

COUNCIL WORK MINUTES
MAY 20, 2020

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 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; Craig Isom; W. Tyler Melling; Scott Phillips.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; City Recorder Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; Sports & Recreation Manager Jennifer Weaver; Leisure Service Director Ken Nielson; Aquatic Center Manager Chris Hudson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Willis, Carter Wilkey, Krista Keay, Theodore Lane, Bruce Hughes, Kalub Spendlove, Tom Jett, Melodie Jett, Kelsey Cooke, Stacia Shipp, Dan Kidder, Kathy Hunsaker, Tiger Funk, Jennifer Weaver, Teri Kenney, Mike McCoy, Robert Ennis, Kristen Clark, Colin Clark, Otto Clark, Andrea Nelson, Brad Green, Blake Cozzens.

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

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the agenda order for 3 meetings; second by Councilmember Melling; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF COMMENTS: ■Phillips – I have had citizens contact me about the corner of the Golf Course where LaFiesta is, it has a lot of weeds. Tom Jett – it will be done tomorrow. ■Melling – over the last few days a lot of information some less accurate than others has been shared online. I expressed my concern that we as a council are sent information about the meeting on Monday morning, wondering about making that public. Paul – all the packets are published on the State Public Notice website. Mayor – it is also sent to the media. Paul – also to folks that have requested the information. ■Mike Phillips – our fuels crew has been doing work on Cody Drive, we have had citizens call us. The branches are hauled to the road and we will chip those instead of burn in that area. ■Chief Adams – tomorrow night is the parade for the graduates, CV and CHS. We will meet at 5:00 to prep and will shut down at 5:40. Coal Creek to the north 200 South 100, 200, 300 West from center on will feed onto Main Street. At 7:00 p.m. the students will go down the route, Cedar to the South and CV to the north. It is to go until 8:00 p.m. Phillips – it is important to recognize the graduates of 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■Dr. Theodore Lane – I was disappointed after listening to the May 12, meeting and wondering who we are getting the heat from and it was the hockey people. When some has concerns it is your job to listen. This is conduct unbecoming of a city official. Melling said the voters have the right to have the voices heard. I would like

everyone that was at the meeting to issue an apology. ■Dan Kidder – I also was upset to hear the recordings and I had an 8-hour plane flight, so I listened to the entire meeting. That was the part that jumped out at me. Mr. Phillips, I understand your point about Broadway. I don't care about Broadway, Hollywood or Boise, I care about the people of this community that are losing jobs and businesses. I care about that man out there (Police Chief) will he have resources to keep the community safe when people lose their jobs. Will he have the wage increase as other communities. You sound like you paid off the credit card and want to charge it up again. We think of projects that lose money every year, Heritage Center, Aquatic Center, Arena. Comments were irreprehensible, calling out people by name, calling out the hockey people. I am not just opposed to this during COVID but all the time. You are competing with businesses in the community. It doesn't matter what the people say, you will do what you are going to do, you have proved it over and over again. What will it take to get you to think about the people of this community until you spend into oblivion? ■Mayor – we are recognizing the watercolor society who came in and hung the beautiful pictures in this room and in the hall. ■ Bruce Hughes, a local CPA – I have concerns we need to address. I have a lot of clients affected by the pandemic, a restaurant owner that invested 120 employees cut to 45, now shut down with no plans of reopening. Those jobs are gone. We have other industries we deal with that are suffering. It is tragic. If we think it is bad today, with Utah Shakespeare Festival and Utah Summer Games not happening we will see much more impact in the next 3-4 months. How many people you know that say if we make it through the winter the summer will save us. We now have 3 back to back winter facing those businesses. they came through winter and then another and then they will have another. This will be very serious for the economy. We are not talking about school district, SUU, Cedar City or Iron County, we are talking the businesses. now we are talking about the budget and gymnasiums. Ice and gyms are two separate topics. The underlying problem is the same for both topics. The view of the citizens is government is not listening, they are saying they know better and government is talking down to the citizens. This pandemic has brought that out more than anything else. People are saying we are tired of that, telling us they know better and not listening to us and that goes to this budget. I am still of the opinion we need it in the budget meaning the gym, it is a PR issue we need to get in front. No, we have already told them we are starting the gyms and we will soon have nice color pretty pictures. You are saying you have already made the decision and the economy doesn't matter. That is wrong, we want you to listen to us and give us your input, it is something you should think about. Pushing it out at election it can be worse. We are a tiny community; a hiccup goes a long way and we are looking at a huge hiccup. I implore you to think about it. Should this be on the ballot. I think the dog pound should be on the ballot because you didn't get input from the community. I was very involved with the Aquatic Center and volunteered, I had been in the swimming pool business and I was shut out of the committee because they decided what they wanted. We bought steel walls from Italy and spent the last 6 months repairing them. You have experts in the community. You should have a citizen group on what are we going to do to help businesses, it is critical, and the leadership should come from you or we will see businesses dropping like flies. I know the business owners, they are good friends, clients, they struggle, and we can't make it more difficult for them. I suggest that we put a citizen committee together and brainstorm and come up with ideas. We have incredible, smart