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Agenda
Approved Minutes

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Members of Town Council held the Regular Town Council Meeting. The meeting was held on Thursday the 10th day of July 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Torrey Town Office, Bay 1 located at 75 E 100 N. Note the agenda may be accelerated or line items may be discussed in any order. The agenda was as follows:

Welcome, Mayor Mickey Wright

Administrative Business

Welcome/ Opening Remarks

Roll Call: Pat Kearney, Jordan Pace, Karen Mayne, Mayor Wright, Pearl Thorndal-Stewart, Richard Braaten, Bill Barret, Nan Anderson, Dustin Oyler, Colleen Dudleston, Melinda Meservy

Excused: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Jordan Pace

Public Comments:

Review & Approve Minutes of June 12, 2025, Town Council Meeting

Pearl Thorndal-Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of Pat Kearney being present.

Gary Gardner spoke up to say he wanted to add to the minutes. He wanted to add the comment Mayor Wright made by asking the residents on Juniper Dr. to get together and bring a petition to the city council. The Mayor told the Juniper Drive residents to join together to all agree as to what they wanted to be done with Juniper Dr and he would try to accommodate as well as he can. Mayor Wright agreed to add that statement to the minutes.

Richard Braaten seconded the motion and all council members approved the minutes.

Agenda Requests/Discussion:

Gary Gardner, presented a petition concerning Juniper Drive which most of the residents had signed. The petition was discussed briefly. The council needs some time to review the petition. Mayor Wright will speak with the town attorneys before responding.

Gary Gardner cited conversations with UDOT and Adus Dorsey, the County, the City Attorney and others. Many believe that Juniper drive is a class C road. Which has been allowing the town to collect funds from the state. The discussion will continue.

Mayor Wright stated that the petition will be given to the Town attorney tomorrow and they will continue to work toward a resolution. Mayor Wright said that his goal is to be able to legally maintain Juniper Dr.

Mayor Wright mentioned that he has been working on creating a mitigation plan to address the flooding issues on Juniper Drive. The discussion continued regarding when and if the road became a private road.

Elenor Spearman requested the document from UDOT stating that Juniper Dr was not a class c road. Ellenor requested a copy of the state code. Mickey will send the state code.

Elenor requested that the residents see the email that told Colleen that the Juniper Dr is not a class C road. Mayor Wright will follow through.

John Dillenback shared a few comments regarding the passing of community leader Dave Love.

Water Leak:

Dave Cushing Joined the meeting on zoom. He Lives on Sand Creek Road. He has two sprinkler drip lines on timers. He had his water bill on auto pay and noticed that he had a large water overage. **Pat Kearney made a motion** to approve the water overage forgiveness. Pearl Thorndal-Stewart seconded the motion and all council members approved.

We will add information in the fall newsletter.

Zakin: Water permit

In the May Town Council meeting the council agreed to provide a letter of water availability for Mr. Zakin who is building outside the Torrey city limits. Mr. Zakin has now submitted a water application. **Pearl Thorndal-Stewart made a motion** to approve the water permit; Jordan Pace seconded the motion. Colleen Dudleston confirmed that Torrey has 4 connections available. The motion was approved unanimously by the council

Capitol Reef Update:

Cassity Bromley presented updated information about Park visitation which has been average even with construction. The scenic drive paving is now finished. Capitol gorge has been enlarged and has a bathroom. Fruit production is very poor. Superintendent Bromley is hoping the trees will recoup next year. New trees are being planted.

Mayor's Business:

Review the full Mayor's Report attached to the agenda

Many thanks to Melinda and all the volunteers and participants of Apple Days. Also, Dustin and Jake for getting the venues ready, Pearl and the Volunteers for the community dinner, Wayne County fire department, the Girl Scout Troop 1620 from the Madeline Choir School, Sixty-three registered entrants to the Parade and many others. Wonderful feedback.

The Utah League of Cities and Towns has a resort caucus that meets every two months. They recently discussed Short Term Rentals and license awards. Most communities use first come first

serve as well as a point system to reallocate STR licenses. Also is this a land use issue which means the license would go with the property. If it is a land use issue, a discussion needs to be had with the Property Land Use ombudsman. Some towns consider it a business and some a land use issue. Mayor Wright will speak to property rights ombudsman.

Colleen discovered that Torrey is not getting sales tax from food trucks. Sales tax is paid to where the truck is parked at night.

Code enforcement; Brock sent Mayor Wright samples of other cities ordinances. Mayor Wright will be developing an ordinance draft hopefully by September.

Civic Review is working on building the forms for Torrey

Looking at bids for decomposed granite for the walking path.

The flood Mitigation study has been sent to the town council to review

The new beautiful town website is now active.

Town Business:

Apple Days Review: Melinda handed out a report showing the revenue and expenses. Also, Melinda explained the “went well” and “do better list.” Still awaiting the Wayne County grant. The tourism director requires a presentation to approve the funds.

Community dinner was an overwhelming success. Thanks to Pearl!!

EMS was there. Farmers Market had vendors. Darcy made calls that made a difference.

Marketing was based on the Torrey spaces and places. The support from Dustin and Jake was fantastic. Renee Reel was a huge support for Melinda. Such amazing volunteer support. Richard ran the car show, and it was a success.

The payment receiving process can be cleaned up. Food trucks had long lines. Need breaks for volunteers. Melinda suggests working on the logistics and cost for the dance.

Planning and Zoning Opening: Letters of Interest include only one from Jack Kelly. Jack has a land use background. **Pat Kearney made a motion to accept** Jack as a new Planning and Zoning member. Pearl Thorndal-Stewart seconded and all approved. Mayor Wright will contact Jack.

Short Term Rental Ordinance Discussion Mayor Wright discussed the ordinance draft. Linda Townsend asked when the committee will get together. Mayor Wright said Planning and Zoning will be involved in the committee.

Pat Kearney asked if anyone has addressed the use of accessory dwelling units. Also, Torrey needs to address recreational vehicle rentals and camper rentals which are happening. Where do they fall in the ordinance.

Discussion continued regarding commercial camper rentals. RVs are not allowed to be permanently installed.

Pat Kearney mentioned that we are asking for annual fire inspections on Short-term rentals and we are not asking this of restaurants and other businesses. Pat feels that our point system is a great way to sift through the applicants.

Mayor Wright said other towns require Str to be in only certain Zones. This is approved by the state.

Sorting out the RVs is important. Check ordinance 9; it allows for a camper to be used for 9 months only while you are building a home.

Civic Review update: Update by Karen. Civic Review is working on developing online forms and getting a fee schedule together.

Clerk Report: Karen Mayne

Building Permits: No new permits were submitted

GRAMA – no requests

Election Timeline:

Write-in Candidates process, June 9 – August 29, 2025.

Candidate Financial Statements due August 5, 2025

Last day to post a copy of a campaign finance statement on the Town website August 14, 2025:

Financial Report Colleen Dudleston;

The June 2025 financial report and credit card reports were first reviewed by the council. The council asked questions, and they were addressed by Colleen. Colleen mentioned some irregularities with Express bill pay processing. Colleen mentioned that the energy tax is delayed this month. **Pat Kearney made a motion to approve t**he financial report and pay the bills. Jordan Pace seconded the motion and all council members voted in favor.

Council Reports:

Pat Kearney: Pioneer Cemetery, Cemetery, Trees, Office.

Next week the tree people will be here to maintain trees on private property. Trees that are being taken down on private property; in front of the Trading Post, and other places. Since these trees are on private property we will not need a UDOT permit. Everything is quiet in the Cemetery.

Jordan Pace: Water.

Nothing to report.

Pearl Thorndal-Stewart: Park, Pavilion, Post Office, & Town Events.

Thanks for Dustin's wonderful upkeep of the park. Thanks to Melinda again for Apple Days! Such a fun event.

Richard Braaten Roads,

There are still one and maybe two radar signs to install. Richard and Dustin are talking about getting a plate compactor. Asphalt will be available when we are ready.

Public Works Report: Dustin Oyler,

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) will be here Monday and Tuesday to fix the problems. Pass thanks on the Jake for all his work for Apple Days.

Planning and Zoning: Bill Barrett

Last month all 5 building permits were approved prior to the June 26th meeting. Now planning and zoning is working on Title 9. Bill offered to have the Short-Term Rental ordinance reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Wright requested that they include Mary Bedingfield Smith on the Lighting Ordinance. Mary must coordinate any changes with the Dark Sky people. Bill found that once a community is an approved Dark Sky Community you are responsible to comply only with the standards in place when you were first approved.

The Mercantile charging station. Is in limbo. Bill expressed his desire to make the building permit a more streamline and easy process. Land use training was discussed.

Planning and Zoning is required to follow the ordinances and make recommendations to the council. The council creates the ordinance and P&Z applies it. The training suggested an arbitration process.

Economic Development: Nan Anderson

Nan is proposing a Tourism MOU between Torrey Town and the Tourism Committee.

Nan spoke of the community fund foundation. An EIN has been received and the foundation will have 501C3 status. People can donate funds for Torrey projects. The foundation is its own nonprofit. The goal of the foundation is to support programs that Torrey chooses. Will actively solicit donations.

Packet:

A Tourism Committee is proposed for Torrey Town to address desired tourism. Included is a draft MOU. The foundation is not to promote marketing, but to develop a tourism master plan, create partnerships, and enhanced communications. Nan hopes to hold a tourism meeting with all the Torrey businesses. On the Tourism committee Nan recommends one person from the town council, three representatives from the business community, someone from Capitol Reef, Fish lake the National Forest and BLM

The Town Council will address the motion in August.

Mary Bedingfield Smith reported that the walking trail solar signs should arrive on the 21st of July. The Apple Days Star Party was successful. There were five telescopes and over 100 people came.

Monday at 4-6 an information presentation on the Beas Lewis situation.

Old Business:

Next month Pat Kearney recommend a Review of our fees and modify for next year.

Pearl is resigning from the council effective immediately. We must advertise within 14 days and fill with a temporary member within 30 days.

Adjourn:

Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Pearl Thorndal-Stewart seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion.