

COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2022

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 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; 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; City Planner Don Boudreau; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall, Police Lieutenant Jimmy Roden, Corporal Tyler Uresk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Sorensen, Laura Henderson, Jeff Richards, Russell Skousen, Teri Kenney, Steve Bennett, Josie Staheli, Colter Bennett, Carter Wilkey, Wendy Green, Steve Brown, Steve Kamlowky, Rob O'Brien, Alysha Lundgren, Bob Platt, Tom Jett, Burt & Shannon Poulsen, Dallas Buckner.

CALL TO ORDER: Councilmember Riddle gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Ryan Marshall.

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■Mayor – Phillips contacted me about the Youth City Council, and he has volunteered to try and bring it back into motion. Phillips – I had the opportunity to attend Boys State as a youth and it is important to bring up the next generation of leaders that bring up the State and Nation. There is a colleague that works for Canyon Creek Services that will work with me. We will visit with the two high schools and their administration to come up with great young men and women to serve. Mayor – we look forward to seeing high school seniors here. ■Isom – we need to involve the young people more in the community. In years past we have had some do special projects. We need to find a way for them to sign up and work in the community, so they have a pride of ownership. COVID stopped many things, one such as meeting with the Iron County School District and the Superintendent we had a quarterly meeting. The elected bodies should do that. If you Mayor would reach out to them, I would encourage that. ■Phillips – I am not sure where this falls, any update on the demolition of the Value Inn, it is an eyesore in the community. Chief Adams – I talked with Sgt. Williams about reaching out to the owners and see what is going on. Phillips - we had a discussion a while back on the large trucks going on our City Streets, they were on 200 East hauling big commercial loads, can we remind them. Paul – the owner of the mine was very helpful to try and keep the traffic on Center and Main, I will reach out to him. ■Riddle – as

we continually talk about the drainage system, a note for people of Cedar City, the City Crews were on Cross Hollow Road by Silver Silo, I had 3 people call and show appreciation to the city for the crews doing what they can. Mayor – I saw them by Lady Bug Nursery today. ■ Introduce new Senior Engineer, Christian Bennett. Jonathan Stathis – Christian started last week; he comes from Sunrise Engineering. He is licensed as a professional engineer and has hit the ground running. He is well versed in the storm drain projects. Christian – I have been here a few times. I was with Sunrise working as a PE and worked with Jonathan, before that I worked in public service with the County of Sacramento California for 7 years working with a municipality working with water, I am new as a professional engineer, but I am committed to public service and to learning. I am excited to be here and be a part of the team. My wife Rebecca is here with me, she worked as a planner for Sunrise Engineering. ■ Discuss preordering a garbage truck. Jeff Hunter – the world has changed a little and when we are ordering vehicles it is interesting. Historically we order after July 1 and have them by October or November. Those days have gone away, the last two vehicles we ordered in July, we are looking at April 1st for the garbage truck and it may go into the new budget year on the dump truck, it keeps getting pushed back. We will be asking for another garbage truck, and talking to the gentleman if we order now, we may have by April next year. Paul – normally you don't order things before the budget is approved. It is enterprise fund with capital reserves sufficient to purchase the garbage truck, we are confident it will make it in the budget. All departments are jammed up, Darin is still waiting for vehicles he ordered in July. They are already scraping an old garbage truck to get by. We just want to know you are ok. Phillips – every new development has a garbage can. Jeff – we have 11,300 cans that we are billing, it slows down a little in the winter. The average is 9,300 a week right now. We went from 3 drivers to 4 and by next year we may need 5. When I first started with 3 trucks, we were trying to purchase a new truck every other year, I think we will need to do one a year to keep up. We have 2 trucks with over 10,000 hours on them. ■ Citizen Commendation. Chief Darin Adams – we want to recognize good work of a citizen who does not have to get involved. This was recommended by Corporal Uresk. On February 19th officers were dispatched to a residence in Cedar City on the report of a male who had assaulted a female with a baseball bat. While the incident was occurring Coulter Bennett heard a female calling for help and he rushed into the residence. Inside he found a male suspect holding a female in a headlock. Without hesitation Coulter rushed toward them to free the victim. Coulter was forced to strike the victim several times in the head and as a result broke his hand. The strikes were successful, and the suspect released the victim from his grasp. Coulter was struck several times in the face, the female was able to escape, without this she would have received more injuries. An altercation ensued between the suspect and Coulter and Coulter was struck several times in the face by the suspect. Coulter's intervention provided enough time for the female victim to escape and then escape himself. We strongly believe that without Coulter's heroic intervention the female victim would have likely received further and more serious injuries. Courage like Coulter's is rarely seen in today's society, his swift and decisive actions are to be commended, and for those reasons he is hereby awarded the Cedar City Citizen Commendation award. Coulter – the lord is aware and present, without the lord and God I wouldn't have been able to do what I did.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■ Laura Henderson – I am excited about the youth council, I wish there was a way to incentivize the students to attend, such as credit for a government class.