

COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2022

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 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; W. Tyler Melling; Scott Phillips; Ronald Riddle.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Craig Isom.

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; Fire Marshal Mike Shurtz; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kalub Spendlove, Teri Kenney, Ann Clark, Gerald Van Iwaarden, Jeff Hooper, Brooke Twitchell, Dexter Twitchell, Rob O'Brien, Erick Kjellgren, Mike Platt, Tom Jett, Brad Green, Wendy Green, Dalla Buckner, Ben Lamoreaux, Joe Phillips, Jeff Richards, Alex Engstom, Caleb Rees, Brittany Westwood, Chad Westwood, Nathan Westwood, Amber Westwood, Dave Nakken, Ben Lamoreaux.

CALL TO ORDER: Pastor Gerald Van Iwarden of Westview Christian Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Teri Kenney.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Jonathan asked that item #6 be moved to the action agenda.

Councilmember Hartley moved to approve the agenda order moving #6 to action; second by Councilmember Phillips; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■ Mayor Green – Introduce Brooke Twitchell, the new Events Director - Brooke has a son Dexter and a 4-year-old Davey. She has been here since 2005. She has been involved in events for a while she will be replacing Brad Abrams in the Economic Development Department with Danny Stewart. Brooke – if there was a cap on excitement, I hit it Monday at 8:04 a.m. I love living and working here, I want to bring people to come and see what we are all about. My son Dexter is 9 years old is here with me tonight. He attends North Elementary. I have a 4-year-old Davey a red head and when he got kicked off his 4-wheeler to come to the meeting tonight he threw a fit, so my husband Brady stayed home with him. You will see my husband around; he is my greatest supporter and my muscle. ■ Mayor – we had the Coal Creek bridge opening, hurray. It is amazing. ■ Ryan Marshall, Public Works Director – updates on issues you have been asking over several months. First Airport directional signs, we are pleased Nick has been working with Maria

Twitchell and they have procured 3 directional signs, Aviation Way, Kitty Hawk and one for terminal parking. There have been issues with general aviation and the main terminal, this will give direction. We appreciate Maria and her help finding funding. Jonathan – one of the signs will go on Aviation Way in the median by Gem Engineering, we didn't have the property on either side of the road to put it. It will be at least 7 feet tall, so it won't intrude on site lines. Phillips – that is a great improvement, I appreciate you, Nick and Maria. Ryan – a light at Jolley's leaning, the acorn shell was broken, that has been fixed. A few others tipping have been fixed. One hit by Ace Hardware, the entire base will have to be replaced, we have a pole in place. It is secured so it won't fall over. We think on the truck today are 7 decorative streetlights, they will be coming in soon, they were ordered in August and that will allow us to replace some on 100 West. Some had transformer boxes that had been tripped.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■ Ann Clark – I have not been here since before COVID. I may be totally wrong but was disturbed when talking about developments on Lund Highway, I know Mr. Phillips said be kind to citizens. And then said hopefully storage units don't go in. Do developers run the city or the council and mayor. People spend a lot of money on houses, we could have a CBD store. We the people voted you the people to protect us. It is passing the buck to say we can't do it. Now for the real reason I am here, the weeds and the way the City property looks. Why don't they take the exposed black plastic, it looks terrible? Last May I was so furious; I pick my grandkids up there every day. After 3 years I got out and ripped out the dead plants, there are masks, condoms, trash and garbage Mr. Bittmenn said he said he would send the street sweeper up, I haven't seen it. Whether City parks, I haven't had the courage to go to Discovery Park, what about the weeds and swings. The schools and university seem to take care of grass and landscaping. I weeded every day from May to October other than when I had covid. People would come out of the pool and say you work here, and I said no, the City doesn't care. The Discovery Park sign is covered in weeds, the school sign looks nice. It is not working, what you do, I used my own weed spray, I picked up garbage. I see people never working. Where are the workers, it is nice out right now. I want to go with my hedge trimmer and trim the bushes. I am asking, doesn't anyone care about the city. This is the face of the city. At Christmas parties people said the City used to look really nice. There are weeds everywhere. The weeds are dead from the fall laying there dead. Where are the workers, we have ground crews, Mr. Bittmenn should say they are here on Monday, there on Tuesday. I do see people working occasionally at the ball fields. I took family around to see the Memorial Park. When you have a city, you should have landscaping crews the clean up and move on. It is totally mismanaged; I can do it if you want. I have seen a young college there twice. I see high school kids empty trash, did no one say drive around the Aquatic Center and pick up the garbage. Something must be done. I will come and report how it is working, this is the face of the city, I feel sad to say since my kids went to SUU it looks terrible. Phillips – we get the comment about developers running the City. Within City structure there are ordinances passed with zones and within that there are parameters, and you can build something in each zone. We don't tell them what it will look like, or architecturally design it for them. I get frustrated also, but we don't all have the same aesthetic. We can't control everything. We control what goes in within a zone. This property was rezoned to commercial; you can see what is allowed in that zone, you can look at that on the city website. It lists what can be there. Ann – you need to have a plan. I hope I get