

SPEACIL COUNCIL WORK MINUTES
MAY 25, 2022

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 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; Craig Isom; W. Tyler Melling; Scott Phillips; Ronald Riddle.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; Executive Assistant Onjulee Pittser; Finance Director Jason Norris; City Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Clark, Kalub Spendlove, Mary Butler, Laura Henderson, Carter Wilkey, Danny Lewis, Pace Clarke – Utah Summer Games, Sara Ridgel, Teri Kenney, Natalie Christensen – SUU STEM, HR Brown, Tom Jett, Joel Hansen, Dallas Buckner, Sara Patterson, Symbria Patterson

CALL TO ORDER: President Michael Heap gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Tom Jett.

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■ **Mayor:** I've received a verbal offer. Holt & Hulet agrees to take 2,000 a/f type 2 wastewater in the Quichapa area south for pivots and the rest of the wells pumping into Quichapa. Cedar City buys the piping and the balance of the water from the treatment plant east to Enoch Garbin and supply Jones with pipe and pivots. This is what they're offering to us. **Phillips:** We're not acting on this tonight. It's just information. **Melling:** We had the Corollo proposals from the Wastewater Plan, and 621 is the proposal as outlined to council last year. Holt #1 was the MOU that came before council, and Holt #2 is something we're discussing next week. **Mayor:** Someday. We're asking for proposals. I've asked everyone what they want to do. There was an offer to take 2000 a/f of it and rest the wells where they're pumping deep in Quichapa. I said that's a good proposal. **Phillips:** We need to do an RFP or something with the same info provided to everyone. Get it across the board and fair to everyone. ■ **Melling:** One of our residents asked me if South Elementary is the designated area for the dog park? I said I don't believe so. They asked what can we do to fix that. The concern was to have leash laws and kids play in the park too, and they run barefoot. There are already rules and they're not followed. I am curious if there's anything in the ordinance prohibiting people, as long as the owner wanted to, from turning vacant lots into makeshift dog parks. Is there anything to prohibit them from putting in a fence? **Tyler R:** There's not anything that will prohibit a private property owner from doing that. We'd want to look at the animal control ordinance, but I don't think there's anything in there that would restrict a dog park. **Melling:** We would treat it like any other park. **Phillips:** Whatever school it is, that's the school district jurisdiction. I'm sure they want people to

clean up after themselves. We'll need to reach out to the district and have a conversation with them. ■ **Phillips:** Thanks to the Street Dept., Parks, Jonathan and staff for their work on the streetscapes and tree grates and all the nice improvements. It's a step in the right direction in the historic downtown. We cannot be immune to what happened in Texas yesterday. It's happening too often, and we can't ignore it. We can't think it won't happen here. That town was smaller than Cedar City, and we must take action. As individuals, we need to reach out and make sure we can do all we can to protect those who can't protect themselves. I know there are issues that the PD thinks about, because if it can happen there, it can happen anywhere. Be mindful of that. Reach out to the people who can change the laws. The best things are when we do grass roots efforts and start at the bottom to make our neighborhoods, our families and community better. I would like all of us to do that. **Riddle:** We all have kids or grandkids in school. We should encourage the school district during school hours in one way and out anyway, it's time in Cedar City and Iron County and Southern Utah. I have relatives in northern Utah, and we should demand that we put guards by the door. I don't know one of the people in this room that I know well do not have a firearm of one type or the other. I have a concealed carry. I don't conceal carry on school grounds. We should encourage our school district to put armed guards in Cedar City, Iron County and Parowan. Some people I know go to the school board meetings weekly and encourage the school district. I think everyone should have to go through training and have a concealed carry permit. We need to protect our kids in all situations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■ Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games Update – **Pace Clarke:** I'm the Executive Director of the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games (USG). The purpose for this from the beginning was to encourage people to come to Cedar City. That's our #1 goal is to come to our community and enjoy their time, so they'll come back. We've been seeing that year to year. We want to make sure to thank everyone from the City who helps us do what we do. We wouldn't be able to do this without Ken in Leisure Services, Anthony in Parks, many in the City Administration, and almost every dept. that supports us. I had a meeting with the Mayor, and last year was an interesting situation. There are a lot of administration changes happening in the City and school district. Everything was understood the USG and different organizations. But it was all over a handshake. The turnover with personnel meant that a lot of those "understood" agreements had fallen away. I'm currently working on a memo of understanding to present to the Mayor and in City Council. I'll make sure it gets through all the departments. We have worked on expanding the USG. We've been operating in different times of the year. The analysis on sports is better represented if they are held in their competition seasons. We've completed 5 events already. If we had done those in the month of June, we would have had 400-500 athletes. Now in their respective seasons, we had 1456 athletes. That's proving to work and bring additional people to Cedar City. It helps alleviate the chaos in June. We made the decision to cancel the road cycling event. We've had low numbers the past few years and there are traffic concerns, not by just the cyclists, but the cycling administrators. There was a tragedy in April, where 2 brothers in Washington Co. were struck by a driver. We have the intention of revamping that event later on and we'll work with law enforcement to increase awareness and bring it back. All team events are looking very positive and strong. The last several years we've been close to the 10,000-athlete number, and I'm positive it will be over that this year. **Phillips:** I'd like to congratulate you on working through the pandemic. It's a great branding for Cedar City.