

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 11, 2023**

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Garth O. Green; Councilmembers: Terri Hartley; Craig Isom; W. Tyler Melling; Scott Phillips; Ronald Riddle.

**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; Water Superintendent Robbie Mitchell; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Laura Henderson, M. Wilson, Ann Clark, James Jetton, Reverend Celeste Lasich, Ryan Ingledew, Andy McCrea, Janet McCrea, Ray Vance, Terry Hermansen, Jaymes Henry, David Woods, Alysha Lundgren, Dallas Buckner, Wendy Green.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Reverend Celeste Lasich of the Community Presbyterian Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Paul Bittmenn.

**AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL:** Item #7 will go to Action, Hartley and Isom have both been affected. Councilmember Isom moved to approve the agenda order with said change; second by Councilmember Hartley; vote unanimous.

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

**COMMENTS:** ■ **Mayor** – words cannot express the tragedy, thanks to the first responders. **Riddle** – I visited with an individual highly engaged in the Enoch area, I want our people in our city to know how professional the CCPD has been in this situation. There are no words to say, but I had an individual express specifically to me how perfect the CCPD jumped in and helped, were supportive and did what they needed to do in line with the other agencies. The city needs to know we have a good police force that have a lot of compassion and understanding and are professional and dedicated. ■ **Phillips** – I echo that, I hope the first responders are well physically and mentally and hope they are receiving the help they need. Thank you.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** ■ Water Strategy Presentation. Andy McCrea, PE. **Andy** – I am a retired hydrologist that has joined the Mayor's team. People have said we have done a poor job managing the aquifer, but they have not helped us out. Exhibit "A" was presented. The Airport is a perfect site to recharge the system with the volumes. The second objective is to distribute the pumping load, we are now by Quichapa and Enoch, we have pulled a lot of water out of the aquifer. This gives us the flexibility to bank or give it to growers and in the winter put in a permanent facility, that is what the recharge facility is all about. If we show the State we are doing a much better job and it starts to heal maybe they will go lighter on the cuts. Using water efficiently and balance our pumping are the objectives. We can pump where it is least harmful. **Phillips** – we had recharged by the Airport, is this a new basin? **Andy** – there is a 50' clay layer in the Wester Rock pit. Clay prevents the water from percolating deeper, that is why the Western Rock Pit is not optimum. They recited the original treatment plant because the nitrate levels were increasing quickly and moving to the west, it became acquainted with the clay layers. When we talk 100 or 1000 years, we are not