

COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2023

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2023, at 9:00 A.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 Randall McUne; City Recorder Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; City Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Library Director Steve Decker; Wastewater Superintendent Eric Bonzo; Water Superintendent Robbie Mitchell; Street Superintendent Jeff Hunter; HR Director Natasha Hirschi; Police Lieutenant Clint Pollock; Police Lieutenant Jimmy Roden; Senior Plant Operator Jeff Lennert; Events Director Brooke Twitchell; Executive Assistant Megan Lamb; Heritage Center Manager Jason Clark.

OTHERS PRESENT: Andy McCrea, Brandon Hunter, Brad Green, Kelton Green, Kysalyn Green, Carter Wilkey.

CALL TO ORDER: Councilmember Isom gave the invocation; the pledge of allegiance was led by Robbie Mitchell.

Mayor Green - Thank you for being here, thanks to Paul and Jason for helping me prepare the budget. Also, thanks to Natasha Nava, my wife Wendy, daughter Lori and my son Phillip for the luncheon.

Two and a half years ago when I came, I was exposed to the groundwater management plan and saw frustration. What to do with WWTP, Coal Creek and Martins Flat, I was disappointed with all three. I want an open discussion today. I will start with water, parks & recreation and part-time employees. We live in an interesting time. We have factors impacting us in many ways, some are hidden. The wastewater, Forest Service, 24th of July, electrifying the office and getting rid of filing cabinets, Airport and SkyWest, fire department, police department, economic development, and all departments in the city. I said I would do 5 things, water, 6 areas we are focusing on, Green Hollow, Shurtz Canyon, Martins Flat, North Watershed, Bumblebee and the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). They will start logging the well now. I am appreciative of people that have helped me along the way. The best secret in Cedar City I came in contact with is Andy McCrea, he is a giant in wells and in deep wells. Kimball Holt, a giant in the Ag industry, he is renowned throughout the State, he is going to Arizona, Nevada and Texas to talk of agriculture. Ron Thompson from St. George who was willing to help. Dane Leavitt representing the developers. Paul Bittmenn from the City, Tyler Melling a study and organizer, Jonathan, Scott Stubbs, Paul Monroe, Jake Benson with Ag ties, Tyson Palmer, Jason Dodds of NRCS, Ag players Brent Hunter, Craig Jones, and attorneys Ron Thompson, Tyler, Paul attorneys, Andy, Jonathan and Jason are engineers, and from the Engineers. Joel Ferry Natural Resources, we went to Mexico. Teresa Wilkinson State Engineer, Nate Moses, State local engineer. Kent Jones, Royce Nelson, Gary Player, Jay Grimshaw, Marilyn Wood, and I appreciate my son Jeff Green, the smartest pipe fitting guy I know.