



Ferron City Council Meeting 7-11-2019  
Council Chambers – Ferron City Hall  
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**Present:**

Mayor Adele Justice      Council Member Fox      Council Member Richman  
Council Member Mead      Council Member Price

**Also Present:**

Brittany Yeates, Recorder      JD Seely      Maurice Anderson  
Sid Swasey, Maintenance      Randy Nielson      Josie Robinson  
Rick Price, Maintenance

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 7:00 p.m.  
Roll call showed that Council Members Mead, Price, Richman, and Fox were all present.  
Council Member Trenery was excused.  
Council Member Mead lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JUNE 13, 2019

3. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION REQUESTS

Parking Fines – Idris & Alisha Walker

The Walkers were not present.

**Council Member Richman made the motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fox. The motion carried with all the present Council Members voting aye.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Nothing was pulled from the consent agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. CITIZEN RECOGNITION

It was Council Member Mead's turn to select.  
The citizen was not present so we will recognize him next meeting.  
The employee recognized was Brittany Yeates. Council Member Mead said she has done a good job in her new position and has helped him out a lot. The Mayor agreed with him and appreciates her.

7. DISCUSSION OF NEW WELCOME SIGNS FOR FERRON CITY – KAELYNN WINN, KATHY PERKINS, AND SUZANNE LARSEN

No one from the committee was present to report.

8. DISCUSSION OF CITY IMPROVEMENTS – MAURICE ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson asked for an update on the entrance to JD Seely's property. Council Member Trenery isn't present and we'll need to check with him. Mr. Seely has removed the dirt that he had at the curb for a ramp. Last meeting it had been mentioned to get a temporary metal sheet ramp.

Next, Mr. Anderson asked about his water hook up at 3<sup>rd</sup> North and 1<sup>st</sup> West (Blake Sorenson property). He said that there is only ¾ inch pipe and he wants it to be 6 inches. Jacob Sharp told the Mayor that they had no plan to do it. Mr. Anderson claims that North Ferron is not recognized by anyone. He was told that you need to have two water hook ups to buy a property. The Mayor told him that the city does not have any law dictating that. The buyer can put just a garage on their property if they want.

Mr. Anderson also mentioned that the deer problem is getting worse. Skunks and raccoons are coming back. He wants all the jungle areas to be cleaned up. He was informed that he needed to file his complaints with the city, and they will give it to the planning commission. The city has to process nuisance properties through the court system.

Mr. Anderson also asked for an update on his previous sidewalk enquiry. He was told it is not on the project list for a while.

He needs to talk to the CVSSD about his water connection. He also wants a secondary connection. If everything is paid, then he should put in an order to get it to the corner of the property. He was told to check in with Tami Bennett in the office and she can look into it more. The Mayor will also check with Jacob Sharp with the Service District.

9. DISCUSSION AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW APPEAL AUTHORITY

Gil Conover is a County Commissioner now and feels it is a conflict to also be the Appeal Authority for the city, so he has resigned. We need to find another one.

The Council mentioned a few names like Trent Jackson, Kern Behling, and Craig Nelson. They will think more on the matter on who could do it and ask those people if they would be interested.

10. DISCUSSION OF CONTINUING WITH CHAMBERLAIN AND ASSOCIATES AS LEGAL COUNSEL

Chamberlain and Associates has been our legal counsel out of Richfield for many years. He is on retainer for \$2400 a year. He reviews our contracts and defends us if we have anything filed against the city.

**Council Member Richman moved to continue to use Richard Chamberlain for the city attorney. Council Member Mead seconded the motion. The Motion carried with Council Members Fox, Richman, Price, and Mead all voting aye.**

11. DISCUSSION OF FIRE CHIEF PAY/BENEFITS

Council Member Mead discovered that Randy Nielson, Ferron City's fire chief, was the only fire chief in the county not getting a monthly pay. He heard that the fire chiefs were getting paid the same as the council members in the other towns. The Recorder had researched this and found that all were getting some pay if not equal to the council members. The problem is that paying the fire chief was not factored into the new budget. Randy Nielson commented that he had done it for 20-25 years. His thoughts have always been that the money was better left in the budget to spend on equipment. Times have changed and with all the regulations he thinks it's only fair to get some compensation. Council Member Fox listed off the pay on the handout the Recorder had included in the packet; Orangeville - \$300, Castle Dale - \$400, Cleveland – water bill paid, Green River \$400, Huntington - \$200. Mr. Nielson added that Emery gets \$100 a month.

The Mayor asked if he was the fire chief for Clawson and was informed that Clawson doesn't have one. Then she asked what happens when Clawson has a fire and he said that Ferron responds. She then wondered if perhaps Clawson could share in the expense. Mr. Nielson replied that he doesn't think they have any room in their budget.

The Mayor also brought up only getting paid clothing allowance for meeting attendance. Mr. Nielson said the problem with that is guys work shift work. It's nice to have that because then you have someone in the town all day. He didn't feel it was fair to dock the clothing allowance just because they are working during the meetings. Council Member Richman recommended seeing if we can tweak the budget and find a little excess to cover a couple hundred a month.

**Council Member Mead made the motion to table this until next meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fox. The motion carried with Council Members Fox, Richman, Price, and Mead all voting aye.**

## 12. DISCUSSION OF PEACH DAYS

The Mayor commented on Huntington's parade. She said it was very spread out and there was not much participation. She recommends we get the churches to be involved in our parade. We also need to have the golf course in the county parade.

Then she asked for ideas for Grand Marshall's. The Meccariello family volunteers in the community a lot. It was decided that the whole family can be the Grand Marshalls. Council Member Richman asked about announcers for the parade. It was recommended to contact the Smith's again.

The advertising is being worked on.

The sponsors are starting to send in donations.

The Mayor hasn't found anyone to do the pageants and might be doing them herself.

We need to figure out a better system with the gates. Maybe find people who will be dedicated to stay at the gates throughout the events.

The bouncers for the Fun Day at the park have been ordered.

Council Member Price and the Recorder are interested in having a foam pit with lights and music. The Recorder will gather more information, especially on the pricing.

There will be a Corn hole tournament on Saturday. We are also going to have Corn hole for casual play on Friday at the dinner.

Council Member Price will check into having Youth Council help with the hotdogs at the Fun Day.

The Mayor is still looking for help with the dinner. She still hasn't settled on a menu for the Dinner. Worst case scenario it will be sloppy joes.

The Fire Department has the breakfast. Randy O'Neil mentioned that we need to look into replacing grills for the fire fighters' breakfast.

The fireworks have been ordered.

The Mud Bog and obstacle course may be changed up a little. They are talking about alternating between the obstacle course and the mud bog instead of finishing one before starting the other. New bleachers have been ordered that will help with the seating. We need to find a place to store them. The Mayor stated again that she does not want these loaned out. The Cologies and Jeremy Guymon are excited to help. Council Member Mead said that he ordered more white boards to keep it more organized this year. We also need a better set up for the announcer. We need to think more on the configuration of the bleachers. We need to order staff shirts.

We will be ordering Ferron shirts to sell.

The Mayor is still working on the Field of Flags.

There will be no Fun Run.

The EMTs will help with the bike ride.

Geri Stotler did the exhibits last year. Council Member Richman will contact her and see if she'll do it again this year.

Council Member Price will check to see if she can get help with the car show.

The Mayor will be doing an interview with the radio soon.

Council Member Fox said he's been in contact with Rex Williams. We're on the schedule for horse races on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Team roping will be on Thursday night. He is looking into getting bulls and lambs for the rodeo. We'll be doing at least two saddle races. He requested that we make sure all the lights are working in advance. Also, that the gates are working. The EMTs should be there for these events.

The Recorder needs to send the letter to the Sheriff's office. This letter will request help from officers and inmates. She'll also need to make up the books for the races.

The Pioneer day celebration is coming up soon. The Recorder has fliers made up. Lane Justice will be cooking up a pig for the potluck. Sid Swasey has arranged with someone at the Jr. Stock show to buy one of our local participant's pigs. There will be potluck in the park. The marquee sign needs to go out to help get the word out. Water fun will start at 3:00 p.m. The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. The fireworks will be at dusk and people can bring fireworks to share.

## RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES

13. RESOLUTION 2019-5 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BUDGET OF FERRON CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19.

This is amending last year's budget, balancing it out. We checked into the fund balance. We can't have more than 25% not spent so we moved a little over 100,000 over to capital projects fund.

The golf course had a big deficit. Most of it was taken care of by the fund balance. Now it doesn't have anything left for next year. Council Member Richman asked about the restaurant and how it doesn't make any money. He was informed that they only pay for propane. They do not pay rent. We need the restaurant up there to keep the golfers happy and to help with the tourism draw.

Council Member Richman also asked if we could sell some of the golf carts since they're not all used continuously. When there are tournaments, they do use the carts so that would probably hurt the course.

**Council Member Mead made the motion to accept the Resolution 2019-5 as it is written. Council Member Richman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Price, Richman, and Fox all voting aye in a roll call vote.**

## REPORTS

14. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Fox said that he talked to John Healy. Mr. Healy said that the tree grant needs to be turned in soon. They plan on putting in trees to replace trees that have died. The Cemetery is looking nice now. Paul Barney needs to concentrate on the cemetery and not other areas of the city. Animal control has been quiet lately.

Council Member Richman said that they are talking big plans for the Swell in the Public Lands Council meetings.

Council Member Price asked about the recent complaints about one citizen at the rodeo grounds. She wanted to know if there has been any action taken. There is a report with the Sheriff's office with one of the incidents and she is pressing charges against that individual. We need to look into whether we can have a restraining order to ban that person from the property.

Council Member Mead mentioned that we need buy one deer trap that we can use as an example to make more. One trap will probably cost around \$800-1000. We need to look at the budget for this when we look at fire budget.

Mayor Justice asked about the tractor being damaged. She was told they just removed the door. The maintenance crew says it's fine to use without the door. We weren't charged for the tire fix because of the damage.

The Ferron Youth conference kids are going to do a project at the barn. They're requesting that it be pressure washed before then. We have 15 gallons, but they need more paint and other painting supplies.

She instructed the Recorder to follow up on the encroachment permits.

The Mayor wants a fence on the fairgrounds on the south property line. She thinks a wire fence works just fine. She is also looking at completely fencing around the dumpsters.

We'll need to check into prices. We could even have a fencing company do it. It would be great if we could put slats in the fence to block the view of the dumpsters.  
We need to have the property line surveyed first.  
She thanked all those who came out to meet Spencer Cox. She said that he is an extremely nice man.

15. MAINTENANCE AND GOLF COURSE REPORTS

The stock show is consuming their time right now. There was a little bit of a hiccup with the power. Council Member Fox thinks we may need to talk to the power company to check it out. They are getting a great turn-out for the stock show.  
Rick Price reported that a couple lawn mowers are down. They're trying to trouble shoot them but the one used around the headstones they can't get running. They were told to find someone to fix it and if its not fixable let's purchase one.  
The Mayor said that she met with Good Life Utah. They were impressed with the golf course and want to move forward. Gil Conover is willing to talk about renting a portion of the building for the fitness center. We need to figure out how much the city would be willing to subsidize while the dam project is still under construction. She is having a hard time connecting with Senator Hinkins to talk about getting help financially because of the delay with the dam project. Good Life will be sending a letter of intent. She will forward it to the council members, the attorney, and the BLM. Good Life told her that they would be willing to put a lot of money into the advertising.  
Last month we talked about extending Justin Snow's agreement. Then the other day he informed the council that he would not be putting in gas pumps for a while. We e-mailed the attorney to ask about the agreement with Mr. Snow and his reply was, "The city did not give him title and I would not do so under the existing agreement. You could give him a verbal commitment that you would still honor the agreement if and when he installs gas pumps. If he needed proof of some interest in the land in order to obtain a needed loan, we could put together an option agreement that gave him the right to purchase the property at a given price which should be enough to secure a loan if the lender is willing to make the loan otherwise." The Mayor wasn't sure how to interpret that. The council members were also wondering about how the agreement would be valid with everything mentioning a gas station and his plan not including gas until down the road. Now he wants to purchase the shop building but that causes a lot more expense for the city trying to find a place to put in a new shop for the city. The situation has gotten complex. In the last meeting we gave him ninety days to get funding or buy the property outright. So, in ninety days we'll hold him to what the contract says.

The Recorder asked for the council's help to get the word out about the fundraiser raffle. They recommended asking the Desert View Credit Union to sell tickets too.

16. (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.

17. BUDGET REPORT

There wasn't much to report since the new budget year just began.

18. APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

**Council Member Mead made the motion to approve the payment of warrants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Price, Richman, and Fox all voting aye in a roll call vote.**

19. ADJOURNMENT

**Council Member Fox made the motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Council Member Mead seconded the motion.**

ATTEST:

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Mayor Adele Justice

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Brittany Yeates  
Ferron City Recorder