

**MINUTES OF MORGAN CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2024; 7:09 P.M.**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Steve Gale, Tony London, Eric Turner, Jeffery Richins, and Dave Alexander**

**STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:**

**Ty Bailey, City Manager; Gary Crane, City Attorney; and Denise Woods, City Recorder**

**EXCUSED:**

**Jeff Wardell**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Kellie Spencer and Jenni Thompson, Roads to Independence**

**This meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Morgan City Offices, 90 West Young Street, Morgan, Utah. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube and available for viewing on the City's website – [morgancityut.org](http://morgancityut.org).**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Gale.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Turner.

The opening ceremony was presented by Council Member Richins.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member London moved to approve the agenda.

**SECOND:** Council Member Turner

Vote was 4 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda; Council Member Wardell was absent.

**MINUTES AND WARRANTS**

**MOTION:** Council Member Turner moved to approve the following:  
Minutes of the City Council Work Meeting – December 12, 2023;  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting December 12, 2023;  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting - January 9, 2024; and  
Warrants (01/05/2024 – 02/09/2024)

**SECOND:** Council Member London

Vote was 4 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes as written and one set of warrants; Council Member Wardell was absent.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

## **VERBAL PRESENTATION**

### **ROADS TO INDEPENDENCE – KELLIE SPENCER**

Council Member Alexander introduced two young ladies representing the organization Roads to Independence, based in Ogden. The organization operated as a not-for-profit, and he had been associated with the organization for over 10 years, and currently served as the co-chair. Roads to Independence was described as providing services to assist people in living independently and supporting those with disabilities. The organization had various programs, including youth-focused initiatives. The service coverage extended to three counties: Morgan, Weber, and Davis. He expressed appreciation to Kellie and Jenni for their willingness to take the time to share information about Roads to independence.

Kellie Spencer, introduced here co-worker Jenni Thompson. She explained the details of their organization's work. They acknowledged the services available for individuals in need and briefly mentioned serving over 300 consumers.

During the presentation, Kellie discussed the organization's focus on promoting independence for individuals living with disabilities. She mentioned being one of six Centers for Independent Living in the state, emphasizing the goal of advocating for people with disabilities. She outlined various services offered, including short-term and long-term assistance for seniors and family members of those with disabilities. Core services provided by the organization included information and referral, Independent Living skills training, peer support, advocacy, and transition services. Recreation services were highlighted as a significant aspect, providing adapted activities for individuals with disabilities. The organization also offered assistive technology services, including phones and home modifications.

Kellie discussed services related to traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and the qualification process for TBI assistance. She explained the New Choice waiver program, which aimed to help individuals maintain or obtain independence outside of nursing home facilities. Additionally, the Agriculture Ability program was introduced, offering services to people with disabilities seeking jobs in agriculture.

Kellie's presentation touched upon pre-employment transition services for youth with disabilities, aiming to prepare them for community integration and employment. The overall goal was to provide individuals with disabilities the skills and support necessary to lead more independent lives.

Mayor asked how people would find out about their organization.

Kellie mentioned that individuals could find information about the organization's services through Vocational Rehabilitation or other providers. The organization was fortunate to be one of the providers for five services, allowing individuals to learn about them by visiting or through school demonstrations. She was excited about the increased outreach opportunities in Morgan, highlighting their presence in schools and their website. She encouraged individuals to explore the services on Vocational Rehabilitation's website and mentioned their own website as an additional resource. They shared details about an upcoming resource fair at Morgan High, collaborating with various organizations, including Ogden Valley Adaptive Sports, Utah Parent Center, Vocational Rehab, and Agrability. The resource fair was scheduled for March 16th from 10 am to 2 pm, and she expressed hope for a significant turnout. She also mentioned they have a free loan bank of medical equipment.

Kellie expressed appreciation to the Council and invited them to come to the Resource Fair and show their support of this organization to the community.

Council Member Alexander explained that funding for the organization was through the Federal Government and then channeled to Utah through the Utah State Office of Recovery and they had a budget of approximately \$1 Million and approximately half of the employees and board members have a disability.

### **ACTIVE AGENDA**

#### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUIT CLAIM DEEDS TO MORGAN CITY FROM ANN W. WARDELL AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SEWER LIFT STATION TO BE INSTALLED ON PROPERTY ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF YOUNG STREET EAST OF MORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – RESOLUTION 24-04**

Ty Bailey, City Manager, explained as part of the Young Street project, the City anticipated the need for a sewer lift station because the existing sewer was too shallow to extend further down the street. He stated the infrastructure was placed in the street before paving to accommodate the future lift station. The engineering decisions were made as the project progressed. He stated the Wardells owned a small property sliver across what is now the School's overflow parking entrance. The School agreed to exchange properties, leading to a better entrance layout. All three entities, including the City, the School District, and Wardell, agreed to the terms, creating an "agreement to agree." The current discussion aimed to formalize this agreement, ensuring that the properties were correctly registered in the respective owners' names.

Ty stated there wasn't a specific timeline established for the lift station project, and its progress was tied to development needs. He mentioned that the costs associated with the lift station would be distributed based on the proportionate usage by different entities. For example, Wardell would pay for their share if they needed the sewer before others developed. A payback agreement would be in place to ensure fairness if one entity triggered the need for the lift station. The lift station's capacity would be determined by the number of residential units developed on the property. The discussion also touched on the exchange of properties between Wardell, the School District, and the City.

**MOTION:** Council Member Turner moved to adopt Resolution 24-04 – A resolution accepting Quit Claim Deeds to morgan City from Ann W. Wardell and the Board of Education Morgan County School District for the installation of a sewer lift station to be installed on property along the south side of Young Street, east of Morgan Elementary School.

**SECOND:** Council Member Richins

**Discussion on the Motion:** None

Vote was 4 ayes; Motion passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 24-04 – A resolution accepting Quit Claim Deeds to morgan City from Ann W. Wardell and the Board of Education Morgan County School District for the installation of a sewer lift station to be installed on property along the south side of Young Street, east of Morgan Elementary School; Council Member Wardell was absent.

## **CITY REPORTS AND BUSINESS**

### **CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Alexander informed the Council he had been asked to participate on the Wasatch Front Regional Council Community Development Block Grant Regional Review Committee. He stated this was the same group the City had received funds from to finish the basement of the City building several years ago. He explained the committee consisted of six members from three counties, Morgan, Weber, and Tooele. He stated the money would be from the Federal Government and funneled through the Department of Workforce Services to the individual regional committees. Their budget was approximately \$1.3 Million this coming year and they had six projects which would be funded if they're approved by the committee. He listed several of the projects, i.e., Washington Terrace – Park Improvements, Wendover – Water Line Replacement (10-year project), Marriott-Slaterville – Sewer/Water Installation, Weber County – Elevator ADA Upgrade, and Tooele – Vehicle Purchase.

Council Member Alexander also reported on the Planning Commission and how busy they have been recently and had five public hearing on the agenda, including the General Plan Update, Annexation Declaration Map Amendment, and the rezone of property while also applying the new Mixed Residential Overlay (MRO) Zone to the property. He mentioned the development in the MRO zone consisted of townhomes and patio homes on smaller lots of approximately 4,000 square feet around the perimeter.

Council Member London reported on a recent board meeting of Wasatch Integrated, noting that in November, they passed a resolution suggesting the mandatory placement of blue recycling cans in all residences of Morgan City and Morgan County. However, during the recent meeting, a proposal to rescind that motion was voted on but did not pass. He said the resolution from November was expected to move forward, effectively mandating every home to have a blue recycling can. He expressed a preference for an opt-out program instead and raised concerns about the mandate, particularly for older citizens who may not use the blue cans. He said the possibility of a tiered rate structure or hardship cases was discussed. He mentioned a new employee who worked for Wasatch Integrated and her position was to educate everyone on why they were doing this and why there was such a need for recycling. He suggested a joint meeting between the City and County Councils, including representatives from Wasatch Integrated, for a Q&A session. He stated there was roughly 650 people in Morgan County between the City and the County, which already contracted with Ace or another private company for recycling. The issue was seen as complex and may involve legal challenges. He concluded by stating that there are ongoing discussions and uncertainties surrounding the implementation of the recycling mandate. He mentioned one of the needs for the blue can was to extend the life of the current landfill.

### **CITY MANAGER**


- Free Transfer Station Voucher for 2024 (300 Free Dump Passes Handed out in 2023) – The practice of giving out one free voucher annually was discussed and confirmed to continue, based on its success.
- Weber River State Street Technical Bridge Study – The study was funded by a grant from the Utah Division of Emergency Management, aimed to reduce floodplain issues by increasing the capacity of the State Street Bridge. The City proposed a box culvert, which was identified as the most cost-effective solution, helping the City qualify for a future grant. He mentioned the second motive of this project would be to have the water flow into the property next to Tractor Supply and then go back into the Weber River downstream and create a future fishpond. He said he had already met with DNR several times to find out the requirements. He mentioned by reducing the floodway, there were several homes which wouldn't be obligated to pay flood insurance anymore. Discussion regarding providing a safer pedestrian crossing from the bridge to the Mickelson Mile Trail. He

mentioned a possible joint study with UDOT, through a grant, to study the City's new downtown traffic issues with a focus on how the City interacted with State Street.

- Professional Services Agreement – Legal Services – Gary Crane - A professional service agreement was established with Gary, who now also handled planning duties. Gary explained the City's litigation cases would be handled by the Trust.
- Agreement to Accept Sludge From Mountain Green Sewer District - The City was exploring an agreement to accept sludge from Mountain Green Sewer District at \$50 per ton, with no negative impact and fostering good neighbor relations.
- UAMPS Workshops – February 15, 2024 - An upcoming UAMPS workshop on February 15th was highlighted, offering insights into the organization's structure and operations.
- Service Orders – 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023 - A record of 764 service orders from the past year was presented, showcasing the City's responsiveness to various issues, with ongoing efforts to improve documentation.
- Tolling Agreement with DEQ – Ty reported that the Department of Quality (DEQ) had been audited and provided a lengthy list of violations dating back to 2019, for which fines should have been issued. Instead, the DEQ gave warnings, leading to ongoing negotiations to address and rectify the list of fines. DEQ would still bill them. However, the payment would be made through improvements to their system, rather than a direct monetary exchange. The specific fines were not disclosed until after signing the Tolling Agreement. Gary stated DEQ wanted compliance. He explained if the City didn't sign the Tolling Agreement, they would need to pay the fines immediately. The potential consequences of not signing the agreement were discussed, emphasizing the importance of justifying fines by demonstrating the remediation of issues. The discussion concluded with an update on the number of violations and a mention of the challenges in dealing with the DEQ's responses.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

  
Denise Woods, City Recorder

  
Steve Gale, Mayor

These minutes were approved at the February 27, 2024 meeting.