

COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2021

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 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; City Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Street Superintendent Jeff Hunter; Library Director Steve Decker; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cherita Daughtery, Mailey Mandelko, Jay Johnson, Stray Sanders, Katie Gruys, Tianna Hanohano, Teri Kenney, Ben Batty, Dane Leavitt, Scott Bird, Tim Bonzo, Nicholas Willis, Jared Hatch, Pastor Bob Sharp, Derek Morton, Tom Jett, Shane Parashonts, Pip Parashonts, Tim Watson, Mark Mumford, Roger Thomas, Sandy Smith, Brett Taylor, Chris Uchman, Andrea Nelson, Bob Platt, Wendy Green, Dallas Buckner, Frank Nichols, Joel Hansen, Brian Nichols, Phil Schmidt, Laura Henderson.

CALL TO ORDER: Pastor Bob Sharp of Trinity Lutheran Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Isom.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Melling asked to move item 5 to action.

Councilmember Hartley moved to approve the agenda order moving #5 to Action; second by Councilmember Adams; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■Citizen Recognition. Chief Adams – Back in February we had an incident in town to have the officers react, officers were pursuing the citizen. Cherita Daughtery, SUU Basketball Team jumped into action. I was in awe from the detail. We had an award banquet and wanted to recognize here and award here for her action. She was given a Citizen Accommodation Award and challenge coin. Cherita Daughtery – I want to thank you and the Police Department for this honor, it means a lot. ■Voluntary Water Restriction Resolution. Ryan Marshall – we are in a serious drought; we want to help out wherever we can and protect the water infrastructure. We have a resolution to extend now through the summer some water conservation, asking the citizens to voluntarily restrict their watering for even address to water Monday, Wednesday and Friday, odd number addresses to water Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday with no watering on Sunday. We are hoping to get a lot of cooperation. Last week when it was really hot, we had a huge strain on our water reserves. We will monitor this again at the end of July to see if it has had some affect. We want to get

the word out by the first of July. Paul – one other feature, if you are a customer of one of the ditch companies or have secondary water for your business or home this would not apply. They can still use the ditch water. There are also a lot of large users, including Cedar City that irrigate through secondary sources, and this would not apply to those. Those on the secondary system are Cedar City, Iron County School District, and SUU. Cedar City does have some areas watered by culinary water and this would affect us there. Parks has taken 15 facilities that fall in this category, and they will put 7 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 8 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The resolution is on the agenda if you want to vote tonight. If you want to wait, we ask that you call a special meeting, we could do that early next week to give you some time and get it approved before water bills go out.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■Phil Schmidt – two things to think about Providence Way and Cross Hollow intersection, when the State built that it was fine. The traffic has increased so much that the turn lane is causing traffic problems at the intersection. If we could cut the concrete island and extend the turn lane it would open 3 lanes all the way through and eliminate a lot of traffic stop. It could be resolved by cutting the island back. Isom – on the east side of the intersection? Phil – yes going through toward Cross Hollow, it is a big island and it necks down the turn lane. There is so much traffic there now that it stops traffic. Hartley – does it affect the pedestrian lane? Phil – no. Paul – UDOT through our Transportation Master Plan, UDOT and Avenue Consultants was made aware of all the development going on down there. About 1.5 months ago UDOT began a process with Avenue Consultants to redesign the entire intersection. We will pass on your information. They are aware and taking steps. Phil - the other thing, once you get to the intersection and turn left to go to Home Depot the area has become truck parking and there are a lot of entrances onto that road, I have had about 4 near misses because cars pull out because they can't see around the trucks or campers. I don't know if you could redline some of the curb so people can see from the entrances. It is not bad with cars, but it is with trucks and RV's.

■Karen West – a Cedar City resident and volunteer of Pro-Life Utah, I am here speaking for Cedar residents of all ages and backgrounds who are collectively seeking your support for a Pro Life Resolution. Utah is well known for its focus on families and respect for life. We are proposing that Cedar City adopt an official Pro Life Resolution. What do we mean by that? Well basically in full agreement with the US Constitution we believe that every human has inherent value both before and after birth. A pro-life resolution would declare and affirm that all human life regardless of age including fetal and elderly life including those that are mentally or physically impaired. Essentially all those that cannot fully protect themselves must always be treated with dignity and respect. Your signature on this will accomplish the honorable goal of adding Cedar City to the list of other Utah cities and Utah counties that have already adopted similar resolutions proudly designating them as Sanctuary Cities for protecting all human life. Let's look at some of the benefits of adopting that resolution, primarily it would define and reinforce our cities high morale standards by adopting the following six objectives: (1) to confirm that Cedar City will continue to offer versatile and viable services to our physically and mentally impaired men and women such as those currently offered by Chrysalis and Turn Community Services programs that we already have; (2) to declare that we will continue to serve our Cedar City elderly population with clean and comfortable assisted living, physical therapy and memory care facilities; (3) to affirm that we will honor the rights of our Cedar City health care providers to object on moral grounds to