

COUNCIL WORK MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2021

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Maile Wilson Edwards; Councilmembers: Ron Adams; Terri Hartley; Craig Isom; W. Tyler Melling; Scott Phillips.

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; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; City Planner Don Boudreau; Airport Manager Nick Holt; Water Superintendent Robbie Mitchell; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Delynn Rodeback, Mike Babcock, Betty Babcock, David Smith, Anngie Christiansen, Howard Christiansen, Troy Thalheimer, Michael Radebaugh, Jesse Brimhall, Dixon Tiffany, RoseMary Tiffany, Teru Kennet, Jimmy Roden, Laura Henderson, Dave Clarke, Frank Mack, Brian Vaughn, Tom Jett, Ron Larsen, Kevin Childs, Alisa Childs, Carter Wilkey, Robert Nanney, Michael Carter, Teri Kenney.

CALL TO ORDER: Pastor Michael Radebaugh of Mountain View Baptist Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Officer Crofts.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Phillips Item #9 & 10 pulled at this time moved to approve the agenda order; second by Councilmember Hartley; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■Isom – I would like to remind people of the funding available for helping businesses affected by the pandemic. Some new funds restaurant revitalization fund \$28.6 billion set aside. \$5 billion set aside for women and veteran owned businesses and businesses that don't have an even playing field. We encourage those that got funding through PPP lending will be identified as restaurants and approached by the SBA for more relief. Shutter Venue Operator grants are also available the 8th of April, Shakespeare and others that were very hampered by the pandemic can get some money. I encourage people to explore those and make themselves whole. ■Phillips – shout out to the Public Works Department, specifically the Street Department for the spring cleanup. ■Mayor – if you have not driven by the Sunset Canyon detention, I suggest you drive by. It is the first underground basin, and it is fascinating to see the progress and moving along quite rapidly. Another one, mark your calendars on May 5th the tentative budget will be handed out to the Council. May 10 & 11 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. we will have public meetings with the different department and division heads to give an update and answer questions and give council a chance to hear from them on the tentative budget and see how the city budgeting is done. We will then progress through the budget process. ■Swear in Sergeant Kirk Lovell, Corporal Aaron Condie and Patrol Officer II Nick Syrett. Chief Adams – before we start, I want to give an update on the

traffic issues on Interstate, we have had officers up there, citations have been issued and the trailer has been up there as well. Mayor – briefly talk about the social media post, the PD is engaged in. I want the community to know that the PD addresses these types of things. Darin – there was a social media post for National Rape Day for the 24th, posting pictures saying you can't hide, and we are coming after you. There was one individual in the wrong place, and one was suspended. They cannot charge, but they are all on the radar. Mayor – I hate that we have to address this, but law enforcement reacts to these types of activities. Darin – recently we took command of the Narcotics Task Force, JR is taking that over. We had to reclassify and backfill other positions. We had a current roster to draw from. We promoted Kirk Lovell to Sergeant, Aaron Condie to Corporal and Nick Syrett is hired as Patrol Officer II, he comes to us from Washington County, Bountiful and Unified PD. Nick Syrett – I grew up in Cedar City and wanted to get back here. Attended SUU with criminal justice bachelors, happy to be back here. Aaron Condie – been in Cedar City for 5 years, moved here from Wyoming 2.5 years ago. Here with me is my wife Debbie, daughters Taeley and Oakley and my son Haulden. Kirk Lovell – The dog Max has been turned over to Tyrell. My family is here. Glad to be part of the Department and glad that the Council has been active in attracting good candidates, we have a good department. My wife Kelly, daughter Sadie, sons Shawn and Justin, my brother Lee and twin. Parents, sister and her husband, my in laws are all here, we are well represented. Mayor – we know our officers couldn't do what they do without the support of the family and you have to be the ones that deal with the fear and everything else when they put on their vests. We appreciate you and know our officers families mean the world to them. Nick – here with me is my wife Taylor, and my girls Juniper and Piper. Renon Savage administered the Oath of Office. Chief – we appreciate the family and understand and know we appreciate your support. They could not do what they do without you.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■ Utah Shakespeare Festival update. Frank Mack, Executive Producer and Brian Vaughn Artistic Director – we are here to give and update, there is so much happening and not happening. We had to cancel last year; we will not cancel this year. Getting there is not easy, we work with actors association of actors and stage managers and they have been coming up with safety measures, it is a difficult project, 3 sets of guidelines and multiple changes and discussions. We are close but are not there yet. If the Actors Union won't cooperate then we will use nonunion actors if we have to, we don't want to, many of the actors we have had in the past are union actors. We will have a full festival and feel we will work it out with the union actors. We will have to wear masks. The only other thing is the State of Utah requires masks of more than 50. There is also a provision if we sell concessions you have to be distanced in pods. Not selling concessions you don't have to do that. We will not sell concessions; we will have a tartless season. By not selling concessions we can set people side by side. That is where we are. The Festival owing to the generosity of the City Council, Iron County Commissioners, State of Utah and donors have helped us get to a financial stability. We have funding in place to produce the season even with the extra expenses. We are thankful to the City and to Iron County and the State of Utah and private donors that are making it possible to make us well positioned to let us have a season. We are moving forward. We start rehearsals May 10th. Isom – have you been in touch with the SBA for the shuttered venue? Frank - Yes, we are aware they will reopen the grants next week, we wake up waiting for the portal. Phillips – I recognize we have people coming from