

COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2023

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 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: Terri Hartley; Craig Isom; W. Tyler Melling; R. Scott Phillips; Ronald Riddle.

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.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Clark, Kathy Long, Rob Obrien, Dane Womack, Tom Jett, Teri Kenney, Laura Henderson, James Jetton, Michael Radebaugh, Nathan Wallentine, Alysha Lundgren, Tim Watson, Ryan Kent, Wendy Green, Carter Wilkey, Dallas Buckner, Jim Rushton.

CALL TO ORDER: Pastor Michael Radebaugh of Mt. View Baptist Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Jason Norris.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the agenda order; second by Councilmember Hartley; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■ **Mayor** – I will be gone next week. **Melling** – I will be gone as well. **Mayor** – some of you have rumors that the Iron County Today may be trying to be resurrected and continue on. There is a group of which I am a part that have assembled and bought the company, we are working on employees, we are trying to keep the same employees and run the paper as it is. Some people in the room are also involved. **Phillips** – it is a great communication tool and branding for the community and it is great. **Riddle** – there is a lot to say for a hometown paper. When I was away from Cedar City my mother sent me the Iron County Record and I read that and was never so homesick for two years, I had to tell her to quit sending it. **Mayor** – much of the credit goes to Rob Obrien, he was upset, and he is part of the committee, is on it and so is Tyler Melling. Thanks to those involved in the AG water vision meeting on Saturday, it was well attended. Also, I dismantled my Water Advisory Committee today, I will convene a new Water Advisory Committee consisting of the ditch company presidents so someone can teach me how the ditch works so we can carve out a way to utilize Coal Creek. ■ **Phillips** – congratulations to you for always trying to learn, water is a difficult issue. Thank you for the Ag conference, in the west water is for fighting. Also, as a City I want us to be prepared with sandbags and flooding. **Paul** – I sent an email to Public Works to do a presentation for the Council and the public, but Ryan is on vacation. ■ **Melling** – we have widened Coal Creek quite a bit so that will help. **Phillips** – I have had several residents reach out, why are we removing the lights in the downtown area? **Paul** – they have to be taken off every so many years for the tree to grow naturally. If the tree needs pruning that will be done, but the lights will be restrung. ■ **Hartley** – I want a request that everyone speak into their microphones. We had a long meeting and I could only hear about half of the people. ■ **Jonathan** – last week there were concerns of Highway 91 being down to one lane. I talked with Phil Schmidt, and they were able to open it to two lanes toward Shurtz Canyon. I also called the gentleman that was here last week. If we get more snow and rain, it