

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 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; R. 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; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Airport Manager Nick Holt.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ann Clark, Teri Kenney, Wendy Green, Tom Jett, Christian Simmons, Lara Sorensen, Andrew Barrick, Brenna Haley, Alysha Lundgren, Bob Platt, David Woods, Tim Watson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jonathan Stathis gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Chief Darin Adams.

**Mayor Green** welcomed the four youth council members in attendance, Andres Barrick, Lara Sorensen, Brenna Haley and Lydia Smith.

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

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

**COMMENTS:** ■ Swear in Patrol Officer I, Ron Condie. **Chief Adams** – Ron graduated a few weeks ago and we are grateful to have him. **Officer Ron Condie** – I have lived in Cedar most of my life. I am married to Marissa, her parents are Ken and Monica Brunson, they couldn't be here tonight, My parents are here tonight, they are Pam and Darin Condie. **Renon Savage** administered the oath of office. **Marissa** pinned his badge. ■ **Merrill Osmond** – it started when Ronald Reagan came to Salt Lake City, he asked the Osmond's to get involved with his inauguration if he won the election, and he did. I learned a lot about fireworks, patriotism, and youth spark. I went back to Provo and said we need a 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, and I funded the Stadium of Fire the first 3 years. Why not celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> of July and the pioneer spirit. I sat with Sam Cardon and we wrote a play about the pioneers and we got the youth involved. We did it at Dixie stadium, but it was too hot. Exhibit "A" was viewed. We don't bring in a lot of expensive artists, we use local talent. I feel here in this city we have a mayor that sees the vision, the University wants to be involved, churches to lend support, and I would like to find a home for this event. I would like something for people to count on every 24<sup>th</sup> of July. **Mayor** – it is a matter of whether there is interest. I am willing to commit time and some money. I would work with Merrill's son Justin to raise money. This will not be in 2023, it is a huge summer with the Railroad Celebration and we need to put our efforts into that this year. This would happen in 2024. We need to write a script for Cedar City and tell it right, it is different from Provo, Ephraim, St. George and Parowan. **Merrill** – I see nothing but miracles with the youth that get involved. I want to get behind this personally and help it to grow. **Mayor** – I printed it out and it is huge, production is something they do and they are not trying to make money, but to give back, but it will take money and I am committed to help raise the money, if we don't raise it we can't do it. **Isom** – you mentioned the University, are they on board? **Merrill** – yes, the University, Tourism, and the LDS Church. We have the costumes and the stage built; we are ready to go. **Wendy**