

**COUNCIL WORK MINUTES**  
**MARCH 1, 2023**

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Garth O. Green; Councilmembers: Craig Isom; W. Tyler Melling; R. Scott Phillips; Ronald Riddle.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Terri Hartley.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; City Recorder Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; City Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ann Clark, Lauren Lewis, Tom Jett, Dan Kidder, Pandora Saunders, Nathan Wallentine, Ryan Kent, Teri Kenney, Alysha Lundgren, Bob Platt, David Woods, Jesse Carter, Stephanie Hill, Sam Elder, Tim Watson, Wendy Green, Dallas Buckner, Jonnie Sillitoe, Joe Phillips, Lauren Barrick, Sam Elder, Joe Darger, Steve Swann.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilmember Melling gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Riddle.

**AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL:** Councilmember Isom moved to approve the agenda order pulling item #3; second by Councilmember Phillips; vote unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF**

**COMMENTS:** ■ **Mayor** – I want to thank Steve Decker for putting up the pictures of the railroad. I met with Scott and his committee, and I am excited for the 100-year celebration of the railroad. This Saturday night is the Ag Water Vision at Festival Hall, I have over 100 people that have signed up. It is an opportunity to bring the community up to speed with plans and ideas. If you attend you get free food, Willow Glen will provide the food. Do we know how long it will be before Old Hwy 91 by Shurtz Canyon Subdivisions will be asphalted? **Jonathan** – I will need to talk with Phil Schmidt. we can't pave until the temperature is right. I can find out the schedule. **Dustin Woodbury** -I am most concerned about why the road is still shut down to one lane, I drive that every day. I have called Schmidt; they don't return my call. **Jonathan** – if we get through the storm, they can open that up. We will talk to Phil Schmidt. ■ **Chief Darin Adams** – I will update you on the incident that occurred at CVHS, Superintendent Hatch and Lauren Lewis from the School Board are here with me. A statement was read and is attached as Exhibit "A". **Phillips** – when I read the press release that was my first knowledge, it appeared there was more of an incident than was initially reported by the person, I got the impression that there were four students that had a gun pointed at them, or something along those lines, and then I questioned why the lockdown was not done at that moment, but I can clearly see now that you were gathering more evidence. Apparently the one student walked away and said he didn't want any more of it until the following day. **Chief Adams** – the investigation found that a second student had seen something similar, two other students described that they did not see it. **Phillips** – did the first student get a license plate # **Chief Adams** – he gave a description. **Phillips** – what happens with lockdown. **Superintendent Hatch** – all doors are locked, but school resumes as usual. **Melling** – there were 5 individuals contained on a firearm