



**Present:**

Mayor Adele Justice	Council Member Dell Mead
Council Member Chris Winn	Council Member Troy Winter
Council Member Wendy Price	Council Member Brad Richman

**Also Present:**

Brittany Yeates, Recorder	Jackie Toomer	Daniel Ross
Sid Swasey, Maintenance	Emilie Neilson	Stewart Behling
Rick Price, Maintenance	Brad Clausen	Quintin Hansen

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

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

2. BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Emery Care and Rehabilitation is June's business of the month. The mayor read a statement.

"At Emery Care & Rehabilitation, our mission is to inspire and empower our residents and staff to reach their full potential. We offer an environment that elevates and enhances individual lives, while promoting a home atmosphere. Emery County Care and Rehabilitation Center is a county owned facility that is managed by Traditions Healthcare and provides both short stay rehabilitation services and long-term care. Emery County Care and Rehabilitation Center has been serving the resident of Emery and Carbon Counties since 1968. Emery County Care is currently in the process of changing its name to San Rafael Health and Rehabilitation. The purpose of the name change is to try and reach out to more than just Emery County. We want to be able to serve this entire region of South Eastern Utah. We are very excited to be able to continue to serve and provide the greatest care for our residents and your families in this community."

The mayor expressed her appreciation for the care center being here and being available to the Ferron residents. Quintin Hansen was present to receive the recognition. He stated they are hoping to welcome the community back into the building soon with covid over.

3. DISCUSSION OF PREVIOUS BIDS & OPENING OF SEALED CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR FAIRGROUNDS RESTROOM/SHOWER FACILITY

The city has received a CDBG to do a restroom at the fairgrounds. The bids for the project have come in far above the grant amount. Bodec bid at \$379,000 and Stilson's Construction bid \$355,000 and the grant was for \$153,000 with the city contributing another \$50,000. Another bid came in today from Crew General Contractors out of Eagle Mountain at \$613,927.

The grant needs to be spent by the end of the year. A couple options would be to give the grant back or hold off in the hopes that prices will come down.

**Council Member Winter moved to reject all three bids until we get more information. Council Member Richman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Winter, Price, Winn, and Richman all**

voting aye in a roll call vote.

**Council Member Winn made the motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing at 7:12 PM. Council Member Winter seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Winter, Price, Winn, and Richman all voting aye in a roll call vote.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

4. TO CONSIDER INPUT REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR

The 2021-22 budget total is \$854,550. That is higher than normal because of the grants that are carrying over. Other than those grants, the budget is pretty basic. The golf course shows a projected deficit of \$23,000. There were no comments from the public.

5. TO CONSIDER INPUT REGARDING OPENING THE 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

A positive note, the golf course currently has a profit of over \$12,000. This is unheard of, and the general budget usually must transfer money in to cover the deficit. It is expected to be able to transfer over \$75,000 from the General Fund into Capital Projects. There were no public comments on the budget.

**Motion to close the public hearing and reenter the regular meeting at 7:18 PM was made by Council Member Winter. Council Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Winter, Price, Winn, and Richman all voting aye in a roll call vote.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED MAY 12, 24, & 26, 2021

**Council Member Richman moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mead. Motion carried.**

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7. DISCUSSION OF WATER USAGE/RESTRICTIONS

The mayor mentioned how proud she is of the citizens of Ferron. They were able to drop water usage from 32-acre feet last week to 21 this week. The council agreed there was no need to change the restrictions.

8. CONSIDERATION TO DONATE TO THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

Emily Neilson requested to have emergency vehicles on display at the fair. They would like fire trucks and the ambulance. There will be a Dutch oven cook off for both youth and adults. If the city would like to donate prizes for that and door prizes, it would be appreciated. They want to partner with the city.

**The motion to donate materials or items to the emergency preparedness expo on September 18<sup>th</sup> was made by Council Member Winter. Council Member Mead seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Winter, Price, Winn, and Richman all voting aye in a roll call vote.**

9. DISCUSSION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS

The mayor said that short-term rentals are becoming popular, and we currently do

not have a code to regulate them. That means we are not able to require them to have a business license or set any rules for them and we are missing out on tax opportunities. Castle Dale has an ordinance that we can reference. Castle Dale is also going to be charging \$200 a year for a short-term rental business license. The County wants to hire a company to oversee the online short term rental sites to ensure all of those doing the short-term rentals are paying the tax. That would cost around \$4,000 for the whole county. That expense would be divided among the cities who want to participate.

10. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR CONSENT OF THE GROUND LEASE FOR THE TOWER SITE

AT&T wants to lease their right to the cell tower to Peppertree Capital. The Recorder stated she had sent it to the attorney to review and he didn't find any issues with it.

**Motion to sign the agreement with AT&T and Peppertree Capital was made by Council Member Winter. Council Member Mead seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Winter, Price, Winn, and Richman all voting aye in a roll call vote.**

11. DISCUSSION OF PEACH DAYS

The mayor said she did a poll. By a margin of about 7%, there was a preference for the night parade. There was an overwhelming response to keep the horse races. She then brought up the fact that the horse races take a lot of water to put on and so do mud bogs. It was agreed to cancel those events this year because of the drought. Ferron did receive the Thrive125 grant for \$1500 which will be put toward Peach Days.

At the moment, we can still do fireworks at the fairgrounds. The dinner will be on Friday before the fireworks.

There was discussion of doing a tractor pull, ATV races, talent shows and other activities.

The field of flags, fun day at the park and car show will still be on Saturday. Council Member Winter will find something to replace the horse races and mud bog on Saturday. It has not been decided on whether tickets will be sold this year.

## RESOLUTIONS

12. RESOLUTION 2021-6: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REAL AND PERSONAL TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

**Motion to adopt resolution 2021-6 that references real and personal tax rate for the year 2021-22 was made by Council Member Richman. Council Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Richman, Winn, Price, Winter and Mead all voting aye in a roll call vote.**

13. RESOLUTION 2021-7: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OF FERRON CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

**Motion to adopt resolution 2021-7 to adopt Ferron City fiscal year budget 2021-22 was made by Council Member Winter. It was seconded by Council Member Mead. The motion carried with Council Members Richman, Winn, Price, Winter and Mead all voting aye in a roll call vote.**

**Motion to allow Brittany to balance the budget was made by Council Member Mead. Council Member Richman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Richman, Winn, Price, Winter and Mead all voting aye in a roll call vote.**

14. RESOLUTION 2021-8: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ANNEXATION PETITION SUBMITTED BY DANIEL AND SAMANTHA KINDER

The property is just north of Carl Jones' property. They want to annex two acres. This is the first step in a long process. They wish to annex to have access to city services.

**Council Member Richman moved to adopt resolution 2021-8 the Kinder property annexation. Council Member Mead seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Richman, Winn, Price, Winter and Mead all voting aye in a roll call vote.**

**REPORTS**

15. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Richman said the Ferron signs are still in motion. He asked if we wanted the metal part powder coated and it was decided that would be good. The flowers are out and look good.

Council Member Winn is working on speed limit change on state street south of the junior high.

Council Member Price said that everyone has done good job with water conservation.

Council Member Winter expressed his appreciation to Rick for stepping up with Sid's absences and light workload.

They have turned on water once a week for a few minutes on parks. He had been contacted about having tournaments on the ball fields so need to have them somewhat green.

Council Member Mead said that there has not been much for animal control. There was a big fire in town. They did an okay job for being a green crew. It was a good learning experience. The house was a loss with the cause of the fire being undeterminable.

He mentioned someone suggested to him to do a softball game of north vs south or east vs west for Peach Days.

Mayor Justice said that at her COG meeting earlier that week it was stressed how affordable housing is an issue in Emery County. They would like cities to be proactive about finding housing opportunities.

We had originally been denied the OHV grants, but they were reevaluated, and we were given both grants.

The Stock show has requested the city put on a movie in the ballpark during their event.

16. GOLF COURSE AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS AND WORK ORDER REVIEW

Sid Swasey said they've been concentrating on the sprinkling systems.

The mayor reported that the cemetery worker quit right before Memorial weekend. She hired Rhett Winter to take over.

The golf course has hired five high school kids to water the greens by hand.

17. (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.

18. BUDGET REPORT

The Recorder reported that she paid the CVSSD \$50,000 from the sewer fund that was agreed on last meeting to do the sewer line to Dollar General's property.

19. APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

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

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stewart Behling has been filming the cemetery for the Find Your Grave project for Family Ancestry. He asked where section MO is in the cemetery and was told it should be Molen cemetery. He had a few headstones that conflicted with the printout supplied by the city and was invited to look at the old records kept at City Hall.

Jackie Toomer would like the speed sign near his house changed back from 45 to 35. The trucks drive too fast coming over that hill. He was advised to work with Council Member Winn.

21. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn at 8:44 PM was made by Council Member Mead. Motion seconded by Council Member Richman. Motion carried.**

ATTEST:

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Mayor Adele Justice

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Brittany Yeates  
Ferron City Recorder