

COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2021

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 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: Council Member, Terri Hartley

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney, Tyler Romeril; City Recorder, Onjulee Pittser; 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.

OTHERS PRESENT: Teri Kenney, Laura Henderson, Mike Heap, Derek Morton, Tom Jett, Carter Wilkey, Ron Riddle, Garth Green, Bob Platt, Chris Quick, Chris Uchman, Mark Mumford

CALL TO ORDER: President Michael Heap of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Phillips.

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: **Scott:** I'd like to welcome Chief Phillips back. I'm very concerned about the drought. Are there any updates from the state about fireworks? **Mike Phillips:** It's always dry on the 4th and there's always a risk of fire. The Governor announced that there are no fireworks allowed on state properties, unincorporated lands, state and federal lands. He pushed it to the municipalities. We have our designated sites to shoot fireworks and we're looking for different areas to add to that. **Scott:** Do we have the authority as a municipality to ban fireworks? **Mike:** No. It's state law. **Craig:** We're still planning our fireworks show. **Mike:** On the 5th of July. **Scott:** Did we work out the agreement with the school district over the use of their parking lots? **Tyler R:** In the agreement, I put that we share liability. I sent that to Mr. Brinkerhoff to review with his council. We plan to bring it back to City Council to approve. **Ron:** Since I wasn't here last week, I need to declare that my wife is a City employee before we vote on the budget. **Scott:** I want to acknowledge the latest art show. I appreciate Steve Decker and the work he does to make sure the art is changing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Garth Green:** I'd like to comment on the budget. I said this last week, and I think everyone was paying attention to my opinion of the \$1.9 million effluent water. Since that time, I obtained from the report the bid/study, and the \$65 million it would take to build that. Is there 325,000 in an a/f? **Jonathan:** It's 325,581. **Garth:** At 3,200-a/f of water, that's 104 billion gallons to come out of our wastewater treatment plant. If you're only running it 3/4 of the year you use the water, but the other 1/4 you don't, that's still 33 billion gallons. I think this plan calls for a Fiddler's Canyon storage tank of 1.6 million gallons. If