

COUNCIL WORK MINUTES
MAY 19, 2021

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 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; Craig Isom; W. Tyler Melling; Scott Phillips.

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 Lieutenant Jimmy Roden; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Wastewater Supervisor Eric Bonzo; Lab Technician Laurie Smith; City Planner Don Boudreau; Treasurer Wendy Bonzo.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Trayah, MaryIda Bush, Patricia B., Trayah Bush, Carl Bush, Mike Babcock, Betty Babcock, Clint Rogers, Geoffrey Lewis, Yanrong Lewis, Gary F. Player, Payten Crawford, Terri Kenney, Laura Henderson, Ron Riddle, Derek Morton, Jeff Obering, Carter Wilkey, Aimee Uchman, Chris Uchman, Sophia Uchman, Lisa Bonzo, Jeff Lennert, Clint Broadbent, Tim Watson, Rick Bairett, Brent Drew, Tom Jett, Jordan Jolley, Diana Girtain, Wade Wilcock, Elaine Smith, Timothy Smith, Mark Baruffi, Dallas Buckner, Bob Platt, Nicholas Willis, Ben Batty.

CALL TO ORDER: Tyler Romeril gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Jimmy Roden.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Mayor – it has been requested that item #1 be table until to next week and move item #13 to #9.

Councilmember Isom moved to approve the agenda order tabling #1 and moving #13 to #9; second by Councilmember Phillips; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■Phillips – on 200 North, I realize it is a State Road, the new location of the Tagg N Go, the speed limit is 45 from there to 1100 West. It was appropriate years ago, but it is very fast. I would like a traffic study and see if we can lower it to 35 mph. Jonathan – I will reach out to UDOT and see about having that possibly changed. ■Melling – there was a Planning Commission meeting last night, we had good discussions and commission gave a favorable recommendation to a new zone. Something came up in the meeting that I need to correct in the record. The discussion started with a commission member concerned about what I said on the radio with their competence, and I was taken back, I didn't recall what I said. I obtained a recording, and I would like to read that and let it stand on its own. When discussing these items #3 there is a duplex type of development going in and when we talk

about the ugly development that is the development talking about. Melling read the attached Exhibit "A". I wanted that on the record, I am sorry if it was untactful or offensive. ■ Mayor – next Wednesday at noon is when we are dedicating the Gapyeong stone at the Veteran's Memorial Park, it should be a neat program. ■ Phillips – welcome Councilman Isom back. Isom – we lost a son-in-law COVID complications, so I was patching things with the family. I appreciate this community and the outpouring of kindness. ■ WEAU Recognition award to Laurie Smith. Clint Rogers, Water Environment Association of Utah Board of Directors – we are a professional association made up of water, wastewater, design engineering, regulator, operators that run the facilities. I am a design consultant with Stantac, we have a contract to upgrade the WWTP, we are doing a final walk through that is nearly under completion. It was easy for me to be here to recognize Laurie Smith, Lab Tech. We have 600 members, ½ are the operation staff, the quiet heroes that run the collections, water systems, treatment systems, to allow us to have water at our disposal and treat it. There are 33 mechanical facilities in the State, Cedar City has one of the most advanced. You have made updates since 2012, expanded the plant and expanded lab, the follow up will expand capacity and improve the Treatment Plan, a 10-year run of investments and improvements the City has been making. We have an awards committee formed of peers and the application was reviewed and Laurie was compared to other lab directors, most of the 33 have labs and Laurie came to the top as the Best Lab Director in the State for 2020. I have worked with her; your Treatment Facility is running some of the best water and tightest regulations and Laurie checks that each day. ■ Danny Stewart – update on the announcement last week, new manufacturing Company Armiscor, Rock Island firearms manufacturer known for a 1911 gun they made. The manufacturing in the first phase, with potential 2nd and 3rd phases. They will move into an existing building, over next 6 years they will have a minimum of 88 jobs. I met with the company with SUU and SW Tech about providing training for the company. Phillips – what type of pay scale, above average? Danny – they were also looking at other states, they qualified for a statewide tax incentive for 6 years. To do that they have to provide jobs higher than the County wage. Phillips – we are trying to close that gap. ■ Wendy Bonzo, City Treasurer – I come to ask for another month of waiving penalties. We changed to Invoice Cloud and it has been a dismal time. We will go back to Xpress Bill Pay. We changed because it was better for customers and it has never worked. They have a number of other things that have not been met in the contract. We have had 1,000's of calls, customers have had problems. Invoice Cloud asked to give customers their number so they could help and when the customers called them, they wouldn't help. Tyler drafted a letter, I think 30 days will be enough, but if you want to do 60 days that is ok. Xpress has been so proactive; they were able to relink about 90% of the customers. Autopay was not saved; they will have to be sent a new password and set a date for the payment. The things Invoice Cloud told us they could do, Xpress can do that now. I think we are the largest city using Caselle doing this and there were issues that were not in place. Phillips – did we not investigate? Wendy – yes, we did, their teams are in different places, tech person in Massachusetts, salesperson in Denver, it is like they don't communicate. I got in touch with the salesman and told him we were not happy and looking to go back to Xpress, a week went by and nothing happened, this happened twice. Isom – with the breach are there remedies. Tyler – the contract says we give them 10-days. No issue to jump ship. Isom – can we recoup losses? Wendy – I don't know how we could do that.