

Aug 12th town hall Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2026, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jack Funk called the Emery Town Council meeting to order on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM at 65 N Center St., Emery, UT 84522.

Present: Mayor Jack Funk, Council Member Kim Hansen, Council Member Slate Stewart. Council Member Mistie Christiansen attended remotely by phone. Absent: Council Member Melissa Durfey

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Minutes for July 8th, 2026

The minutes from the July 8th, 2026, meeting were reviewed with no corrections noted.

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 8th, 2026, meeting was made by Council Member Kim Hansen and seconded by Council Member Mistie Christiansen. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Invoice Report

Council Member Kim Hansen identified one correction: the coding on the Emery Telecom check was to be changed from "CDBG" to "CIB. It was additionally noted that reimbursement from the state for the CDBG grant remained pending due to a change in there reporting authority.

Motion to approve the invoice report as presented, with the correction to the Emery Telecom check coding from CDBG to CIB, was made by Council Member Kim Hansen and seconded by Mayor Funk. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Mayor Jack Funk

5.1 Water task force update

Mayor Funk reported that a video inspection of the 5-inch well casing had been received and reviewed. The casing appeared to be in good condition, with only minor surface rust and some sulfur discoloration noted. The inspection results were to be reviewed by Jones & DeMill, and if approved, a submersible pump would be installed and a 24-hour pump flow test conducted. The pump test discharge would be directed to the canal, coordinated with the canal water master to avoid disruption. Upon successful completion of the pump test, a frac tank would be brought on-site for secondary water storage, with the Special Service District ready to perform the necessary plumbing work. Funding from the county has already been transferred to the Special Service District. Mayor Funk expressed intent to operate the pump on a regular basis going forward to proactively manage the town's water supply. The county also committed to cleaning drainage ditches and improving flow into the Sprinters area once fire response activities are concluded.

5.2 CVSSD

A field tour for state legislators, including Senator Hinkins and others, was tentatively scheduled for September 29th to survey the dams and assess needed repairs. Councilperson Mistie Christiansen noted the intent to invite legislators to a September meeting as a follow-up touchpoint.

6. Councilperson Kim Hansen

6.1 Town Celebrations

Council Member Kim Hansen reported that the town days Celebration received approximately 90% positive feedback, the highest rate to date. Planning for future events was already underway, including a potential fall harvest or "Deer Hunters Ball" event, and the annual Tinseltown/Christmas tree lighting. A new flagpole is needed for the tree lighting display, with funding already available. Also noted, the playground equipment is

expected to arrive mid-October, and approximately 400 pollinator plants obtained through a grant would be planted in the park with assistance from USU Master Gardeners.

6.2 Bingo / Craft night

Council Member Hansen announced that Bingo was scheduled for the following Wednesday. A craft/class night organized by Linda was anticipated to be scheduled in September; a date would be announced via Facebook once confirmed. Remaining celebration merchandise—shirts, hats, and cookbooks—was noted as still available.

7. Councilperson Melissa Durfey

7.1 Pioneer church update

Council Member Melissa Durfey was absent.

7.2 Emery Emergency plan – CERT

8. Councilperson Mistie Christiansen

8.1 Planning and Zoning

Council Member Mistie Christiansen, attending by phone, reported on a Planning and Zoning meeting. Discussion centered on a proposal to have an independent, outside reviewer—potentially a planning and zoning representative from another municipality—evaluate the town's ordinances to provide an unbiased assessment of past decisions. The idea was well received. Additionally, a comprehensive review of the town's development code was discussed, with particular focus on the number of required governing bodies and camp trailer living regulations. It was noted that many municipalities take a practical approach to camp trailers when properly connected and lots are kept orderly, intervening primarily when sanitation or aesthetic issues arise. These topics were identified for future decision-making as part of an ongoing code update. access to the public notice website for Josh Gardener has been set up to post Planning & Zoning agendas & minutes

8.2 EEMSSD

9. Councilperson Slate Stewart

9.1 Recreation

Council Member Slate Stewart reported coordinating with staff on funding and trail planning. The trail route had already been marked. plans to coordinate with Josh on the trail layout and to gather community input on recreational needs. Recorder Ashley noted that she and Varian Allen had been pursuing funding for updates to the town gun range, which would be incorporated into the broader recreation plan. Council Member Mistie Christiansen raised the need to be mindful of existing grazing permits on town property when developing recreational facilities. A document from a state agency confirming grazing rights on the property has recently been received. Brief discussion followed regarding AUM allocations and the potential to issue those units back through BLM or hold them as a drought buffer for existing grazers, with no formal action taken.

10. Fire Department – Chief's Report

Fire Chief Scott McClaughry was absent.

11. Townhall staff: request approval to register for ULCT annual training Oct. 27-28

Recorder Kristine Ashley requested approval for town staff to attend the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) annual training conference on October 27–28. Lodging costs would be eliminated as staff would stay at a personal residence in Salt Lake City. Expenses would be limited to the \$415-per-person registration fee and mileage reimbursement.

Motion to approve staff attendance at the ULCT annual training on October 27–28 was made by Mayor Funk. The motion carried without objection.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Kim Hansen and seconded by Mayor Funk. The meeting was adjourned.