

CITY OF FAIRVIEW  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
85 South State Fairview, Utah  
August 18, 2026

**7:30 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CONDUCTING

Mayor Brad Welch

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Mike MacKay, Shirlene Rasmussen, Robert St. Jacques, Mike Ricks, and Kelly Rosenlund

STAFF

Nathan Kent Nelson; City Recorder, Justin Jackson; Water and Sewer Superintendent, Greg Sorensen; Power Department Superintendent, Garrett Sorensen, Power Department Laborer and Steve Gray; North Valley Police Chief.

**CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Brad Welch**  
**INVOCATION/PLEDGE – Brian Miller**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- a. June 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- b. June 30, 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Mr. Ricks** moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. **Mr. MacKay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEARANCES**

Sanpete County Clerk Linda Christiansen – Elections

Heather Pyper, Deputy County Clerk and the county's election specialist, appeared on behalf of County Clerk Linda Christiansen. She presented a draft interlocal agreement between Sanpete County and Fairview City for the conduct of elections and reviewed the responsibilities of the municipal recorder, including

public notice, ballot security and chain of custody, and coordination with the county. Ms. Pyper reported that Fairview has 775 active registered voters and that the county's rate is increasing from \$2.25 to \$4 per active registered voter. She also discussed poll worker training, voting centers, the 2027 election calendar, and signature verification, and asked that the city designate a contact for election coordination.

## **DISCUSSIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS**

### Power Transmission Line Project Update

Greg Sorensen, Power Department Superintendent, updated the council on the transmission line project. He reported that the city will be issuing a check for \$493,912.75 to Mt. Pleasant for engineering and easement work and that the city expects to be reimbursed. He discussed available funding sources, including PTIF funds and UAMPS capital improvement funds. Mr. Sorensen noted that the existing line was built in the early 1960s and that replacement is needed.

### Water and Sewer Department Update and Water Conservation Plan

Justin Jackson, Water and Sewer Superintendent, presented the Water Conservation Plan, which must be renewed and submitted to the Division of Natural Resources by December. Mr. Jackson noted that the city has reached Phase Two of water conservation and that the AquaTrack software is expected to arrive in mid-September. The council discussed conservation level triggers, adding automatic emergency overage rate increases (a 50% increase on overage tiers at Level 2 and 100% at Level 3), reducing the number of overage tiers to five or six, and adding language addressing the well at the mouth of the canyon and sewer reuse. Council members were asked to review the draft and provide comments to Mr. Jackson; the plan will be reviewed again in September for approval in October.

Mr. Jackson also discussed the well at the mouth of the canyon as a potential backup water source. The well produces approximately 600 gallons per minute but has high sulfur content. Mr. Jackson estimated a minimum of approximately \$50,000 to pump the water into the irrigation system and \$150,000 to \$200,000 to treat it to drinking water standards. He stated the city would need approximately two months' notice to bring the well into service and recommended a decision no later than March.

### 24th of July Celebration Review

The council reviewed the 24th of July celebration. It was reported that there were fewer problems than the prior year and that the celebration was financially comfortable. The rodeo sold out. The council discussed suggestions for next year, including online ticketing for the second night of the rodeo, section signage on the outside of the arena, a section map, updating vendor policies, and improvements to concessions and bathrooms. A committee debrief will be scheduled, and the 24th of July financial review will be placed on the next council agenda with the committee chairs invited.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### Public Hearing / Ordinance: 2026-05 Solar Standards and Permitting Ordinance

Greg Sorensen explained that solar installations have been appearing on the city's power system without the city's knowledge, including systems that back-feed onto the grid. He stated the presented ordinance establishes permitting, inspection, and fee requirements, requires the use of a city-provided meter, and gives the city authority to inspect and disconnect non-compliant systems or systems that pose a hazard to the municipal power grid and employees. He noted the ordinance applies to all installations connected to the city's power system, including outside city limits.

**The public hearing was opened at 8:41 p.m.** Kim Cooley asked why a solar system would be connected to the city line. Mr. Sorensen responded that systems should be isolated from the city line but that improper installations can back-feed onto the grid. **The public hearing was closed at 8:44 p.m.**

**Mr. St. Jacques** moved to approve Ordinance 2026-05. **Ms. Rosenlund** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

## **MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Welch reported that he has been asked to serve on the state drinking water board. The appointment has cleared most approvals and still requires legislative approval. He expects to join the board for its October meeting and noted the position could be helpful to the city as it completes its drinking water project.

## **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

**Ms. Rasmussen** moved to approve the vouchers as presented. **Mr. Ricks** seconded the motion.

In response to a question about the negative balance shown in the bank register, it was explained that the register accounts for all outstanding checks and payments, including a bond payment of approximately \$50,000 that had not yet been debited, and does not reflect the actual bank balance.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:49PM.

**SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026**