



Ferron City Council Meeting Minutes March 6, 7:00 pm.  
 Council Chambers – Ferron City Hall  
 20 East Main Street, Ferron Utah  
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**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Trent Jackson called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Mayor Trent Jackson	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Dell Mead	<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>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Ray Petersen.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes dated February 7, 2024

Council Member Vance Brown motioned to approve the minutes dated February 4, 2024. Council Member Ray Petersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<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>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

**Appointment of Fire Chief**

Mayor Jackson advised everyone in attendance that Council Member Dell Mead had submitted his resignation for the Council as well as for Fire Chief effective today. He asked Council Member Mead to speak. Council Member Dell Mead advised that Randy Kenney and Eddie Deto have been his right hands while being the Fire Chief. He explained that when Randy joined the department he came with experience from up North. The experience that he has is beneficial for Ferron Fire. He explained it is because of medical reasons he is having to step down. His doctor has advised that he needs to reduce stress in his life. He will remain in the fire department as an officer so that he can support Randy if he is appointed. He asked Randy if he would like to say anything. Randy Kenney stated that he feels that he has big shoes to fill. Mayor thanked Dell for his service as Fire Chief and asked the council if they had any questions for Randy. Council Member Vance Brown asked Randy about his experience. Randy Kenney explained that he has safety site certifications, he has the training to shut streets and highways down. He has attended training for electric vehicle fires. He has attended nozzle training and execution training. He isn't afraid to step up if necessary. No further questions. Mayor asked for a motion to appoint Randy Kenney as the Fire Chief.

Council Member Vance Brown motioned to appoint Randy Kenney as the new Fire Chief. Council Member Laramie Morgan seconded the motion.

Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<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>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

**Appointment of City Council Member- pending applicant**

Currently no one has shown interest in the position of Council Member. Ferron City has not received a letter of interest for Council Member to fill Dell Meads spot. Mayor Jackson explained to the public in attendance that Ferron City has reached out to the Lt Governors office to ask how to handle our current situation. The State Code

states that once a letter of resignation has been submitted it cannot be rescinded. However, Dell has agreed to stay until we can find a replacement. That is why we have reached out to the Lt. Governor's office. If it is alright with the Council and pending what we hear from the Lt Governors office, they are supposed to get back from us by the end of the week, Dell could stay on as a Council Member. The delay with the Lt Governors office is because of the State Caucus's etc. Mayor asked if the Council had any input. Council Member Petersen stated that if Dell could medically stay on it would be best to have that seat filled by him if he could. Council Member Brown stated that he felt the same, that Dell needed to take care of his medical first. Dell stated that he had already told the Mayor that he would be willing to stay on and hopefully by the next council meeting they would have someone to show interest. The city recorder explained her conversation with the Lt Governors office and how the code reads. The question was asked where the posting was posted. The city website, State notice website, city hall, credit union and post office. The question was raised why it wasn't posted on FB or the Ferron City Community FB page. It was explained that Facebook is a dangerous thing for Cities, and we don't comment on Facebook postings.

**Council Member Petersen motioned to repost the upcoming vacancy on the City Council for another 30 days pending differing instructions from the Lt Governor's office. Council Member Laramie Morgan seconded the motion.**

Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<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>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Motion Carried.			

**GENERAL BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS / ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

a. REPORT FROM EMS – Jared Howes

Jared congratulated Randy for his appointment as Fire Chief. Finance Reports for EMS was given to the Council. Currently they are writing off 50% due to Medicaid etc. Ferron City had 19 calls. LUCAS devices were purchased via a grant. Ferron City was one of the first to get one. EMS is extremely short staffed. Really would like to get the word out to have a class. The bigger the class the better. The class is \$900/ Books are a huge expense. The class is usually held in Castle Dale. The College is available online for a lot of it... however, there is no getting around the hand on.

b. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY REQUEST TO PURCHASE CORNHOLE BOARDS - FERRON CITY YOUTH COUNCIL- Arena Morgan

Arena explained to the Council that the Youth Council would like to purchase Cornhole boards not only for the Easter Event but boards that could be used for other city events. They had a quote for 5 complete board sets including carrying bags and bean bags for \$1300 from Snows cornhole. They had a donation from Desert View Credit Union of \$650 to help with the costs. They had gathered information on purchasing corn hole boards on line. Mayor asked if the Council had any questions for Arena. Council Member Morgan asked what else the boards could be used for besides the easter celebration. Aren advised the citizens of Ferron to rent them out for personal celebrations and reunions. The question was asked where they would be stored. The mayor could come, and clear out storage sheds connected to City Hall where they could be stored. City Hall personnel could help with the rental. There would need to be a deposit. They could be paid out of the recreational budget.

The discussion on the cornhole boards led to other business within the city donating to the youth council. The Youth Council does have its own budget line. If someone/some business wanted to donate they could, and we could see that their logo was on the boards or other equipment.

**Council Member Laramie Morgan motioned to approve the of purchase cornhole boards for the Youth Council. Council Member Vance Brown seconded the motion.**

Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<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>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Motion Carried.			

c. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY BARK DONATION SRMS – Kenzi Guymon

Mayor advised that the information for this was in their council packets. They were looking to take the students to the movies. They had the monies to pay for the tickets but were looking to purchase a treat at the movies. They were looking for a donation of \$100-\$150 dollars. Council Member Ray Petersen did state that he was disappointed that they did not have a representative at the meeting to ask for the donation even though they did have another meeting that was a conflict.

**Council Member Ray Petersen motioned to donate \$150 to the BARK program at SRMS. Council Member Vance Brown seconded the motion.**

Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<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>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Motion Carried.			

d. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY NEWSLETTER – Mayor Jackson

Mayor had put in their packets what it would cost the city for the newsletter to be put in with their water bills. Approximately \$78 to have it sourced with the water bills. However, this will keep those citizens that still want to keep receiving their water bills via the mail happy as they will still be also receiving their newsletter. We will not be putting them available at the post office etc.

**Council Member Laramie Morgan motioned to approve the outsourcing of the newsletter with the water bills. Council Member Ray Petersen seconded the motion.**

Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<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>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Motion Carried.			

e. PURCHASE OF A NEW COPY MACHINE FOR CITY HALL

This is an informational item only. We did receive two state contract quotes for copiers. \$5,200 to \$6,000. We can also purchase a brother copy machine for \$499. It's a no brainer. We will be purchasing the brother. Yes, we will have to purchase the toner etc. However, we will not be having to purchase a maintenance contract and will not have to pay a per copy charge.

f. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE UPDATE

The state did pass that each entity will have to update their subdivision ordinance. We have been contacted by Smith and Hartvigsen and also Mike Hansen. Mike Hansen has helped Castle Dale with their ordinance. He will help us. We will then have Lisa Baskins group review also. Mayor asked the council if it was alright for him to enter a contract with Mike Hansen's group.

**Council Member Ray Petersen motioned that we enter contract with Mike Hansens group for the writing of the Subdivision contract. Council Member Dell Mead seconded the motion.**

Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<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>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Motion Carried.			

g. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY SPEED SIGNS FOR MOLEN ROAD

Mayor advised that this had been a past agenda item pending clarification on cloud support. Mayor advised that there would be money in the budget for the support. Also, the quote that we had previously been given we needed to verify the price which had been given. The price for the signs was still the same. However, freight of \$300 had

been added to the price of the quote. Mayor turned the time over to Council Member Ray Petersen. Council Member Petersen explained that he had received feedback from the community that it has been positive. He himself has become more aware of the speed he is traveling when on Canyon Road. He strongly encourages us to purchase these signs.

**Council member Ray Petersen motioned that we purchase the signs in the amount of \$5,947.54. Council Member Laramie Morgan seconded the motion.**

Roll Call.	A YE	N AY	A BSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<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>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Motion Carried.			

**h. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY CEMETERY FEE INCREASE**

Council Member Vance Brown explained that Ferron City is currently going into the hole when we bury somebody. The current pricing has been in effect since 1984. He has contacted all the cities in Emery County, and we are currently the least expensive. He also had included what he would consider “Holidays”. Dates when burials would not be allowed. He felt that it wouldn’t be fair to Ferron City employees to have to leave their families to take care of a burial, i.e. Thanksgiving etc. Council Member Ray Petersen verified the “Holidays”. Council Member Brown then went through the proposal with the council and those citizens in attendance. The question was asked if those that have already purchased their burial plots would this affect them. It would not. However, if they had not paid for their “grave preparation” they would need to pay the higher price. The definition of what is concerned a resident would not be changed. Council Member wanted it clear that Ferron City isn’t trying to make money by doing this. We just need to be able to break even, currently we are not.

**Council Member Vance Brown motioned to approve the cemetery fee increase as proposed. Council Member Ray Petersen seconded the motion.**

Roll Call.	A YE	N AY	A BSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<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>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Motion Carried.			

**i. DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ESTABLISHING/ADOPTING FEES FOR GOLF COURSE**

Mayor explained that the fees proposed were brought by Kasey Edgehouse and the Consultant for the Golf Course. There is a little increase during the “spillway period”. Mayor went on to explain that this isn’t a huge increase from what it is currently. The City is looking at the fees for the credit card transactions. It does cost the city to process cc transactions. Currently the city just pays for that fee and is looking to just pass that fee onto the customer. It was explained that the city would break even if a 4 % fee was charged for credit cards. On the passes the customer is given the option to pay with an ACH. If the choice was made by the consumer to pay with ACH the fee would be 1.5%. A one-time initiation fee of \$75.00 will be charged for new sign-ups. It was explained to the Mayor by the consultant that this would help with those that would sign up and then want to drop the pass after the season is over. It would also help with the sign-up/sale process of the passes. Mayor also advised that he and Council Member Ray Petersen are working with the Kasey while running the golf course. The consultant has recently told the Mayor and Council Member Petersen that they are hoping to see a \$500,000 revenue year. The mayor also cautioned that this doesn’t mean profit, just revenue. There would still be expenses etc. The Mayor expressed that he was cautious about this statement. He explained that fiscal year compared to the “golf season”. Council Member Petersen explained the passes to those in attendance. He also explained the benefits of the fitness center, how the passes are a every month charge and how often you would have to golf during the “golf season” to break even. Mayor went on to say how amazing the gym was. Several in attendance also stated how wonderful the gym was.

Council Member Ray Petersen motioned to accept the fees as written for the Golf Course. Council Member Laramie Morgan seconded the motion.

Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Councilmember Laramie Morgan	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	_____	_____	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Motion Carried.			

4. **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. 2024-2 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND INCREASE THE FERRON CITY CEMETERY FEES

Motion by Council Member Vance Brown to adopt RESOLUTION 2024-2 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND INCREASE THE FERRON CITY CEMETERY FEES. Council Member Dell Mead seconded the motion.

Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Councilmember Laramie Morgan	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	_____	_____	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Motion Carried.			

- b. 2024-3 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING FEES FOR THE 2024-2025 GOLF SEASON AT THE FERRON CITY MILLSITE GOLF COURSE.

Council Member Dell Mead made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2024-3 RSTABLISHING AND ADOPTING FEES FOR 2024-2025 GOLF SEASON AT THE FERRON CITY MILLSITE GOLF COURSE. Council Member Laramie Morgan seconded the motion.

Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Councilmember Laramie Morgan	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	_____	_____	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Motion Carried.			

5. **REPORTS**

- a. BUDGET REVIEW

The City Recorder, Barbara Bowles, explained to the council the extra lines on the budget. Mayor Jackson likes the added transparency with the budget. It is a work in progress and just to be patient as we work through this. Please get your 2025 budget requests sooner than later. If you need help with those please ask.

- b. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

- (1) Mayor Trent Jackson

Has been working with CVSSD. Jacque has been working with the water meters. When he has been talking with other Mayors, we are not the only city with meters not working properly. There is a back long with parts etc. Mayor explained that Barb has been taking a lot of training to keep us current on our filing obligations and what the city needs to have in place to be compliant. Jacque also has her training. The mayor went on to talk about the ordinances that we have on the books and how important it is that we enforce those ordinances. He went on to explain a situation where the city had enforced one of our nuisance ordinances. To enforce the ordinance, it ended up costing the city approximately \$8,200. The city does like having to clean up people's property and the city cannot afford to keep doing it. He noted that Price City had put their nuisance ordinance in the paper. He is considering doing the same. He is asking the citizens to be responsible, if you see a problem try talking to your

neighbor. If you must go ahead and come into City Hall and file a complaint. Ferron City does not have nuisance officers, it is the Planning and Zoning and Council. He again stated that Ferron City does have a nuisance ordinance and it needs to be enforced. The complaints are kept anonymous. It was asked if we had it in the budget for a nuisance officer. The Mayors' response was we do not, but we will.

(2) Council Member Vance Brown

Recently he attended the "Go Bag" training online. He stated that it had a lot of really good information. He went on to give a cemetery update. The cemetery ended up having 9 trees that fell and 4 more that had to be removed. The cemetery is open now. The insurance company contacted Council Member Brown today and will cover the damage to the road that was damaged and for the sprinklers. He stated that there are also some headstones that are damaged. He will be working with the maintenance team to do what we can to get them repaired. Council Member Brown stated that he would like to do a community clean up and possibly a hot dog roast. He felt that it would be a great community service project. There is still a lot of work to be done. He will be hiring a cemetery worker to help with all the work up there. The goal is to have the cemetery up and going by Memorial Day. The state arborist has been to the cemetery. She has mapped the cemetery. Unfortunately, all the trees up there are diseased and will need to be removed. It isn't a matter of if those trees are coming down but when. He will be looking into possible Grants to help with this process. He mentioned Molen Cemetery has not been cared for. He will be working on that with the new hire. He also thanked Rick and Jacob for all their hard work. Also, the Guymon's for opening their pit and allowing Ferron City to put the limbs and such their saved us a lot of money in transporting the cleanup.

(3) Council Member Ray Petersen

He thanked Council Member Vance Brown for all his hard work. He also mentioned that there had been some letters sent out about ordinances that had been broken concerning parking. He was really impressed by the citizens and their response in taking care of the problem. He felt that most of the time they just don't know the rules so by sending the ordinances that can be enough. The golf course is open. The club house has a new roof. Arbor Day event is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> of April. Council Member Petersen also apologized to Council Member Morgan for the miscommunication concerning Arbor Days.

(4) Council Member Gerry Stotler – Absent.

(5) Council Member Laramie Morgan

The show barn roof has been repaired from the wind damage. We are having a problem with vandalism at the park now. There has been painting on some of the rocks. This all took place about the same time that there were kids throwing rocks at cars on state street.

(6) Council Member Dell Mead

There is a veterinarian that will be catching 25 cats and neutering/spaying them and then returning them to where they caught them. It was suggested that he catches cats down at the fairgrounds. These will be feral cats. It was suggested that Molen Road also has a problem. There have been a few dog issues. The Fire Department has had a couple of run ins with people trying to burn before the burn window. The burn window is now open. You must have a burn permit. They are free and are done online. If anything is going to be burned overnight, please call the Fire Chief. The question was asked about charging a fine for burning without a permit. The concern is the "district" has some funds to distribute to the fire departments. It will be contingent on training etc. Yes, Ferron City has in the past issued citations. With this money slotted to be distributed to FD through the district on a per call basis etc. if citations would be allowed. The Ferron Fire Department is a volunteer department. The discussion was brought up about charging for burning without burn permits. Dell has enjoyed working with everyone and he wishes his health was better and he could have finished the next 2 years.

Council Member Brown thanked the Youth Council for coming to the City Council Meeting. He reminded everyone about the Easter Celebration on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

- c. GOLF COURSE AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS AND WORK ORDER REVIEW  
KASEY EDGEHOUSE – Not in attendance  
RICK PRICE OR JACOB BUSHMAN – Not in attendance

6. **CLOSED SESSION**

*Possible closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; strategy for pending or reasonably imminent litigation; strategy for the purchase, exchange, sale, or lease of real property, including any water right or water shares; the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; or investigative proceedings to investigate alleged criminal misconduct. Utah Code § 52-4-205.*

Council Member Vance Brown motioned to close the public city council meeting and enter closed session. Council Member Ray Petersen. Seconded the motion.

Council Member Ray Petersen motioned to close the closed session and enter back into the public city council meeting. Council Member Vance Brown seconded the motion.

7. APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Council Member Del Mead motioned to pay the bills. Council Member Laramie Morgan seconded the motion.

Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<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>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Motion Carried.			

8. ADJOURNMENT

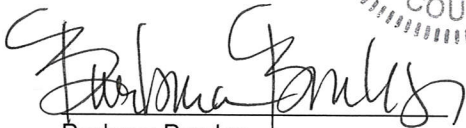
Council Member Dell Mead motioned to adjourn the Ferron City Council meeting. Council Member Laramie Morgan seconded the motion.

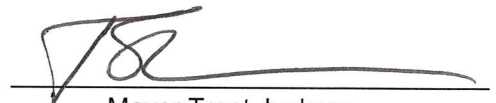
Roll Call.	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilmember Dell Mead	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Laramie Morgan	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Vance Brown	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Councilmember Gerry Stotler	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Councilmember Ray Petersen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Motion Carried.			

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Attest:



  
 Barbara Bowles  
 Ferron City Recorder

  
 Mayor Trent Jackson