

COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 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 Attorney Tyler Romeril; City Recorder Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; Senior Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; City Planner Don Boudreau.

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Henderson, Ben Batty, Teri Kenney, Dallas Buckner, Tom Jett, Sara Ridgel, Kacey Jones, Aaron Condie, Debra Condie, Taley, Oakley and Haulden Condie.

CALL TO ORDER: Councilmember Adams gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Hartley.

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■Phillips – I want to remind everyone that Census 2020 is wrapping up soon, it is difficult to tell where we are, but we were at 80.9% earlier in the week. We can do better. Iron County is not doing as well, it is 60% for the County. I urge everyone to complete that. I want to thank the Street Department for getting signs out about it last week. I also want to ask about Maverik at the south of town. I want to make sure the in and out of the station are worked out. Jonathan will follow up with Kit. Don Boudreau – there has been back and forth with Kit and the Developer to get it squared away. I am not sure where it is. Phillips – I don't want to have to cross traffic getting out of there. ■Mayor – read a Proclamation for Local Businesses. See attached Exhibit "A". this is in conjunction with Small Business Administration and Resource Center. ■Employee of the Month Aaron Condie – Chief Adams – Officer Aaron Condie, he has been here a number of years, came from Wyoming. Officer Condie was the perfect "utility officer" this summer for our Patrol Division. Officer Condie's normal assignment is as a School Resource Officer for Canyon View High School but when school ended so strangely, he immediately came to patrol and began filling in where we needed him and he continued to adjust his summer work schedule as we needed. Along with his willingness to fill in gaps covering shifts to help us maintain staffing, Officer Condie was a great influence on patrol and made awesome cases this summer, including locating and arresting an armed robbery suspect who had just committed the armed robbery at a local business. Despite the usual schedule imbalances Officer Condie was dealt this summer and the normal day to day burdens of patrol work, he worked hard every day and did so with a smile. Additionally, he noticed something in the school where

cough medicine was used incorrectly, and we worked with the pharmacies to remove it from the shelves. Officer Condie – here with me tonight is my wife Debra, daughters Taley & Oakley and son Haulden. ■Paul – last Thursday we had a meeting with the CIB, it was a proposal meeting for funding. We were moved forward to funding meeting \$6.2 million 30 years at 2%. We will go to the meeting in October, if approved closing will happen after that. We will need to make a decision. We will have Zions Public Finance do a parameters resolution to bring to you before closing. Phillips – when in October? Paul – I don't know. Phillips – I want to look further down the road for sales tax, etc. ■Chief Adams – I know everyone is aware of the goings on in the community. I want to highlight the efforts of our Officers and Investigators, they have put their heart and soul into the investigation. The first homicide suspect has been arrested and the second on at Home Depot was arrested about an hour ago. We have wonderful officers and they have sacrificed so much in these investigations. ■ Adams – I would like to hear from Ken about the soccer tournaments this past weekend. Ken Nielson, Leisure Services Director – I don't know a lot about the soccer. Steve Nelson over a soccer league ran the tournament. I understand there were 130 teams, they were at SUU, High Schools, all over, including Bicentennial. Along with that and tournaments it was a busy weekend. I have not talked to Steve, but I think it was a success. We have the stock show, rodeo and tournaments and half marathon all this weekend. Adams – I appreciate all you have done bringing tournaments into the community. Phillips – my neighbors run an Air BNB and they turned 49 people away for this past weekend. What are the plans for the golf course pond? Ken – there is a seeding process, I don't know the details.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■Cedar Breaks National Monument Presentation – I bring greetings of Superintendent Kathleen Gonder, it is wonderful to have here manage this. I am Kasey Jones, Assistant Director, part of the work is to fund top priority park projects, things the Federal budget doesn't cover, we work with community stakeholders for the projects. If you get a paper through the gate, Forever Project does that, we also do the Junior Ranger program. We want to make sure we don't have to charge for those things. We run the retail operations and have grown philanthropy. Cedar Breaks has a 240% increase this year, a lot of people from new areas have found the park. It brings a long of education for the Park. Since Cedar Breaks was established in the 30's there has never been a visitors center. We have a cabin constructed by the CCC in the 1930's, it is 600 sq. feet for 600,000+ visitors, there is not enough room for educational purposes. There is not room for school kids, and it gets really windy up there. We want to change that. See Exhibit "B" the slide presentation. Cedar Breaks was the first stop in the grand circle. The National Park has centennial challenge provides 50% of the costs, that is the senior pass money. This has been a part of the master plan for 40 years. This is for money that Iron County has provided. We are actively raising the rest of the match. Thank you, Mayor, for your letter of support, we receive a ½ million for the project from Outdoor Recreational funding. We hope to break ground in the next year or two. We want to thank everyone for support. Phillips – how much more to raise? Kasey - \$1.4 million. Phillips - How do they contact you? Cedarbreaks.org, and the slogan is "Enhance the View". ■Teri Kenney – I want to encourage more representation from the community at the City Council meetings. We have 5-members and 3 people that consistently come to the meeting. There are upwards of 50 people that watch live or at a later time on the internet. I am appealing to them to come and join us so more community members are here. We are experiencing a lot of growth and we want more input from the community.