



Present:

Mayor Adele Justice Council Member Dell Mead
Council Member Wendy Price Council Member Troy Winter

Also Present:

Brittany Yeates, Recorder Liz Nielson Julie Benson
Jacqueline Wilde, Treasurer Kasey Edgehouse Julie Johanson, Newspaper
Sid Swasey, Maintenance Chad Booth (phone)

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Justice welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call showed Council Members Mead, Winter, and Price was present. Council Member Richman and Winn were excused. Council Member Mead led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

The Mayor recognized The Grub Box as April's business of the month. It has been here under various ownership for years and has become a staple in Ferron. She expressed appreciation to the current owner, Julie Robinson, for all that she does to help out the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED MARCH 10, 2021

4. UTILITY ADJUSTMENT – PETERSON

The Peterson's were not present. The Council tabled this until someone could be present.

5. UTILITY RENTAL AGREEMENT – VANDENBERGH & RUDISILL

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Council Member Winter moved to approve line items 3, 5, and 6. The adjustments for the Peterson's will wait until they can come in. Council Member Mead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. DISCUSSION OF RENTAL PROPERTIES AND WATER USAGE

If someone has a separate apartment built into their home, they should have two separate water bills. We have some homes that are being billed this way and others that are not. The city needs to be consistent. The Recorder mentioned that the legislature has passed a bill that address internal accessory dwelling units that will go into effect on May 4th. She asked that the council not make any decisions tonight and let her do some reading up on the bill.

8. GOLF COURSE REPORT

Kasey Edgehouse said the construction is moving forward. They are still working on the concrete issues. He believes they have one more rear wall to pour and a corner to finish out the rear wall. He doesn't think the spillway will be finished until mid-June. They've done the subgrade work, dug the pond, gotten the green ready, and prepped the fairway for hole number three. They're working on the main water line. There is a complication with laying the sod. If the sod is planted in May or June, there should be enough water. If it'll be after that, he will have them hold off until next year. He thinks it'll be a good year for the course. The Junior Program is working out good. They're going to have to have cuts for the first time ever because there are so many junior golfers.

The Mayor said that the BLM has quit responding to her.

Mr Edgehouse said he is hoping to get a new pump at the number 5 bathrooms that supplies the water for the golf course, service district and the state park.

There is an individual wanting to do a breakfast and lunch menu at the golf course. It will need to be on the agenda next month to be approved.

The Mayor would like to have another community event at the golf course.

9. APPROVAL OF THE UTAH DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE FISCAL INCENTIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Chad Booth from At Your Leisure called in. The Mayor said that she had a meeting last week with Chad, Brad Benson and Julie Benson about a grant opportunity to promote Ferron and the OHV trails around Ferron. There are grants through Salt Lake City and are for education and tourism promotion. We could have video trail mapping done that will be posted to the Outsiders.zone site. This site lets people learn about the communities that are nearby and preview trails. These grant applications could give Ferron a \$52,000 advertising package for half a year and highlighting three local trails.

Mr. Booth has done most of the work with the applications. The city just needs to collect letters of recommendation to submit with them.

Julie Benson is the project manager. The Mayor is the secondary contact. Then there would be a couple of volunteers to ride the trails/do the work. All it will cost Ferron is volunteer hours.

Motion to accept grant proposal and go after the grants as they are written was made by Council Member Mead. Council Member Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED CHANGE

Planning Commission Chair Liz Nielson said that we are starting to see growth coming to Ferron. She believes we need to decide if we're going to have commercial water hook ups and charge a different fee for commercial properties. There have been situations that our current code does not address and we need to get ahead of the growth if we do not want to become another Moab.

11. CONSIDERATION FOR DONATION TO EMERY HIGH GRADUATION NIGHT

Bralin Wilde was present to represent the Emery High seniors. She said there would be around 16 Seniors from Ferron and 300-350 kids at the party. She supplied a letter which the Mayor read out loud. "This letter is to request your support for the Emery High Graduation party. This is an annual event that has been made possible due to our community's generous contributions. All sponsors will be recognized on our flyer for the graduation party. As part of our Celebration, we have games, activities, food and prizes. Any donated items. As well as gift certificates will be handed out as prizes throughout the night. Cash donations will help with the cost of activities, along with purchase of prizes also to be given away that night." She then read off some of the activities like 3-on-3 basketball, cornhole, spike ball, food, ping-pong, games, and prizes. They must stay at the party to get the prizes. This is an

alcohol and tobacco free event.

Council Member Winter made the motion to donate \$500 to the Emery High School party. Council Member Mead seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Winter, and Price all voting aye in a roll call vote.

12. DISCUSSION OF BUILDING RENTAL FEES

Council Member Winter apologized that he wasn't quite prepared with a new fee schedule. He wanted to change it because he didn't think it was right to charge citizens \$35 to use the building at the fairgrounds. We currently have a couple groups that use the building to exercise. There is also no distinguishing between the charge of using the building for a full day or just a couple hours. He'll have something ready for next time.

13. REVIEW OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Fire Chief Mead presented a list to be approved. These are individuals who have been showing up for trainings, have been voted on by the fire department and have passed their background checks. There are a few individuals who come but not regularly enough to be put on the roster.

Alisha Roberts-Walker, Eddie Deto, Andy Deto, Jordan Deto, Dusty Justice, Willard Hawks, Jennifer Price, Wayne Urie, and Dell Mead.

The motion to approve the fire department roster was made by Council Member Winter. Council Member Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. DISCUSSION OF WAYMAN PROPERTY LINE

The Mayor has looked into the Wayman property line issue. She checked with the county and there are conflicting maps. She is wanting to do a title search.

Motion to spend money with title company to adjust the property line was made by Council Member Mead. Council Member Winter seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Winter, and Price all voting aye in a roll call vote.

15. DISCUSSION OF WATER RESTRICTIONS

The Mayor spoke with the Canal Company and they are stressing that we need to be careful with the water this year. We are allotted a half-acre foot per share. We will have culinary because it takes priority, but we still need to conserve. The city has a little over 1670 shares of water for secondary. Secondary water will be coming on Monday the 19th. In the past the city set tight restrictions and found that the citizens used more water than they normally would have. The Mayor is recommending allowing watering between 6:00 and 10:00 AM and PM with no limits on the days. No overnight watering. The bigger water users, like the parks and schools, can water during the night. Even those who plant new grass will need to follow the restrictions.

16. ADOPTION OF FAIRGROUNDS MASTER PLAN

The Mayor presented an idea for the fairgrounds. She is recommending making the RV dump a straight shot and having its own approach, relocate the dumpsters and make that area parking, build something over track to allow vehicles to drive over it without damaging the track, improve the mud bog pit and make a bike playground on the interior of the track, have more RV hookups on the interior of the track also, upgrade the metal building, upgrade the arena.

Stage one is the adventure park. Phase two is the retaining wall/picnic area and new restroom facility. Phase three is the basketball/pickleball/tennis courts, paving the

parking area and upgrading the RV dump. Phase four would be upgrading the metal building and the improvements inside the arena. Phase five would be upgrading the arena and the bleachers/grandstands.

It was recommended to move the metal building improvements up in the timeline to phase three. Also, need to consider having a water feature/play area.

Motion to approve the master plan for the adventure hub at the fairgrounds was made by Council Member Winter. Council Member Mead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

17. APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND FERRON CITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Motion to approve the agreement with the County to run the elections was made by Council Member Mead. The motion was seconded by Council Member Winter. Motion carried.

18. APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT AN OPINION QUESTION REGARDING RAP TAX DURING 2021 GENERAL ELECTION

RAP tax stands for Recreation, Arts and Parks. Could use these funds toward the golf course and at the Adventure Park. To begin that process, we need to check to see if the county is okay with us doing it.

Motion to approve the notice of intent to submit the opinion questionnaire regarding the RAP tax during the 2021 general election was made by Council Member Winter. Council Member Mead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

19. DISCUSSION OF PEACH DAYS

There was a discussion about whether there will be horse races this year. It will depend on whether the event can be pulled off without costing the city as much as it has in the past. Council Member Winter said he will talk with the horse racing association.

20. DISCUSSION OF 2021-22 BUDGET

The Recorder presented the budget. She asked the Council to look it over to see if it needs any changes. She also requested they think about giving the planning commission chair a monthly stipend. They seemed favorable to the idea. The tentative budget will be adopted next month.

REPORTS

21. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Price knows some individuals who are unable to pay their bill at the moment and she doesn't want their water to be turned off. It was recommended she refer them to Jacqueline who can work with them. The Mayor said that the citizen has the responsibility to communicate with the city.

Council Member Winter reported that cobble rock at the fairgrounds has been removed and a flat rock installed instead. He has a youth group that will put in ground cloth and mulch.

Working on the water and sewer line for the new restroom. The invitation to bid was posted today and there will be a special meeting on the 28th to open bids. It was brought up that if the construction is happening during the stock show, safety of the kids will be brought to the contractor's attention.

Council Member Mead said they have had several citizen's asking for help with burns. Had one mishap with a fire engine and it is in for repairs. Will cost over \$6,800. The fuel pump went out and they just got the new pump today. The County will pay half. There are two burns scheduled for this weekend. The cameras inside the fire station have been installed.

Animal control is having issues with dogs in mobile home parks. Mobile home parks are inside city limits and have to follow the city standards.

He is working with the animal shelter again. They claimed to only have an arrangement with Castle Dale so hopefully now they will be able to take the fines there and forward that to Ferron City.

Mayor Justice was appointed the chairman of the county's destination development committee. She heard that Castle Dale city will be doing a lot with branding on their signage for tourism. The Mayor thought that maybe we should capitalize on the destinations of our trails, such as the Slipper Arch and the Box.

On May 8th, The Utah Film Center will be doing a film screening. We don't know what movie yet. It will be a drive-in. Need help with parking, greeting people, and with the tear down. Can have a group do concession for a fundraiser if someone is interested. Trent Huntsman, the contractor on the Ferron Elementary construction project, said they are 3-4 weeks out on groundbreaking. The city is invited to participate in the ceremony. It should be done in a year.

The Care Center is rebranding and will be known as San Rafael Care & Rehab.

22. GOLF COURSE AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS AND WORK ORDER REVIEW

Sid Swasey updated the Council on his medical problems.

The Mayor brought up the idea of staggering the maintenance worker's hours to have them available during the same hours as the office. Council Member Winter thought with Mr. Swasey's problems and with the projects requiring them to work together, he didn't recommend it.

Rick Price wasn't present but the Mayor asked again about whether he had certified for the pesticides. Council Member Price confirmed he hadn't.

The posting for a cemetery worker has been posted. We may need to have another worker to help out with Mr. Swasey's health issues.

23. (IF NEEDED) CONSIDERATION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL, PENDING OR REASONABLE IMMINENT LITIGATION, AND THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE SECTION 52-4-205

There was no need for a closed session.

24. BUDGET REPORT

The Recorder had nothing more to report on the budget.

25. APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Motion to pay the bills was made by Council Member Mead. Council Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Winter, and Price all voting aye in a roll call vote.

26. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

27. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:14 P.M. was made by Council Member Mead. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Adele Justice

Brittany Yeates
Ferron City Recorder