

**HUNTINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 19, 2026**

Huntington City Council met in its regularly scheduled council meeting August 19, 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 Beagley extended a word to open the meeting, Council member D Wilson led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item 1. MOTION: CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approval of July 15, 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

- 1. COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR DESERT CONTRACTING; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED.**
- 2. COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR JESSICA LEE CLEANING & LANDSCAPING; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED.**
- 3. COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR TC WEST LLC; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED.**
- 4. COUNCIL MEMBER G WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR SOLRISE PENDING APPROVAL FROM THE SOUTHEAST UTAH HEALTH DEPARTMENT; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED.**
- 5. COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED BUSINESS LICENSE FOR CONTOURED BEAUTY ACADEMY; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY AND CARRIED.**

Agenda Item 3. Proclamation/Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month

Mayor Norton proclaimed September as Suicide Prevention and awareness month and has signed the Proclamation. **Amanda McIntosh** suicide prevention liaison from Four Corners Behavioral Health read the proclamation onto record and thank Huntington City for their support. **COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PROCLAMATION AND MAKE**

SEPTEMBER SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH; MOTION SECONDED BY G WILSON AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 4. Emery County Sheriff Tyson Huntington – Update on fire conditions

Emery County Sheriff Tyson Huntington addressed the City Council and thanked Huntington City for its support of the local fire station. Sheriff Huntington reported that a fire was started by a lightning strike on Friday afternoon in Huntington Canyon. The local fire station was dispatched to the incident and was able to extinguish the fire.

Agenda Item 5. Discuss/approve/deny: Ordinance O-2026-8 Outside-Boundary Culinary Water Connections

This is an ordinance pertaining language change from “water rights” to “water shares”.

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O-2026-8; 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 6. Discuss/approve/deny: Planning and Zoning Alternate Member

Mayor Norton explained we had one application submitted for the alternate member at Planning and Zoning, Theron Lee.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER MOVED TO ACCEPT THERON LEE’S APPLICATION FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING ALTERNATE MEMBER; MOTION SECONDED BY G WILSON AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 7. Discuss/approve/deny: Cemetery Concrete Bid

Two bids were presented for the Cemetery Concrete bid. **COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM LOS AVILES LLC, TO USE A LOCAL CONTRACTOR; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,400.00. 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 8. Playground tunnel for Lion’s Park

The City Council was informed that the tunnel on the playground equipment at Lions Park was broken. Due to safety concerns, a replacement tunnel was ordered at a quoted cost of \$1,552.70.

Agenda Item 9. Purchase of mower for tractor

While researching whether to repair the existing city mower or purchase a new one, it was determined that obtaining the necessary parts for the existing mower would be difficult. The City purchased a new mower for the tractor at a cost of \$2,149.99.

Agenda Item 10. Pickleball Courts

Council Member Beagley presented three quotes for the installation of pickleball courts and repair of the existing basketball courts at Lions Park. After discussion, the item was tabled until the following month to allow time to gather information regarding available grants that may help offset the project costs. **COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL NEXT MONTH; MOTIONED SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED.**

Agenda Item 11. Sebring Industrial Subdivision

Mayor Norton reported on a discussion with Dave Sebring regarding his property, which is currently zoned as an Industrial Subdivision. Mr. Sebring is abandoning the existing subdivision and will use the property as an industrial property. If he chooses to subdivide the property in the future, he will need to go through the subdivision process again.

Agenda Item 12. New utility account deposits - Ronni

Ronni addressed the City Council regarding deposits for new utility accounts. She reported that, after speaking with treasurers from other cities, she found that some cities require a deposit when establishing a new utility account. Ronni asked the Council to consider implementing a deposit requirement for new utility accounts and to determine an appropriate deposit amount.

Agenda Item 13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Norton provided an update on the City's water usage. Approximately 400 acre-feet of water has been used, with 340 acre-feet remaining. Based on current usage, the remaining water supply is estimated to last approximately 100 days. The Mayor noted that this is only an estimate, as the irrigation company could discontinue releasing water. The Mayor thanked Huntington City residents for their efforts to conserve water. Appreciation was also expressed to the City's maintenance workers for their work preparing the city for the fall cleanup, which is scheduled to begin September 15. The Mayor thanked Jessica for her efforts in encouraging residents to clean up their properties, as well as the City Council and office staff for their continued hard work. With school back in session, the Mayor reminded residents to watch for children traveling to and from school. The Mayor also reminded motorcycle riders to follow applicable rules regarding speed, helmets, and stop signs. Riders were advised that violations may be reported to the Sheriff's Department. The Mayor further reminded residents that electric motorcycles are not permitted on sidewalks and encouraged all riders to operate their vehicles responsibly. The Mayor expressed appreciation to the local fire station for its work in responding to the Black Canyon Fire.

Agenda Item 14. Departmental Reports (Fire department, Maintenance department)

Chase Majors – Huntington City Fire Chief reported on the Black Canyon Fire and expressed appreciation to Sheriff Huntington for providing an update to the Council. The fire was reported at approximately 320,063 acres with 51% containment. Chief Majors explained that the terrain in the Black Canyon area is very difficult and limits the ability to establish containment in areas that cannot be accessed by crews. The fire camp is being hosted in Castle Dale, and additional crews and resources have been assigned to the fire. The Reeder subdivision has been moved from "Go" to "Set" status. The national preparedness level is currently at PL5, indicating that firefighting resources are being heavily utilized nationwide. Chief Majors also discussed qualifications required for volunteer firefighters and the reimbursement programs available for wildland fire protection and suppression. He provided information on where the public can follow updates regarding wildfires. Chief Majors expressed appreciation to Tom, Huntington City, Hunter Winch, and Chloe McArthur for their support and assistance.

Scott Gordon – Maintenance Department reported that the maintenance crew has been spraying and mowing weeds throughout the City. The crew has also assisted with several

funerals by preparing graves, removed a dead tree from the cemetery, and performed sprinkler maintenance.

Agenda Item 15. Youth City Council Report

Report given during council reports

Agenda Item 16. Council's Report

Tom reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission elected Patrick Fehlberg as Chair and Stacy McElprang as Co-Chair. Theron Lee took the Oath of Office and was appointed as an alternate member. The Commission discussed short-term and vacation rentals and will hold a public hearing on the matter next month. Hector Aviles attended the meeting to request a variance in order to obtain a business license. Tom also attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting and reported that a Doppler radar system is expected to be placed on Cedar Mountain in approximately two years.

Lesia reported that the District 6 Riding Club event was held August 1 and was well attended, with one accident occurring during the event. A four-wheeler riding group is scheduled to use the rodeo grounds as a rest stop on the last Saturday of August. The Young Little Bull Riders have also been practicing at the arena. A local eight-year-old rider has qualified for the IMBA World Finals.

Devin reported that there have been no significant issues with streets and sidewalks. He thanked the Maintenance Department for keeping the City maintained and for spraying weeds. He also reported that several projects will soon be put out for bid.

Judd reported that the EEMMS held a meeting on August 4 and reached an agreement with the County to increase compensation for on-call EMS personnel. Huntington is currently the only garage staffed at 100%, and the agreement provides hope that the remaining four garages can also reach full staffing.

Judd also reported that the Recreation Board has a new director who, along with the assistant director, has been actively working on various projects. He reported that considerable work has been done regarding the proposed pickleball courts and expressed interest in obtaining grants to assist with project funding. The City's annual street cleanup is scheduled for September 15 through November 15. Judd noted that the City's flowers have continued to do well despite the hot weather and expressed appreciation to the City employees for their work in keeping Huntington looking well maintained.

Gloria reported that five cemetery plots were sold and four funerals were held. She expressed appreciation to Aleasa Pierce for her years of service as a crossing guard. Aleasa is no longer serving in that position and has been replaced by Rene Gomez. Gloria also held a meeting with the crossing guards to review safety procedures for the upcoming school year. The Youth City Council has been placed on a temporary break in preparation for the start of the school year. Gloria expressed appreciation to Jenifer and Tim for their continued work at the cemetery and noted that the cemetery is looking beautiful. She also thanked the maintenance workers for their work in removing the dead tree.

Agenda Item 17. Zoning Administrator Report

Jessica reported that she completed two zoning clearances. A boat, trailer, and jet skis that had been unlicensed and parked on the street were removed. She also addressed several resident concerns regarding occupancy of RVs and is working with several residents regarding yard

cleanup. Jessica worked with the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a variance for a business license. She also reported interest in the Mark and Kathy Justice subdivision and met with residents interested in the subdivision process. Jessica has received numerous calls regarding trash and weeds and has sent certified letters and spoken with residents regarding these issues. One RV that was tagged has not yet been moved, and she will follow up on the matter. Jessica also reported that she processed five business licenses.

Agenda Item 18. City Council Resignation Letter

Council member Devin Wilson read his letter of resignation onto the record to take effect immediately. He thanked the city and council for the opportunity to serve the community.

Agenda Item 19. Adjournment

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER MOVED TO ADJOURN; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED. MEETING ENDED AT 7:44 P.M.

Brandy Wagner
Huntington City Recorder