

COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 14, 2021

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 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; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Heritage Manager Jason Clark; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Jett, Laura Henderson, Patti Vesely, Roger Thomas, Garth Green, Peggy Green, James Jetton, Ed Severance, Ken McManaway, Nathan Anderson, Cheryl Wilson, Robert Nies, Tim Watson, Frederick Murray, Jay Jones, Erik Kjellgren, Joel Myers, Coralee Myers, Derek Morton, Richard Church, Jeff Tukuafu, Wendy Green, Layne Slack, Mauri Bleazard, Terry Hermansen, Bryan Komarek, Carter Wilkey, Bob Platt, Dorian Page.

CALL TO ORDER: Laura Henderson gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Tom Jett.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Mayor – we need to move item #3 to the action agenda, #12 should be to apply for the America Rescue Funds, pull item #26, and add a #29A temporary appointment to the Board of Adjustments.

Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the agenda order moving item #3 to Action, #12 change to say to Apply for America Rescue Plan Funds, pull item #26 and add #29A to temporarily appoint Phil Schmidt to BOA; second by Councilmember Isom; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■ Mayor – thank two council members, today was the first regional supply planning meeting with the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (WCD) to get the entities together to plan for future projects. A number of projects came up where we could jointly do projects and not duplicate resources, it will be a great committee. Hartley and Melling are on the WCD Board. I will continue to report as we progress forward with the meetings. Also, last year we had exciting news about an individual that donated a substantial amount of money to Cross Hollows Arena, Jean Lopour, she is happy with the improvements with the stalls and electrical, and so she donated another \$100,000 check from her for improvements to the arena and is happy with the new manager and his work. Finally, I would like to add item #29A, with the timing of a meeting and bringing committee appointments to the Council, we have one meeting Board of Adjustments we need to extend a term for one month so they have a quorum for their Monday meeting. Phil Schmidt has agreed to extend for one month if the Council is ok with that. ■ Phillips – thank you to whoever is responsible for getting the seal back on the wall, it is a replacement, but we

appreciate that being back on the wall. Mayor – we had the seal in the conference room for a video conferences, American Packaging Company is going to expand the western facilities to Cedar City, this came through a site selector, to have a successful project come through, they are community oriented. They are bringing 135 jobs with good wages and will be in Port 15. ■Swear in Officers John Hill as Patrol Officer II and Marshall Gunter as Patrol Officer I: Chief Darin Adams – we had a retirement a few months ago, we hired Officer Gunter, he finished the academy a few months ago. We had an officer leave and we hired Officer Hill from Saratoga Springs. Marshall Gunter – I was born and raised here in Cedar City by Kerry and Heidi Gunter. They are here tonight as well as my wife Mattie who is from Emery County, we have been married almost 2 years. John Hill – I am originally from Cedar City. After 10 years being gone, I am glad to be back. I did 7 years at Saratoga Springs. Here tonight is my wife Lindsay and our three kids, Emery, Isaac and Ephraim. I am glad to be back and work for the City. Renon Savage administered the oath of office. Their wives pinned their badges on them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■Local Homeless Council Report, Peggy Green – Iron County Care and Share and Iron County Homeless Council, thank you HB 347. This is the second quarter report, April, May and June, and it include Canyon Creek Services and Iron County Care and Share, the data is attached as Exhibit “A”. Day services are individuals that do not stay at the Care & Share but drop in daily. Phillips where is rental assistance coming – Federal Solutions Grant, part from COVID. We don’t typically have money for mortgages. Hotel/Motel money came to us due to COVID, originally it was for quarantine that we were able to use. Canyon Creek Services does the education/prevention. We don’t like the turn away/capacity, we had 92 we could not house. Collaborative Goal will be held July 22nd. We are seeing an increase in mental health issues; this puts tremendous pressure on staff. We are trying to get two people on staff and trying to get money for security which is \$5,000 per month. We are custom to help those in crisis. The cases are increasing and escalating and near out of our control. We are ready to have creative solutions on attainable housing. We want to keep the dialog going. Mayor – with private security, is it cameras or what? Peggy – armed security guard on site. We had an escalated incident happen, this was the night of the moon walk, we had a private security person on site that night as a trial. Also, EBT cards can be used at Frammer Markets, it is the food stamp program.

I want to extend an invitation to all for Five County AOG hosting a poverty simulation. If you want a nice blunt view of poverty, you can participate in the simulation, you are given a life scenario, and things change and give you a view of not having resources. It is a wonderful experience, even those that work with folks in crisis and poverty have lightbulb moments. I have 20-25 spots available. Adams – it is a wonderful program. Mayor – it is going around that if you have stuff they can’t come to the shelter with their belongings. Peggy – you can bring personal belongings to the shelter; however our space is very limited. Each person gets a locked locker, but not a lot of space. We don’t have room for a household full of things. As putting together, the numbers in essential services, we are spending more on storage facilities because we have more folks that have been established that are now homeless. Hartley – a while back we talked about the extra room for an RV parking spot, did that happen? Peggy – it didn’t, we did talked about that. Recently the developer we work with on supportive property, Libertad, we are working with them to have supportive or