

Torrey Utah
PO Box 750027
Torrey, UT 84775
Torreyutah.gov
Approved Minutes

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Members of Town Council held the Regular Town Council Meeting. The meeting was on Thursday the 9th Day of October 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, Renee Reel, Richard Bratten, Colleen Dudleston, Dustin Oyler, Melinda Meservy, Nan Anderson, Bill Barrett.

Excused: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Renee Reel

Mayor Wright welcomed everyone,

Public Comments: None

Conflict of Interest: None

Review & Approve Minutes of September 11, 2025, Town Council Meeting

Pat Kearney made a motion to approve September 11, 2025, minutes. Renee Reel seconded the motion and all council members voted to approve.

Agenda Requests/Discussion:

Short Term Rental License (STR):

Lorna Fowles presented her STR information along with her documentation. Pat made a motion to approve the STR rental for Nomad Dreamscape upon receiving all the required documents. Jordan Pace seconded the motion and all approved.

Short Term Rental Licenses:

Todd Marvel presented his two STR applications to the council. There was a brief discussion. Pat Kearney made a motion to approve the Marvel STR property. Richard Braaten seconded the motion and all council members voted in favor.

Morrill Family Legacy:

Renee Reel is still researching history of the town park. They will ultimately try to recognize all the families who contributed to the creation of the park.

Terrence Mitchell: SC Broadband:

Mr. Mitchell spoke about the importance of cyber security. He also spoke of ways to mitigate the potential for a cyber security breach. He advised local government to train employees, protect the information and control access to equipment. SC Broadband stated that their company is working with the State of Utah in providing approved tools and resources and in letting towns and cities know what the state expects. Mr. Mitchell passed out a handout with tips for municipalities. He finished by discussing the SC Broadband capabilities and services.

Mayor's Business:

Review Mayor's Report: See entire report attached to the agenda.

Mayor Wright is back on the Board of League of Cities and Towns as the at large member.

The Resort Town Caucus is meeting and requested unfunded mandates cease to be handed down from the state to Utah's smallest towns.

The resort caucus suggested that the state create some more state parks to help with visitation.

The VP of public financing will be visiting Torrey on November 13 to discuss public financing.

Code enforcement:

Justin Wayment thinks we should make an interlocal agreement with the County Sherriff for code enforcement services. Justin Wayment and Mayor Wright will discuss this with the commissioners. We will have to have the administrative process in place if there is no MOU. Torrey has a lot of details to go through.

Senate Bill 80 -mandate to charge water district residents a fee to cover the State shortfall. The mandate goes into effect July first. Torrey may need a public meeting to explain to the public.

Tesla Charging station.

They are ready to move ahead. The developers wish to talk about bathrooms on site for the public.

Jordan Pace asked if anyone has spoken to the neighbors living close by the charging station. Tesla might need to work with the environmental visibility for the neighbors. Pat asked who pays the electric bill? Aram stated that Tesla pays and provides maintenance. There will be a local contact for concerns.

Mayor Wright is making changes to Microsoft to simplify process.

Commissioner Blackburn will discuss with Mickey the Torrey/Wayne County fire station and the division of responsibilities.

Torrey water district was created by resolution and is not a special service district. How does that work with the Torrey ordinances? Mayor Wright explained that he is

researching the question; if some Torrey water users are not within the town boundaries, can we enforce the water ordinance on those water users?

Town Business:

Torrey Post Office Payoff:

Colleen spoke to Kimball and Roberts said they informed her that Torrey can use the Park Capitol Projects funds to pay off the post office.

Pat made a motion to pay off the post office by using capitol funds. Jordan seconded the motion and all council members voted in favor.

Jordan Pace made the motion to establish Melinda Meservy as a signer on Torrey bank accounts. Richard Bratten seconded the motion and all council members voted in favor.

Civic Review:

Civic Review is ready to go live as soon as Melinda sets up the links. Lexi created a link for every form. We need to decide how to display the data privacy statement and likely link to our data privacy policy. I have a template for each that Brock obtained through the state.

Resolution for Torrey participation of **America250 Celebration:**

Renee Reel explained that Torrey will be participating in the State America 250 Celebration. There are 35 states who are joining in the celebration. We will place the festivities during the Torrey Apple Days celebration.

Mayor Wright read the America 250 resolution into the Minutes,

.....

Torrey Resolution 2025-04
Resolution of Torrey, Utah
Supporting America250 Utah
and
Recognizing and Approving of the Torrey Utah250 Community Committee

Whereas Governor Spencer J. Cox and the Utah State Legislature created the America250 Utah Commission (also known as America250 Utah);

Whereas the mission of America250 Utah is to commemorate and celebrate, reflect on our nation's past, build community, and look toward the future by educating, engaging, and uniting Utahns and visitors to our state;

Whereas America250 Utah is seeking partnerships with counties and municipalities to further its mission; Whereas this partnership will be formed by creating a local committee called the Torrey Utah250 Community Committee].

Whereas the Torrey Utah250 Community Committee will focus on important events, people, and places within Torrey, Utah to commemorate and celebrate Torrey, Utah's role in America's 250th anniversary; and

Whereas local projects will enhance tourism, community building, and economic development opportunities.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that Torrey, Utah Town Council:

1. Hereby recognizes the **Torrey** Utah250 Community Committee as its official committee.
2. Will partner with America250 Utah.
3. Will support signature programs of the America250 Utah Commission; and Will support the **Torrey** Utah250 Community Committee in its local efforts to educate, engage, and unify Utahns and our visitors in Torrey, Utah.

.....
**Roll Call vote for approval Town Council members all voted yes.
The signed resolution is attached to the minutes.**

Tesla Charging Station location and next steps already discussed

Solar System Path Project Update and Review:

Melinda explained that this month they extended the invitation to bid deadline. Melinda discussed the path in more detail. She began with the location of the path. An arborist review was completed. A portion of the walking path will negatively impact the welfare of the trees. Pat Kearney recommends that the walking path on Center St be untouched currently. The trees' health needs to be sorted out. The paved path location along main street change will impact the bids.

The donated funds will not be enough to cover the entire path cost. A discussion was held regarding the cost for the trail without the tree area on Main ST. Pat Kearney suggests that the solar signs be placed according to their original plan. Still more discussion is to be held.

Melinda printed the bid for the record.

ADA compliance may be an issue with the change of path location.

Discussion continued regarding the path placement and solar signs placement. Will continue to work on the project. Melinda will touch base with Outdoor Grant committee.

Schedule Public Hearing in November for the CDBG Grant (before Nov. Town Council meeting).

Jordan made a motion to hold the First CDBG Public HEARING, 6:00PM on November 13, 2025. Pat Kearney seconded the motion and all council members approved.

Clerk Report: Karen Mayne

Building Permits: Aram 4plexs plans sill in the works but no water ERU letter has been submitted. The Entrada Observatory still needs to submit building plans.

GRAMA: no new requests.

Election Timeline: Torrey is finished.

Data privacy statement and data privacy policy document is being created for review prior to November.

Financial Report: Colleen Dudleston/ Melinda Meservy; The September 2025 financial reports.

Malinda presented the quarterly report and asked for questions. Mayor Wright asked about investment CDs. Melinda wants to look at various opportunities to earn more

interest on town funds. Water meter malfunction issues caused some meter failure in reading the correct gallons

Jordan Pace made motion a to approve the September financial report and pay the bills. Pat Kearney seconded the motion; all council members voted in favor.

Council Reports:

Pat Kearney: Pioneer Cemetery, Cemetery, Trees & Office

The state arborist walked Main St. with Pat to evaluate the health of the large old trees. Soil samples were sent in, and all is well there. The critical item is that Torrey is in a high-risk situation with the aging out trees. One tree is an immediate emergency. The chuckwagon is in harm's way. According to the arborist, cutting back the tree canopies may extend their life by 10-15 years. As soon as water is out of the canal Torrey will act.

In the next newsletter Pat will put in an article about the risks of the trees. Acquisition of trees should be in the next budget. Also, Pat has learned that in the Torrey ordinance the kind of trees that can be planted are spelled out. Other trees will be better to consider. The canal flow also needs to be corrected.

Richard Braaten: Roads. Thank you, Richard and Dustin, for the road patch work on the holes.

Several comments from the public state that they like the solar speed signs. A load of sewer rocks coming to slow the canal water.

Jordan Pace: Water.

Jordan received a concern from an individual not on planning and zoning. He was told that a resident comes to meetings, has a lot of input and it is taking too much time out of the meeting. The commission needs to consider how they handle it. Worth some thought. Maybe a public comment section or on the agenda or a reminder of meeting etiquette at the start of the meeting.

Renee Reel: Park, Pavilion, Post Office, & Town Events.

Renee is currently working on a grant for the pavilion update.

Public Works Report: Dustin Oyler,

Dustin has begun to winterize the city property. Garkane bathrooms need to be winterized this month.

Water samples are finished for the most part. The water report is on the office bulletin board.

Planning and Zoning: Bill Barrett

The commission has a permit application from on Tye Markham for a garage. The Osbornes, Dean and Kristin are changing the design of their home and the contractor. The Entrada Observatory has been reviewed by Planning and Zoning. The planning commission still needs full plans for Entrada.

Planning and Zoning has finished their review and recommendations on Title 9. They have started on Title 10 to get the detail in the two ordinances have the same language and are in agreement. The commission is now working to finish Title 10. Bill hopes to

have a **Public Hearing on Thursday before Thanksgiving. Will keep the Council informed.**
Held a discussion regarding affordable housing and what that can look like. Planning and Zoning is starting to digitize records.

Economic Development: Nan Anderson Sent out information about the Resort Community Resort Tax to the business community.
Nan is exploring THUD money for the sand creek bridge replacement.
She is also looking at a Rural Communities Opportunities grant for the Pavillion.
Torrey Community Foundation is due to have their first meeting.

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding the council not being involved in any interaction between local businesses and ICE. We shouldn't be involved was expressed by Jordan.

Adjourn: **Pat Kearney made the motion** to close the meeting and go into the executive session. Richard seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. The Town Council meeting adjourned at 9:01PM.
