

COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2020

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 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; W. Tyler Melling; Scott Phillips.

EXCUSED: Craig Isom

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Engineer Kit Wareham; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; Executive Assistant Onjulee Pittser; Finance Director Jason Norris; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director, Ryan Marshall; Parks Supervisor, Wade Orme,

OTHERS PRESENT: Teri Kenney, Marilyn Wood, Matthew Wood, Linda Bush, L. Henderson, Richard Crommie, Tom Jett, Melodie Jett, Joel Hansen, Carter Wilkey, Kade Adams, Geoffrey Chesnut, Rob Dotson, Paul Monroe, Jessica Staheli, Kelly Crane, Curtis Nelson, John Rehring, Cody Berg, Jessica Bulloch, Ernie Bulloch

CALL TO ORDER: Chief Darin Adams gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Chief Mike Phillips.

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: **Tyler Melling:** Just a quick item. Last night, someone sent me a picture of some crude graffiti on City property I forwarded that to the Mayor, and she was right on it. I appreciate the Mayor and staff for taking care of it so quickly. **Mayor:** It was taken care of today. **Scott Phillips:** I'd like to thank the parks department for putting up our new Historic Downtown banners and the Historic Preservation Commission and staff for working towards the new look of our historic downtown. Hopefully, it will create a lot of new and exciting things in our downtown area. Also, I'd like to take a moment of personal privilege. Tonight, I am wearing a flamingo tie in honor of my dear friend, Fred Adams, who passed away last week. He gave me this tie and tonight I want to celebrate him with all his greatness, his color and panosh. I wanted to thank the City for all the outpouring of love to myself and his family during this difficult time. **Terri Hartley:** This Saturday the Iron County Republican Women are holding a Lincoln Day dinner, and they're having Jenny Taylor, the wife of Major Brent Taylor who was killed in Afghanistan, is going to be the speaker there. If you want to buy tickets, you can go on Eventbrite. It's Saturday night from 6-8 p.m. at the Hunter Conference Center. It should be an amazing program. **Tom Jett:** Is this just for women or is it for anybody? **Terri:**

It's for anybody. **Mayor:** To follow with what Council Member Phillips said with the passing of Fred, I have a proclamation that I will read and give to Fred's family members that are here. "Whereas, Fred C. Adams was born in Cedar City, Utah on January 30th, 1931 to Paul Monroe Adams and Louise Cruikshank Adams; and whereas, Fred C. Adams joined the U.S. Army and was stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954; and whereas, Fred C. Adams holds various bachelor's and master's degrees from Brigham Young University in theater arts and Russian; and whereas, Fred C. Adams was a professor at the College of Southern Utah, now Southern Utah University, for thirty-eight years and was named professor emeritus upon his retirement from teaching; and whereas, in 1961, Fred C. Adams and his wife, Barbara Gaddie Adams, created the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespeare Festival, which brings millions of dollars annually to the Cedar City area; and whereas, after 50 years serving as the executive producer of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, he then assumed the responsibilities as the center director to fundraise for the Beverly Taylor Sorensen Center for the Arts; and whereas, Fred C. Adams has been the recipient of many prestigious awards, such as the SUU Presidential Medallion of Service in 2019, the Shakespeare Theater Association Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015 and the Governor's Award from the Utah Humanities Council in 2010 plus many others; and Whereas, Fred C. Adams took his final bow on February 6th, 2020, and left an extraordinary legacy for Cedar City through his dream and vision of the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Maile L. Wilson-Edwards, Mayor of Cedar City Utah, do hereby declare February 14, 2020 as Fred C. Adams Day in Cedar City". For those who don't know, Friday, February 14th will be the day of Fred's funeral and we would like to keep him in our thoughts and have a moment of silence right now in his honor. I would like to give this to Dorcas and Addison. Fred was truly a remarkable man that helped shape the vision and legacy of Cedar City our region in the state what we have become because of him. We'd be remised not to recognize him at this time. We will now move onto staff comments and the Employee of the Month. **Ryan Marshall:** I'm here to present the Employee of the Month to Eric Witzke. He's been with the City about 6-7 months now. He's been a valuable employee and asset to the streets department. Jeff has been able to get him trained onto all different tasks and he's been very positive and upbeat about it. Now, I'll read the nomination for him. "Eric is always pleasant and is willing to take care of issues of trash cans, signs and anything to do with the Street Division of Public Works. He is pleasant in his interaction with the City residents. We know we can call on him to take care of problems with missed trash pickups, repair of broken trash cans and delivery of new cans for service and any other issues the Street Department sees fit. I appreciate his willingness to go the extra mile in making sure issues are taken care of in a timely manner". I know when he came on board, one of the big things we were struggling with is our retro reflectivity sign tracking. He took that on and started tracking all the signs the city has GPS and putting into our system that our insurance requires we track that reflectivity. It's something that nobody really wanted to take that on, but he did it. I want to congratulate him as the Employee of the Month. **Mayor:** As a quick side note, we need to excuse Councilman Isom because he is sick this evening. We appreciate him staying home. Hopefully, he gets better soon. Next, we'll move onto our 4500 West sewer line update. **Trevor McDonald** – I was asked to give a brief summary on the 4500 West sewer line. Over the