

**COUNCIL WORK MINUTES**  
**JUNE 16, 2021**

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 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.

**EXCUSED:** Councilman Scott Phillips.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; City Recorder Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; Project City Engineer Trevor McDonald; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Fire Marshal Mike Shurtz; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Wastewater Superintendent Eric Bonzo.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Shane A. Larson, Jim McConnell, Laura Henderson, Dane Leavitt, Utah Chiefs of Police Association Val Shupe & Mike Berg, Tyler Allred, Steve & Kim Custode, Scott Garrett, Brent Drew, Sean Hemmersmeier, Peggy Green, Dennis Green, Shane Parashonts, Sammi Kuykendall, Tim Watson, Derek Morton, Rick & Kathy Culver, Laurie Vincent, Bob Platt, Mark Mumford, Scott Bird, Rusty Galetka, Tonya Payne, Bill Payne, Mark Vincent, Kevin Vincent, Wendy Green, Dallas Buckner, Joel Hansen, Tom Jett, Dan Dotson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Father Komar of Christ the King Catholic Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Jason Norris.

**AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL:** Melling – we need more time with item 14, could we table until we are ready.

Councilmember Isom moved to approve the agenda order tabling item #14; second by Councilmember Hartely; vote unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF**

**COMMENTS:** ■ Mayor – Utah Summer Games is on Friday. If the City Council wants to walk in the sponsorship portion, the lineup is at 7:30 p.m. you can bring your families, grandkids and kids, it is a fun activity. The event starts at 8:00 p.m., this is the 35<sup>th</sup> opening ceremony, it is the 36<sup>th</sup> game, it started the year I was born. Also, the road will start being closed for the Shakespeare Festival, they said tarts would not be available this year, but it has been changed there will be tarts. The outdoor theatre will not require masks, they are working with the Actors to not have them in the indoor facility. It will honor the Honorable Fred Adams. ■ Swear in Rick Vincent as Code Enforcement Officer. Chief Adams - we will start with the Rick introducing his family. Rick – here tonight is my dad Mark, mom Laurie, my wife Acasia our 2.5-year-old daughter, 32 week old son, my brother Kevin, and my in-laws, Joe and Jessica Stewart. I was adopted down here when I was 12. Looking forward to

serving. Renon Savage administered the Oath of Office to Rick. Ricks wife pinned his badge on him. ■UCOPA Accreditation Presentation. Executive Director of the Utah Police of Chief's Association Val Shupe and Chief Mike Berg of Parowan Police Department who services on our Board is here, your chief sat on the board for 4 years and we were glad to have him. We are here to present the Cedar City Police Department Accreditation Certificate. The accreditation process, in the environment we are in, the law enforcement officers are under a lot of scrutiny. We want our officers to be accountable, but we also want to make sure they are following the standards and laws put in place. The accreditation is set up for that. We have 186 standards with 12 more we approved just last week. These officers and departments have to go through, and an assessment is done, it has to do with city ordinance, Department policies, State law and Federal law. They must show that it is in the policy, but that they are using them as well. For example, if there is a disciplinary action, they have to show they are following the ordinances of the City, State laws and any Federal laws that may apply, and they have to show where they have utilized that and give an example. That is one example, and it must be followed on everything, use of force, everything. This is a big task, they have 3 years to complete, your department was right there, I was in constant contact with Chief Adams. We awarded it in March, but because of COVID we were unable to get here until now. President Shupe presented the plaque for the accreditation to Chief Adams. Shupe - The risk management pools are covering the costs of this which is a big deal also. ■Mike Phillips, Fire Chief – Councilman Phillips asked about fireworks last week. The city has taken a lot of steps to prevent the spread of fire from fireworks. We have the Wildland Urban Interface Zone which prohibits shooting fireworks in that zone. You guys graciously gave us money to have someone shoot off our fireworks so we can focus on chasing the fireworks down instead of having to set up and put on that show. In City Ordinance it states 5 locations to shoot fire works or other locations recommended by the Fire Department. We are recommending another location 400 West and Iron Mission Parkway, we want to close the road by the soccer fields. We want to close it by the parking lot so they can access the parking lot. Jeff Hunter would like to close it July 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup> so people can shoot the fireworks there. We will put dumpsters there as well. With your permission we would like to add that location. Mayor – that doesn't need to be specifically in the ordinance because of the language of other locations as designated by the Fire Department. There have been a lot of questions as to why the city cannot ban fireworks. 11-3-8 says the City cannot place a conflicting ordinance that goes against 53-7-220 through 53-7-225 which is the Utah Fireworks Act, that is why we cannot close fireworks. Mayor – as of now the firework show will be July 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 p.m. Mike – we shoot by the Airport Fire Station, an area that has been cleared and safe to shoot fireworks. ■Mike Shurtz, for the publics information, the red area on the map on the on the City website, fireworks are restricted or forbidden in that area by code. That will be posted at the firework stands. The stands will open next week. We will post the map and some information provided by the County regarding restrictions. ■ Jeff Hunter, Street Division – last Sunday we put in the paper an RFP for road base and chips for the summer. I was thinking there was a work meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>. We asked them to be prepared to crush by July 7<sup>th</sup>. I would like to do both work and action next Wednesday. Paul – the proposals will come back next Wednesday. He will have time to review the bids and we can put them on the action meeting in the action portion.