Fountain Green City Council

The regular meeting of the Fountain Green City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2026, in the Fountain Green City Hall, 375 N. State.

Attendance – Kerry Farnsworth, Vaughn Jacobsen, Rich Walker, Kim Johnson, and Jacob Littlefield.
Presiding – Mayor Willard Wood
Prayer – Kerry Farnsworth
Pledge

Public Comment:

Lamb Day Committee –

Brandon Ivory, acting chairman-elect, reported:

- Committee intends to restructure Lamb Day leadership into:
  - Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Board (5 voting members)
- February 3, 2027, meeting planned for all involved in Lamb Day.
- Lamb Day made approximately $15,000 this year.
- Proposed 3-year term to reduce burnout.
- Desire to remain partnered with the city for insurance, venue, and community connection.

Council Response:

- City would like to see a subcommittee manage all Lamb Day finances.
- City expressed willingness to move forward collaboratively.

Sunrise Engineering –

Glade Nelson & Chris Love

Updates:

- Cemetery bridge project completed successfully.
- Sewer screen project moving forward; Sunrise attending Rural Water Conference to pursue funding.
- Introduction of new staff member, Chris Love, specializing in project engineering and civil project management.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Motion: Vaughn Jacobsen motioned to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2026, FY2027 Budget Hearing and City Council meeting as written.

Second: Kim Johnson seconded the motion.
Vote: Kerry – Yes; Vaughn– Yes; Rich – Yes; Kim – Yes; Jacob – Yes
Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Interlocal Agreement with Sanpete County Elections.

The County Clerk attended in person to explain the Interlocal Election Agreement and ensure council members, especially newly elected officials, understand its purpose and upcoming requirements.

Overview of the Interlocal Agreement

- The agreement governs election services provided by Sanpete County to Fountain Green City.
- No significant changes have been made since 2023; the primary update is the cost per registered voter.
- The draft provided to the council has already been approved by the County Attorney and County Commissioners.

Cost & Budget Planning

- Cost: $4.00 per registered voter.
- Currently, Fountain Green City has 728 registered voters.
- The Clerk recommends budgeting for a possible primary, even though historically Fountain Green rarely has one.

Primary Election Trigger: A primary occurs when candidate filings exceed twice the number of open seats.

Responsibilities Under the Agreement

County Responsibilities: Ballot tabulation, equipment, training, software, and election administration.

City Responsibilities (Recorder):

- Posting candidate filings
- Ballot review
- Sample ballots
- Election notices
- Ballot pickup & delivery

Ballot Chain of Custody Requirements:

- Two trained individuals must transport ballots.

Timeline for Agreement Approval

- Agreement will be sent via DocuSign in December.
- Final signed agreement must be returned by April.

Voting Method Updates

Utah is now vote-by-choice, not strictly vote-by-mail.

Ballot Envelope Declaration: Voters must choose mail or in-person voting by 2029. If they fail to declare, they are removed from the vote-by-mail list.

If a voter selects "vote in person," they will no longer receive a mailed ballot unless they submit a new voter registration.

Polling Locations:

- A Mount Pleasant polling location was added for municipal elections.
- For the presidential election, the Clerk plans to use the new Manti Event Center due to space limitations at the courthouse.

State Requirements:

- At least two polling locations based on population.
- No voter may wait longer than **30 minutes** in line.

Budget Concern Raised by Council

A council member noted that the city paid Michelle and Laura for assisting at the Mount Pleasant polling location last year, but this was not included in the agreement.

The Clerk stated:

- Compensation arrangements vary by city.
- If the city is unwilling to provide staff time, that must be negotiated in the contract.

The council agreed to include election staffing costs in the upcoming budget.

Linda encouraged council members to contact her with questions and emphasized the importance of understanding election processes.

4. Business License Discussion – F&G AutoWerks

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding F&G AutoWerks' business license renewal and floodplain concerns.

Brian Casselman (owner) Key Points:

- Use of floodplain concerns as grounds for delaying or denying his license.
- The City is "hunting down reasons" to avoid issuing a full license.
- FEMA had told the city they could not revoke his license based on floodplain issues.
- A valid building permit was signed by the former Mayor, who was designated as the Floodplain Administrator at the time.
- All future communications will be via mail or phone, no in-person visits.

Fountain Green City Key points:

- City will not deny the business license.
- Temporary license will remain active until legal review is complete.
- Issue originated from a disgruntled ex-employee's call to the city, county, and state.
- City will meet with attorney and FEMA liaison to clarify floodplain/building permit questions.

5. R6 Regional Updates.

Shay reported on the following:

- Regional Growth Summit: October 22, Richfield Sevier Valley Center.
- CIB Applications: Cities must contact R6 months earlier due to new review requirements.
- CDBG Workshop: Mandatory workshop September 28, 11 AM, Richfield. Cap removed; critical infrastructure prioritized.
- ULCT Legislative Policy Committee: City must designate a voting representative.
- Personnel Policy: City's policy is outdated; R6 will follow up.
- WUI Code: City must adopt 2024 version within ~1.5 years.

6. Code Enforcement Report.

- 18 animal calls (including wildlife)
- 12 dog-at-large calls
- 1 stray dog held 6 days
- Multiple transports to shelters across Utah
- One stray puppy placed with Michelle's granddaughter

7. CiviclinQ Ordinance Hosting.

Jim & Laura Reported:

- CiviclinQ has migrated city ordinances; no omissions or additions found.
- Minor formatting issues remain (chapter titles, broken references).
- Council requested redline copy and draft link before approval.
- Planning & Zoning ordinances will be reviewed separately.
- Jim will complete remaining comparisons within the next two weeks.

8. DUP Building Brick Sealant.

Vaughn reported that the brick on the DUP is deteriorating and needs to be sprayed with a sealant before they completely disintegrate.

Motion: Rich Walker motioned to approve up to $1,000 for sealant materials; volunteered labor.
Second: Kerry Farnsworth seconded the motion.
Vote: Kerry – Yes; Vaughn– Yes; Rich – Yes; Kim – Yes; Jacob – Yes
Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

9. APC Tower Lease Buyout

Vaughn explained that APC Towers has offered a $302,000 one-time buyout of the city's cell tower lease.

Key points:

- Original lease: 10 years + optional 5-year increments (up to 40 years).
- Time-value analysis shows $302,000 today ≈ $1.18M over 30 years.
- Satellite communication growth may reduce future tower revenue.
- Second bidder offered significantly less.

Motion: Vaughn Jacobsen motioned to accept and confirm the offer from APC Towers.
Second: Rich Walker seconded the motion.
Vote: Kerry – Yes; Vaughn– Yes; Rich – Yes; Kim – Yes; Jacob – Yes
Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

Vaughn will contact APC Towers.

10. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Vaughn would like to see a ribbon cutting to celebrate:

- Cemetery bridge
- Pickleball courts

A ribbon cutting will be held on September 15 at 6 PM, starting at the cemetery bridge then onto the pickleball courts.

11. Electric Sign Proposal.

Vaughn presented some ideas for an electronic sign installed in front of the city hall. His proposal included an estimated cost under $12,000, useful for public notices, and possible revenue source.

Concerns: current project load, light pollution

Outcome: No motion; item placed for future consideration.

12. Land Purchase Update (approx. 800 W. 100 N./Center)

- Survey completed.
- Need confirmation whether parcels are designated roads.
- If roads: ordinance required to abandon.
- If excess property: sale may proceed.
- Awaiting response from Garrick.
- Item is tabled for one month.

13. Playground Expansion & Equipment.

Motion: Kerry Farnsworth approved the following expenses:

- **Playground equipment: $47,797.13**
- **Curbing: $6,399**
- **Sand: $1,900**
- **Future Bowery lights provision: $5,000**

Seconded: Jacob Littlefield seconded the motion.
Vote: Kerry – Yes; Vaughn– Yes; Rich – Yes; Kim – Yes; Jacob – Yes
Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

14. Police Report.

Chief Gray reported the following:

- Officer hired to cover Fountain Green halfway through academy.
- September shift change: two officers always on duty.
- 168 citations issued; 49 calls; 19 arrests (mostly traffic-related).
- Two stolen vehicles recovered; keys left inside.
- Animal control praised.
- Fugitive Night event successful.
- Proposed firearms training class to be held at City Hall.

15. Planning & Zoning.

Mark Woods reported:

- Two meetings held; multiple building permits reviewed.
- Positive feedback from residents.

Ordinance (Chapter 7 and 11.32) Amendment Recommendations.

Motion: Rich Walker motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the Land Use Ordinances Chapters 7 and 11.32 as presented by the Planning Commission.
Second: Jacob Littlefield seconded the motion.
Vote: Kerry – Yes; Vaughn– Yes; Rich – Yes; Kim – Yes; Jacob – Yes
Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

16. Fire Safety Inspection Ordinance.

Ordinance allows annual or as-needed fire inspections for businesses and short-term rentals.

Motion: Vaughn Jacobsen motioned to approve the Fire Safety Inspection Ordinance as written.
Second: Kerry Farnsworth seconded the motion.
Vote: Kerry – Yes; Vaughn– Yes; Rich – Yes; Kim – Yes; Jacob – Yes
Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

17. Fire Department Report.

Chief Blackham reported:

- 6 calls; 1 within city.
- Assisted Nephi and Moroni.
- Two state-contract deployments:
    - Cottonwood Fire: $7,632 revenue
    - Black Canyon Fire: $16,713 revenue
- No structures lost in either deployment.
- Will provide total revenue summary next month.

18. Public Works Report.

Completed:

- Water sampling, PRV checks, meter reading
- Four burials
- Lamb Days support
- Cross-connection inspections (minor school issues)

Cemetery Bridge:

- Temporary bridge removed
- Culvert removed
- C900 pipe installed for future water line relocation
- Reflective posts ordered
- Sod scheduled for September 8th.
- Metal frame proposed for entrance signs

Cemetery Shed:

- Installed; topsoil placed
- Electrical work pending
- Council approved up to $499 for lights, outlets, motion lights, workbench

Playground:

- Excavation and sprinkler relocation planned
- Curbing scheduled
- Sand added after equipment installation

PRV Leak:

- Significant leak at Hanson's; Curt will inspect immediately.

19. Approval of City Bills

Questions raised:

- Centracom billing is still $477/month despite agreement for reduction. Mark Coombs will pursue retroactive correction.
- Mid-Utah Radio charge was Lamb Day advertising.
- Land survey is tied to the 800 West/Center/100 North project.

Motion: Vaughn Jacobsen motioned to approve the city bills with the above questions answered.
Second: Jacob Littlefield seconded the motion.
Vote: Kerry – Yes; Vaughn– Yes; Rich – Yes; Kim – Yes; Jacob – Yes
Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

20. Miscellaneous

- Dance hall trip hazards (going into the main hall and into the kitchen) need to be marked with a caution safety strip. Contractor was supposed to fix it; will be contacted.
- Lamb Show successful; planning underway for next year.

- Cemetery digitization grant approved: $9,000 grant ($2,200 city match); deadline June next year.

Adjournment

Motion: Kerry Farnsworth motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Jacob Littlefield seconds the motion.
Vote: Kerry – Yes; Vaughn– Yes; Rich – Yes; Kim – Yes; Jacob – Yes
Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourns at 9:35 p.m.

Michelle Walker

Michelle Walker, City Recorder

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