explanation of the proposed policy.

Councilmember Newton motioned to approve Resolution 2026-14, adoption of the Mona City Policy for Surplus Personal Property. Councilmember Squire seconded the motion. The Mona City Council roll call votes to approve Resolution 2026-14, adoption of the Mona City Policy for Surplus Personal Property, were as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye
Councilmember Squire	Aye

- Consideration and adoption of Resolution 2026-15: Code Commitment

Councilmember Squire motioned to approve Resolution 2026-15, code commitment. Councilmember Openshaw seconded the motion. The Mona City Council roll call votes to approve Resolution 2026-15, code commitment, were as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye
Councilmember Squire	Aye

- Consideration and adoption of Resolution 2026-15: Updates to the Mona City Fee Schedule

Councilmember Squire motioned to approve Resolution 2026-15, updates to the Mona City Fee Schedule. Councilmember Openshaw seconded the motion. The Mona City Council roll call votes to approve Resolution 2026-15, updates to the Mona City Fee Schedule, were as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
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Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye
Councilmember Squire	Aye

- Consideration and adoption of Resolution 2026-11: Updates to Mona City Code Sections 1 and 3

Councilmember Newton motioned to approve Resolution 2026-11, updates to the Mona City Code sections 1 and 3. Councilmember Ingram seconded the motion. The Mona City Council roll call votes to approve Resolution 2026-11, updates to the Mona City Code sections 1 and 3, were as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye
Councilmember Squire	Aye

R6 Advisor Shay Morrison

Morrison was unable to attend the meeting.

Gas, Roads, and Water:

Water and Roads Workers Karsen Cloward introduced new Roads and Streets Worker Preston Laforett.

Preston Laforett reported that they have been working on the following:

- Street sweeping
- Mowing weeds on streets and around water tanks
- Cleaned up the Green Waste Facility
- Cleaned out the well houses
- Removed the salt out of the plow truck
- Cleaning and maintaining of City equipment
- Exercising water valves – their goal is to finish exercising them before the end of the year

Sewer:

Sewer Supervisor Brent Arns reported that sewer flows are up, likely due to increased outdoor water use. He noted that flows reached 273 today.

He stated that the motor has been replaced on the Raz Pump No. 2, and that the HVAC parts have been ordered. He reported that it was 90 degrees in the shop today, and the crew is looking forward to having the HVAC system repaired.

Arns also reminded residents not to flush anything that should not be flushed.

Council Reports:

Councilmember Openshaw

Councilmember Openshaw stated that the Green Waste Facility is no longer accepting



limbs or stumps until further notice because they do not want to burn with the high fire hazard.

Councilmember Squire

Councilmember Squire stated that the cemetery display case is fixed and he will go put it back together.

Councilmember Newton:

Councilmember Newton reported that Mona City has been invited to participate in the Day of Service on September 12. There will be multiple activities, including a citywide cleanup, and the Council feels it is important for the City to take part. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m., with volunteers cleaning all of Mona's entrances, and residents are encouraged to clean up around their own properties. In addition, a program will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the City building, and everyone is invited to attend and participate in this day of remembrance.

Councilmember Ingram

Councilmember Ingram stated that Water/Roads Workers cleaned out the sander and it is in pretty rough shape. He said that they need to look at it, but It may be cheaper to buy a used one at a surplus than to fix the one we have.

Councilmember Kay

Councilmember Kay had nothing to report.

Public Comment:

Mayor Painter opened the meeting for public comment. There was a circulated signup sheet for the audience to sign up to speak for 3 minutes. He asked that all remarks remain courteous and respectful. He also stated that Mona City has not made any deals in any way with the proposed data center going in the County. If you want to be heard and you want to fight this, go to the County Commission meetings, because at this point Mona City has not one thing to do with the data center.

Brayden Kay:

I went to a meeting on Sunday at Taylor's house to learn more about the data center. As many of you know, it's planned on my family's ground out north of town. I want to make it clear that I personally have nothing to do with the sale, and I disagree with the project. It's not my ground to sell — it belongs to other members of my family, and it is their legal right to make decisions about their property.

I also want to address some of the comments and assumptions I've heard. I don't use social media, but people have sent me screenshots and messages, and some of it has gotten pretty heated. So let me be the first to say this plainly: the people whose land is involved are not "selling out" the community. These families have lived here for generations. They are your neighbors, your friends, and they care about Mona just as much as anyone in this room.

Does this project affect us? Absolutely. I believe it impacts our community in many ways — not just the one north of Mona, but also the one between Nephi and Mona. So please, voice your opinions. Just remember to consider how things look from the inside out, not only from the outside in.



Think of it this way: if someone showed up at your house and offered you double what you paid, with the condition that you move out tomorrow, a lot of people would take that deal. Property rights matter. And whether we agree or disagree, the landowners have the right to make decisions about their own ground.

As Troy mentioned, make sure you're attending Commission meetings and Council meetings. I saw a picture today that said, "We elected these people to be our voices." That's true — but they're not mind readers. You still have to show up, speak up, and be part of the process.

One more thing that often goes unnoticed: several of the people involved have donated hundreds of hours and used their own equipment to keep our infrastructure running. They've helped make sure your water stays on and your roads stay passable. These are good people. They are our friends. And I know for a fact that Troy didn't want to be mayor for the title — he wanted to help make positive change. They deserve respect. I hope this meeting stays calm and respectful. We don't need the kind of hostility that happened in Box Elder — no threats, no harassment. Please be reserved, be Christlike, and think about how you would want to be treated if you were in their shoes. Thank you. I'll stay within my three minutes.

Taylor Flake:

Thank you so much for holding this meeting. I think it's important that we have a chance to be heard.

A little about me: I live out west on Goshen Canyon Road. When my wife and I moved here seven years ago, we were one of only two houses out there besides Sharon Michaels. Now we have about ten neighbors. My name is Taylor Flake.

Two weeks ago, we got a knock on our door. We had no idea anything was happening until a representative from Williams Pipeline was sitting at our kitchen table telling us they wanted to run a 24-inch gas pipeline across our land. I asked, "Why do we need a gas pipeline?" They said it was to build a new power plant. "Why do we need a new power plant?" They said it was to support the data center going in across the road from us. That was the first time I had heard anything about it.

I've talked to several of our neighbors, and they were in the same situation — no information, no notice. So let me ask: how many of you feel like you've gotten enough information on this topic? That's why we're here.

I agree with what Brandon said earlier: nobody in this room is at fault. This is a county-level issue, not a city issue. But we're all members of the Mona community, and it matters that we're here together.

After that pipeline meeting, I immediately started trying to understand what was going on. I spoke with the developer — and I'll be honest — after an hour-long conversation, I was even more concerned. The things he said to try to reassure me actually convinced me that we will be heavily impacted. This project is directly across the street from us. But I'm also convinced it will impact many of our neighbors, which is why we organized this meeting for everyone in the Mona community.



Our group put together a list of questions we believe need answers. Not to put anyone on the spot, but because with the experience and knowledge in this room, we hope someone can help us understand where to go and who to talk to.

One of the hardest things is that when I talk to people at the county level, they keep pointing me to the data center in Eagle Mountain — saying it's "state of the art." My wife has a picture of it. That center is about 3 million square feet. The one proposed here is over 4 million square feet. We don't know if it's a Meta center, but we use that comparison because if we're going to get something "state of the art," we need to understand what that means for congestion, heat, noise, and overall impact. These are questions we need answered.

I love this community. I'm not a native, but my grandpa bought our land in 1969, the year I was born. When he passed, I had the chance to build on it, and Dan built our home. We love this place. And I'll tell you — when we're out of town and people hear we're from Mona, they say, "Isn't that the place with the rope swing?" People come here and say, "What is this? This is incredible."

If we end up with three data centers, let's be honest — we will be known as the city of data centers. That changes the fundamental nature of this community.

That's all I wanted to say. Our group has a lot of questions, and we hope to get answers. My wife has one more question, and then we'll pass the time along.

Shelley Flake:

Can you hear me in the back? I'm a really shy person, and I honestly hate being up here. I don't want to be known as "the girl who lives 400 feet from a giant data center," but that's the reality I'm facing, and I'm pretty overwhelmed by it. We're still in shock.

I know the people sitting behind me care about this town. I've heard that from many of you, and I believe it. You represent Mona, and that's why you were elected.

I do have one question, and it's important to me:
Has the county formally asked Mona City for its position on the data center?
Have they requested an official statement or resolution from you?

If they haven't, that's concerning to me, because this project has been in planning for a long time. So I'm asking you — as our elected representatives — to gather the voice of the people and formally state where you stand and what you want for our town. That's all I'm asking.

Joshua Davis:

I guess I'll do what everyone else is doing and turn around. When we think about the potential of this data center going in, we all know growth is coming. None of us really want this kind of growth, and I'm sure many of you up here don't either. But if it's going to happen, what some of us in the community want to understand is: what can you do, and what can we do? And if we don't know yet, then let's go find out.

How do we make sure Mona benefits from any outside growth, even if the project is technically in the county? They're going to need water. They're already talking about taking CUP water that



runs through our area. There are a lot of resources they're going to be looking for, and we need to make sure that as a community, we're united and heard.

Other communities have gone through this. If we need to be involved in contracts, negotiations, or oversight, then we should be. We should be asking: If a data center comes in, what are they going to do for us? They're going to bring a lot of money to Juab County. We need to make sure Juab County understands that if they're going to route impacts through Mona, then Mona needs something out of it. We don't want our taxes going up while millions of dollars in tax revenue go somewhere else.

This will affect our roads. It will affect our infrastructure. It will affect our daily lives. So we need to be looking at what we can do as a community. You — our elected officials — are our voice. And we can stand with you and be a voice as well.

I want everyone in this room to understand how important it is that we all speak up. Attend Commission meetings. Attend Juab County meetings. Make sure they know Mona isn't just going to stand here and get run over.

Wade Woolstenhulme:

I don't want the data center. Brandon brought up the point that property owners have the right to sell if they want to, and that's true. But I want to remind everyone that residents in Mona City also face restrictions on what we can do with our own property. If any of us wanted to build a pig farm or something similar, there are ordinances and limits we have to follow.

The same is true at the county level. The County Commissioners have the authority to place restrictions on what comes into the county. So we need to look at this from that perspective as well.

Naomi Leighton:

I just have a quick question. Since the Commission meetings are held on a workday at 10 a.m., is there any way that time could ever be changed so more of us can attend? And if so, how do we formally request that?

Mayor Painter responded that she would need to contact the County to find out that information.

Bill Mills:

I'm definitely against the data center. There are several concerns I want to raise. First, has there been a thorough traffic study on what this project will do to our roads? If trucks and construction equipment are coming through here, how are they getting in and out? Will they be using Goshen Canyon Road, the plant road, or the north end of town? These are real impacts we need answers to.

My concern is that the Council and the Mayor — even though this isn't technically a City project — still represent us. You can go to the County and put pressure on them. They may not always listen, but you can still speak for us and let them know exactly how the citizens of Mona feel about this project.



I understand that property owners have the right to sell their land. I don't argue with that at all. But the County also has the right — and the obligation — to make sure that whatever comes in doesn't damage our property, our roads, or the way of life we have here. We live here for a reason.

I wasn't born and raised in Mona, but I love this place, and I've spent many years here. So I want to say to the Council and the Mayor, God bless you, I appreciate everything you do, and I understand the position you're in. But you also have an obligation to let the County know where we stand. Even if they end up doing what they want, at least they will hear our voice.

From what I can gather, the majority of people in Mona do not support this data center. We've been through things like this before — like when they put the solar panels out by the lake and told us it would be "just like a lake." Well, take your lake and put it in your own backyard. The County Commissioners should put the data center in their own backyard, not ours. They won't be affected by it — we will. They'll get the tax revenue. We won't get anything. The power plant, the tomato plant — the County gets the money, not Mona.

So please, let them know how we feel. And ask for more transparency. I haven't seen much information from the County about when these meetings are happening or what decisions are being made. Suddenly, here we are, talking about a data center that seems to be moving forward.

Thank you, Council and Mayor. I appreciate you, and I support you. But please — rattle their cages. You have better access to the County than we do. And ask them to hold their meetings at times when working people can attend, not just at 10 a.m. on a weekday. We need to know what they're doing.

Thank you for what you do, and thank you to everyone here for standing up.

Cody Gray:

I'm sure most of you know me, or at least know of me. I'm loud, and I was born and raised here. My roots run deep in this town. I had a lifelong goal, and I finally made it happen about three years ago — I built my home here and we're about to close. I'm directly affected by this project, and I've invested millions of my own dollars and my family's trust into this land. This is my legacy.

There's a Justin Moore song that says, "This is my dirt." That's how I feel. This land is part of me, and it will be part of my kids and grandkids long after I'm gone. So I want everyone to think about what this project will do to our soil, our land, and what we're leaving behind for our children.

I know many third- and fourth-generation farmers have sold their land, and that's their right. I don't fault anyone for that. But I also know people who don't want a data center in their backyard — and I'm one of them. We all have the right to sell, but we also have the right to ask what this will do to our community.

Please think about what this means for our water. We're already dealing with water issues. How many times has Gordon faced pitchforks over water concerns? And now we're talking about a project that could strain our resources even more.



I want to be transparent about something personal. Solar companies approached me back in February — right as I started pouring footings for my home. I've put over \$500,000 into this property already. I drilled a well. I've done everything to build a future here. And then suddenly, I'm told this massive project is "inevitable." That's devastating.

But even if they say it's inevitable, we still have the right to fight it. There are communities all over Utah that don't want data centers in their backyard. We're not alone. We need to think about our prosperity, our soil, our children, and our future.

I also want to ask a question. Earlier, you mentioned that Shay Morrison wasn't here tonight. Mayor Painter replied that "he's our advisor — the person who helps guide how meetings are conducted." I understand he had a family matter, but I'll be honest: the timing feels coincidental. I know he has nothing to do with this project, but I wanted to ask because transparency matters.

Troy and I grew up together. Alesha, we raised hell in Mona as kids. I know the people sitting up here care about this town. I appreciate you. I support you. But I'm asking you to stand up and fight. Be our voice. Make sure we understand what's happening. Make sure we know what this will do to our water, our land, and our future.

Please — before anything moves forward — make us more aware of what's coming and what it means for the generations that will inherit this place.

Steve Gray:

She said we're building out there — and we live right across the street. It's devastating to see on Facebook that a data center could end up just 100 yards from our front door. That's overwhelming for us.

My biggest issue is the water. We all need it, and the farmers especially need it. So please think about that as decisions move forward.

Christine Miller:

I have a few questions, and I'm hoping the City can help us get answers from the County.

First, can you tell us when the developer actually filed their paperwork? They didn't file anything with Mona City, but we should be able to access that information through the County. If you can help us find out when it was filed, that would be really helpful. It's concerning that people who live closest to the project only found out about it two weeks ago. Weren't they supposed to complete studies before moving forward? If those studies haven't been done, that seems like an opportunity to slow things down and require proper due diligence.

I spoke with Marty Palmer today, and he said the data center going in near Young Living bought water rights and purchased a well. My question is: how do we monitor how much water they can pull from that well? If they draw heavily from one source, doesn't that affect everything around it? Can they be stopped once they reach their limit? These centers use enormous amounts of water. They say it's "renewable," but they still require additional water beyond what they recycle.

Mayor Painter described it as "a straw in a milkshake," and Ms. Miller replied, "that's exactly what worries me. When do they hit the point where they're required to stop pumping?"



Marty also told me that the County rotates its Commission meetings around different towns so people can participate. He mentioned one happening on Monday — I believe at 10 a.m. — and possibly in Rocky Ridge. I may be remembering the location wrong, but he made it sound like residents could comment. If that's true, those meetings should be clearly posted so people know when and where they're happening. And they should be held at times when working people can attend.

Marty also said he had "no say" in what happens. I'm not sure how that works. Does he have a vote? Did he participate in the decision? Is there a way to verify that through meeting minutes? Because sometimes people say they didn't approve something, but the minutes tell a different story. And yes, I know minutes can be buried in a stack of documents, but for something this important, we should be able to see exactly who voted and when.

He also said the Planning and Zoning Commission needed someone from Mona because they didn't have any representation. So if anyone here wants to volunteer, that would be great. Dan Woodland replied, "I actually volunteered yesterday."

So my final question is: can you find out when the developer filed their paperwork, and who we should follow up with to get that information? And once you have it, can it be posted on the City website or shared publicly so everyone can stay informed?

Mark Miller:

I've been living in Mona for six years, and I love this town. I know I'm not a lifelong Mona resident, but I am a native Utahn, and I love our state. It's a wonderful place to live. Filling up a small town like ours with a data center is not appealing.

We chose Mona because it's quiet — a quiet neighborhood, a quiet city. The noise and disruption a data center would bring is exactly what we moved here to get away from. My family came here because it was peaceful.

I deal with PTSD, depression, and anxiety, and Mona has been a key fit for me. This community has given me stability and calm. So I just want to say clearly: I'm asking you to say no to this project.

Piper Webb:

I'm not a smart person, but I do know that I don't want this in our town. We've lived here about six years, and like many of you, we moved here to get away from everything. Mona has been peaceful, and that's why we chose it.

My question is: do we know what kinds of studies have been done on data centers? Have there been any studies on the effects on animals, on human health, on noise, or on the environment? I don't even know where to start, but I'm trying to understand what this could mean for us.

When I heard about the data center in Box Elder County, I panicked for my sister who lives there. And now suddenly there are two planned near us — one on each side. It's overwhelming. I know nobody here wants this.



I've heard stories from other states where cattle died, chickens stopped laying eggs, and people had health issues. I don't know what's true or not, but I'm concerned — about our health, our animals, the noise, and everything in general.

I don't know what we can do or what studies exist, but this is our life. I appreciate all of you for listening.

Emileigh Painter:

I'm Troy's daughter, for those who don't know. I'm not usually a talker — I keep most of my opinions to myself — but over the last couple of days, things have gotten pretty nasty online. People are calling each other out, dragging names through the mud, and my dad has been in the hot seat simply because his last name happens to be the same as one of the landowners. That land belongs to my grandma and grandpa. We have nothing to do with the sale. Just because you're related to someone doesn't mean you agree with every decision they make.

How many of you agree with every opinion your family has? Would you want to be hung out to dry and scrutinized publicly for choices you didn't make? We are just as opposed to this data center as anyone else here. That's not what I'm here to argue. We all understand the negative effects it could have on our community.

But as a community, we have to do our due diligence. We need to research. We need to find answers. And we need to direct our anger and concern toward the correct people. If you want to be upset, if you want to post online, that's your right — but make sure you're directing it at the people who actually have authority to make decisions.

Your voice matters. Your opinion matters. It is your right to speak up. But we also have a responsibility to make sure we're going about it the right way.

So please, show up to meetings in person. Voice your concerns to the people who are accountable — in this case, the County Commissioners. Learn about the developer. Understand who is over the project. And yes, talk to the landowners if you want — it is absolutely their right to sell their land, and there's nothing we can do about that. But we also have the right to be concerned, frustrated, and protective of our community.

I urge every one of you — everyone who has posted online, everyone who says they care — to show up in person and fight where it actually matters.

Crystal Wohlforth:

I'm nervous speaking in front of a crowd, so bear with me. My name is Crystal Wohlforth, and I'm over the cemetery. Trust me, I'm not always easy to deal with. But I want to make one thing very clear: who truly made this happen? Was it the people sitting up here? If you look back, it wasn't. So why are they getting all the blame?

We need to go back and find the truth from the people who started this. This didn't begin with our new Council — it has been in motion for years. When the tomato plant opened, do you realize the County Commissioners owned that land? It wasn't Mona City. So you can blame these people all you want, but it wasn't them.



They're trying the best they can. The real question is: what can we do now to make things better?

Emily is right — her dad is getting dragged through the mud for decisions he didn't make. If we're going to blame anyone, we need to blame the past City Council that opened up the land, not this one. That's where this started.

We need to get our facts straight before accusing people of things they didn't do. Facebook spreads all kinds of things — but is it true? We need to find the truth. These people up here didn't cause this. They had nothing to do with it.

We can go back and blame them for the sewer, but were they even in office when that happened? We can go back and back and back — but that doesn't fix anything. We need to fix it now. We need to make it right.

The truth is: this is a County issue, not a City issue. And I want to ask — was this project already in progress before you came into office? Because if so, we're blaming the wrong people.

Dan Woodland:

Before I say anything else, I want to be absolutely clear: I am 100 percent against the data center. I would be a coward if I didn't stand here today and say exactly where I stand.

I also want to say something about the people sitting up here. I voted every one of them into office for a reason. I believed that with them in office, I wouldn't have to attend every meeting — because I trusted they would make the decisions I hoped to see made. I appreciate them, and I respect them.

I've had a very in-depth conversation with Troy, and I'm grateful for that. Since finding out about the data center, I haven't just sat back. I've contacted Senator Owens, all of the County Commissioners, the incoming Commissioner, the Juab County Attorney, and several others so I could get the facts and understand what is really happening.

I want everyone to understand something: this isn't just about property rights. Yes, landowners have rights. But I also learned from the County Commissioners — men I regard highly, including Mark Kinnison and Marty Palmer — that many of their decisions were made because their hands were tied legally. They had reasons for their votes. They explained those reasons to me, and I respect that.

I'd like to ask: how many people here have actually called the County Commissioners? A few of you — good. I hope more of you will. Talk to them. Understand why they've done what they've done. They are serving to the best of their abilities, just like the people sitting up here.

I'm here for one reason today, and I want it to be very clear:

I am asking the Mona City Council to do everything in your power — every tool, every authority, every option — to stop this if it starts to move forward.

Permits, processes, anything you can influence — please use it.



I live on that road. When they built the tomato plant and then the power plant, I nearly lost my son because of the construction traffic. People blew through stop signs. A concrete truck almost hit him. I confronted the driver right there in the road. It was dangerous, and that was nothing compared to what a data center will bring. The level of infrastructure and disruption coming with this project is something we haven't even begun to understand.

So I'm asking you — please fight for the citizens of Mona. Do everything in your power to make sure this does not happen.

Greg Gurney:

I just want to say something before I go anywhere else. We're going to ask for your opinions and your leadership, and I want you to know that we trust you. We're here to support you. Please let us help you — we want to be part of finding a resolution that's best for our city. We're not here to fight against you; we want to stand with you.

Brayden can round up a posse pretty fast, so anything we can do to help make this situation better for the community, we're ready. We trust you, and we appreciate what you do. Sitting up there takes a super thick skin, and you've taken a lot of abuse. I just want to personally say thank you. We trust you to do what's best for Mona.

Carson Painter:

I'm the Mayor's wife, and I've seen the criticism he's taken over this. I want to guarantee something: not one person sitting up here wants this data center in our community. But they cannot stop it alone. Juab County makes the calls — they have the authority, not Mona City.

If we're going to learn anything from Box Elder County, it's this: you have to speak up. You have to show up to the meetings. You have to rally your neighbors, your friends, anyone you can, and get them to the County Commission meetings. That's how Box Elder fought back, and that's how we can fight here.

These people up here don't have the power to stop this on their own. It's going to take every member of this community — Mona and Nephi — standing together and showing the County Commissioners that we do not want this.

So please, invite everyone you can. Fill those meetings. Make your voices heard. That's the only way we can back our City leaders if their hands are tied.

Erica Burgon:

I'm actually a relatively new Mona resident — we moved here about two years ago. I live about a mile and a half from where this proposed data center would go, so it was a real surprise to learn about yet another one being planned. My dad always says, "Technology is happening," and I understand that. I understand why data centers exist. But I think it's very clear where all of us stand on this one.

I want to learn from this experience. I'll admit, I haven't been very involved before — I'm buried in babies right now — but I've recently gotten to know Troy through business, and I have the utmost respect for him. I'm grateful for everyone up here, even those I haven't met yet.

So my question is this:



How can someone like me actually help?

I don't want to just stand on a corner holding a sign. I want to do something meaningful. I don't have expertise in water, power, or infrastructure, but I'm willing to learn. I can research. I can take on assignments. I want to know what actions are truly impactful.

Mayor Painter said he's still learning, and I respect that. I appreciate that he's volunteered his time to understand this situation for all of us. I hope we can find the right resources and learn the facts so we can speak knowledgeably as a community.

I don't want to leave here thinking, "Everyone's upset — but now what?" I want to know what comes next. What can we actually do?

Dan Woodland's Response:

I would highly recommend that every person in this room pick up their phone and call every County Commissioner — those currently serving and those newly elected. Call the County Attorney. Call the City Council. Ask questions. Find out why decisions were made. Learn the facts.

Emily Painter said it best earlier: do it respectfully. We're not here to attack people. Some of the comments on Facebook have been out of line, and they don't help our cause.

Talk to the people who have done the homework — Taylor Flake, Shelley, and others. They've gathered real information directly from the developer. Get involved. Don't sit back and hope someone else will fix it. We have a fight on our hands, and if everyone does their part, we have a chance.

There are multiple data centers in different stages — north of town, west of town, between Nephi and Mona, and out in Dog Valley. The one north of town is reportedly far along. The one between Nephi and Mona is unclear. The Dog Valley one is also unclear. This one here is at the CUP permitting stage, which means there is still a chance.

The group that should be notified — the County Planning and Zoning Commission — hasn't been mentioned enough. That's my next step. I will contact every member of Planning and Zoning and have the same conversation with them.

There are big infrastructure implications. I've been a builder for 28 years. I've seen what happens when cities don't plan ahead — massive permit fees, strained resources, and costs passed on to residents. We need to be careful. A lot will change if these centers move forward.

Julia Flake:

I'm Shelly and Taylor's daughter, and we live right where the data center is proposed — directly across the street, hopefully not for long. I've never been in this room before, and I'm 22, so I feel a little ashamed that I wasn't more involved in our community until now.

One thing I love is that painting right there. It's beautiful — and it's the exact view from our house. When I moved here at fourteen from New York, I used to walk down to the reservoir — which I hope comes back someday — and I've taken that walk thousands of times. As I walked, I prayed. I connected with this land. I felt something here that I never felt in New York.



I loved what Grace said earlier: this is our earth, our heritage, and our future. That's exactly how I feel. Mona gave me a sense of future — a place I could imagine bringing my kids back to someday. A heritage of beauty.

I believe development can be done in a sustainable and healthy way. But I don't believe this data center is part of that.

Larry Ellertson:

My history in Mona goes back 76 years — probably as much or more than anyone in this room. I've seen a lot, both at the city level and the county level, having served as a mayor and a commissioner.

One of the challenges the County faces is that when their ordinances apply, the developer has a leg up in getting approval. That's where the process starts, and it's important to understand that.

But the main comment I want to make is something my grandfather told me about 70 years ago, and it has stayed with me ever since. He said, "Larry, your freedom to swing your fists ends where my nose begins."

Use that philosophy as you deal with this. Landowners have the freedom to sell their property — that's their right. But if what they do impacts you in a negative way, then you have standing. Don't ever forget that.

David Bouche:

I've lived in Mona for four and a half years and I came here for all the reasons everyone else loves Mona. It's peaceful, it's beautiful, and it feels like home.

I came here today straight from a data center. My company develops and operates data centers all over the world. So I want to share my perspective from that experience.

I'm concerned about this proposed data center. It seems like the people most affected weren't notified until very recently, and that feels shady to me. My biggest concern, though, is resource consumption. Data centers consume enormous amounts of water and power, and that puts them in direct competition with the citizens who live here.

If this becomes inevitable — and I hope it doesn't — I strongly encourage the Council to make sure protections are in place so residents aren't pitted against a data center for water, light pollution, sound pollution, and all the other impacts people have mentioned tonight. We need to ensure that Mona doesn't end up absorbing all the negative effects while seeing none of the financial benefit.

It doesn't seem like the right spot for a data center. But if it has to happen, we need to fight to make sure it's set up in a way that protects our community.

Jobina Davis:

From everything I'm hearing, it sounds like this started back in 2024. As I've been doing my research, I honestly don't know how many of you knew anything about it — even just a hint — and at this point it doesn't matter. What matters now is what we do going forward.



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So I want to ask directly:

Tony Openshaw, Kevin Squire, Troy Painter, Alicia, Devon Ingram, and Chris — will you fight with us? Will you go to Juab County with us?

Councilmember Kevin Squire replied, "We already are".

We can show up, and we will. But you are our voices. You're the ones they listen to. I'm asking if you will stand with us and be part of this fight.

I wish we had known about this earlier. I wish you had known earlier too. You've said the County didn't tell you anything — nothing. So how do we talk to the County? How do we make sure they hear us?

All we can do is what we're doing right now: stick together and face this as a united community. That's what I'm hoping for. That's all I'm asking. In the end, we can be there, but you are the louder ones. You're the ones with the platform.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Squire made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Councilmember Ingram seconded the motion. The Council's vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm was as follows:

Councilmember Ingram:	Aye
Councilmember Kay:	Aye
Councilmember Newton:	Aye
Councilmember Openshaw:	Aye
Councilmember Squire	Aye

Troy Painter, Mayor

Alicia Hills, Mona City Recorder

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