



Ferron City Council Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025, 7:00
p.m.
Council Chambers – Ferron City Hall
20 East Main Street, Ferron Utah
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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Stotler led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Mayor Trent Jackson	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Laramie Morgan	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

The mayor advised that this was an informational meeting.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. DISCUSS CITY HALL 2.0

The City purchased the Dugmore building.

The City would like to have the building be used as a Community Center. The building could be used to hold community events. That would be a building that could be rented out to the community, and we would no longer rent out City Hall.

The building would have a concrete floor and a small kitchen. Once what happened down at the fairgrounds, so we put the stop on that building for now.

Is there any questions?

Plumbing – Does it work? Yes, there is water in the building.

Heating – There was heating when there was power to the building. The power has been shut off because there were so many wires just in the walls it was easier to just cut the power to the building and remove the wiring.

There has been some money set aside in the tentative budget to start renovating that building.

b. DISCUSS FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE

The mayor explained that he had been going back and forth with the insurance company.

We have been advised that we could start tearing it down and that we would be made whole if we built the same square footage.

If we build a building over what they deem necessary, then they will not pay for.

The third week of June is when they are hopefully going to be when they start tearing it down.

Laramie Morgan advised that the Emery and Carbon Road Departments had volunteered help tear down and haul off the barn. The wash racks will be coming out. 230 ft long 120 ft wide. That could be changed so that bleachers could go underneath. That would give us 18 ft between the horse track and the barn. A roadway between the sheep barn and the new barn. We would basically be going back into the same footprint. The pig barn is drawn up as 90 ft x 75 ft. As of right now there will not be bleachers inside the building. They would be set up on the east side of the building. A drainage system in the pig barn and on the north/west would have a pig and beef wash rack. The area would need to be raised 5 to 6 inches. The panels will be started next week. He is making a show ring, 144 pig pens, 75 sheep panels, 50 qty 12' x 6' tall cattle panels, two bow gates and he will be delivering them. Laramie questioned if it was 50 sheep panels he would need to check. They would be delivered.

Email has been sent to a contractor in Lola who uses a company out of Colorado for the metal barns. He will be coming this way, and we will be meeting with him. I would like him to get us a bid. We were hoping or were told that we would be getting \$750,000 from the County. We now have been told that perhaps we won't be getting anything. So, we are hoping we can pretty much build the new covered arena with the money we have received from the insurance company, and we were going to use the money from the County for the pig barn. As of right now the County won't even give us a dollar amount of what we could possibly get.

The mayor explained that there is extra TRT tax money in the amount of \$750,000. A lot of that money was earmarked to go to Green River until this project. No one in the County had other than Green River had a big project related for tourism and that why they got on board with Ferron City with this project. A Great Big Event Center. This would bring in tourism. Mayor Jackson and Mayor Hat from Green River would meet with the Tourism Board director, Commissioner Jensen and Andy Mead. We both would present our projects, tell them how close we are to starting our projects and then the board would decide who gets what money. However, now they are saying we are going to have to submit our projects and see what money they can give us. The promise of \$750,000 is no longer there.

We want to have multiple bids on the project. That way we can go to the insurance company and show them that it is impossible for us to bid rebuild a like building in the same footprint for that they are saying we can. We do have the 1.1 million to get started. That is what we are going to do.

Laramie advised that we want to put two walls up on the South wall and the West wall to help with wind and sun. Put in some louvers to help with air flow and a couple of really big fans.

Mayor would like to fully enclose for security reasons.

Laramie stated that for right now it would be best to go as big as we can and eventually enclose it in.

Mayor asked if there was any questions:

Council Member Petersen asked: Travel Bureau could give all the money to one town? Mayor advised yes.

Sherry Swasey asked: The sheep barn is going to stay where it is? Laramie advised yes.

Sherry Swasey asked: Is the building going to be steel or wood or what? Mayor advised Steel
Is there going to be an office? No.

The mayor advised that we have talked about possibly placing a 20 ft roll up door and then building a 20 x 30 or 20 x 40 ft meeting area off the southwest corner to house the internet etc. Laramie stated that they are hoping to have this done by the end of spring next year.

Sherry Swasey asked if they got a travel trailer, could they store it down at the fairground somewhere? No, it could not be stored at the fairgrounds. The mayor does not want anyone else to ask to store their trailers down there. If there was to be vandalism, who would be responsible.

Sherry Swasey asked what size panels were being made for the sheep? Regular panels and then 6 ft panels. Sherrie stated that the stock show was 4 ft square panels.

Laramie advised that Joe Humphries was building the panels. Someone asked if we knew when they would be done. Joe has not given Ferron City a definite answer when they will be done. The questions was then asked would they be ready for "their" stock show. Mayor advised that we were cutting him a check tomorrow so hopefully that would motivate him.

Sherry Swasey then asked if the stock show could use the show ring over in Castle Dale. Both Mayor Jackson and Laramie Morgan advised that they could.

Laramie Morgan advised: The commissioners have asked about this show ring. "Will we let other people use it?" We talked about it and for nonprofit, we don't have a problem. However, Commissioner Kevin Jensen was saying someone wants to put some jackpots on and make money. If that's the case, we'll rent the show ring. There is no reason why we would charge a non profit.

Sherry Swasey wanted to make sure it was ready for them to borrow.
Mayor advised that we hoped it was ready.

The stock show advised that they would like to have the show ring as the priority and then the panels. They had located some panels in Delta however, they would rather borrow from Ferron City and avoid the travel.

Laramie Morgan advised the representatives from the stock show that he did not want to sound rude and he understood what their priorities were but he knew what Ferron City's priorities were. Council Member Morgan did not appreciate the stock show and the county to go behind Ferron City's back and call Joe Humphries. Council Member Morgan did not appreciate that. This is Ferron City ordering the show ring and the panels, not the stock show. If you have questions, you come to us. For Commissioner Worwood to go to Joe and change what Ferron City ordered, that's not right.

Mayor Jackson again stated that if the stock show had any questions to contact either himself or Council Member Laramie Morgan.

Brady, President of the stock show asked if we had any questions to be please contact him.
Sherry Swasey asked that we go to their meetings.

Council Member Morgan confronted Brady. Brady had been the individual that had stated that Ferron City was going back and forth on if we were going to purchase a show ring or not. Brady responded that the stock show had never gotten a complete and total answer if the showring was going to be purchased and how it was going to be purchased. CM Morgan then stated, "Did Ferron City ever say we weren't going to? The only thing that Ferron City has gone back and forth on was if we were going to purchase permanent pig pens or panels."

Mayor Jackson stated that updates for the stock show should come from City Council Meetings. The Stock Show can contact the Mayor or CM Morgan anytime. "hearsay" on both sides is just that. Lets move past what has happened in the past. Mayor Jackson stated that he supports Laramie 100% and he understands that this is a touchy subject because the stock show has been in Ferron since the beginning and this is it's home. The bottom line is that the fairgrounds is Ferron City property, not the stock shows. There's a lot

of blood, sweat and tears done by the stock show committee down there. That's understood. That's the reason it was built in 1939. It was then and still is on city property. With the new stuff going forward, there's not going to be going down there and adding on whatever. There isn't going to be any of that stuff. That's why we are trying to build something that fits what you need right from the start. So, you don't have to extend the pig barn, or you don't have to go on and build a wash rack somewhere. At the same time, we want to build something that the other citizens can use. That the other citizens can enjoy. The priority is to get something done that suits the stock but that isn't the only purpose of the building. A building that will be used more than one week out of the year. An Event Center for the Community. Is there any other questions?

Parking. Is it going to be the same size? Both CM Morgan and Mayor stated that it would be bigger.

What other events are you thinking of having down there? Roping, Run Barrels

The panels and show ring will not be painted.

Sherrie Swasey: Is there enough power. There will be more power. Because of the fire we will need to redo a lot of the power. After everything is redone there should be more than enough.

c. DISCUSS APPROVE OR DENY ACCEPTING DONATION FROM EMERY COUNTY FOR SHOW RING AND PENS
Council Member Morgan made a motion to accept the donation of \$100,000 from Emery County Show Ring and Pens. Council Member Stotler seconded the motion.

Roll Call

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Kellee Singleton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Laramie Morgan	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Ray Petersen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Vance Brown seconded the motion.

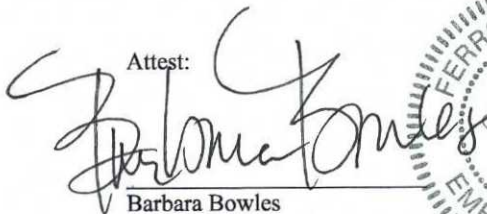
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Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Attest:



Barbara Bowles
 Ferron City Recorder




 Trent Jackson (Jul 8, 2025 11:00 MDT)

Mayor Trent Jackson