

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**MAY 27, 2020**

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 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; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Marshal Mike Shurtz; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Project Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Executive Assistant Onjulee Pittser; Executive Assistant KriAne Coleman; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nick Willis, Steve & Patti Turner, Dan Kidder, Ron Larsen, Milton McLelland, Dixie Tienken, Kelsey Cooke, Robert Cooke, Spring Parker, Kyle Gower, John Petersen, Gennyfere Petersen, Maya Akpinar, Steve Bureson, Teri Kenney, Mike McCoy, Tom Jett, Dixon Tiffany, Jeron Parry, Tiger Funk, Stephen Gwin, Delice Tom, Kalub Spendlove, Richard Genck, Zach Iroz, Robert Ennis.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilmember Adams gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Phillips.

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

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

**COMMENTS:** ■Phillips – congratulations to the students from Cedar High and Canyon View High Schools and thanks to the school personnel, the Police Department and Events for putting on the parade last week. It gave a great reason to celebrate, it was refreshing and fun. ■Mayor – thanks to our Parks, Leisure Services, the Cemetery looked beautiful for Memorial Day. I know the cleanup begins on June 1<sup>st</sup>, if you left mementos make sure you pick them up before then. Also, it was announced at SUU will have an open campus this fall, we will have students, excitement and life back. ■ Employees of the Months, JJ Wood (April), Jonathan Stathis (May) KariAne Coleman (June). EAC – JJ Wood's was presented to him at the Fire Department. Kit Wareham – Jonathan has worked for Cedar City for over 18 years. One cannot drive on any street in Cedar City or on any County Road within 10 miles of Cedar City without coming across a city culinary water well, pump house, water tank, water line or any other component of the City's water system that Jonathan has not designed, over saw the construction, or improved for those 18 years of service. Jonathan recently designed and had constructed a major upgrade of the City's Golf Course's Irrigation system including a PVC lined reservoir, new state of the art pump station and controls, and the design and installation of the power supply to that pump station. What else can one guy do? Well, right now, Jonathan is overseeing the completion of a new Public Works building that has set half constructed for the last 15 years. I am sure I have left out many of Jonathan's other

accomplishments over the last 18 years. It's needless to say that Jonathan's value to the City cannot be overstated. ■ Tyler Romeril – it is a pleasure to nominate and endorse KariAne Coleman for the Employee of the Month award. Kari is being presented with this award because her work exceeds expectation. Kari has taken it upon herself to provide exceptional support and service to the legal department. She has quickly worked herself into a position of being the “go-to” person for getting time sensitive projects completed. Her work ethic and attention to detail have put Randall and I in a position to effectively represent the City in all legal matters. In addition to performing her job at an exemplary level, Kari demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to the City and its citizens. Working with the general public is not always easy, however; Kari's temperament and professionalism naturally tempers and defuses difficult situations. The City is well represented by having her interact with the public. Over the past year Kari has effectively demonstrated her versatility as she seamlessly adjusted from the Police Department to the Legal Department. Her honest and authentic approach to life has been a source of inspiration and encouragement to other employees; it also makes her an approachable person to talk to. The Legal Department is grateful to have her on board and hopes she never feels taken for granted. With that being said, it is an honor to present her to the Mayor and City Council as the Employee of the Month. ■ Grand Prize Winner of Focus on Cedar City, Maya Akpinar. Onjulee Pittser, Executive Assistant – we started this last year, by me being jealous of Brad's photos on the website, I wanted some for the Facebook page. We had almost 7,000 people react to this on Facebook. We had over 100 entries, landscape, people, festivals, events, Cedar City and altered images. We did viewer's choice and the Grand prize, some move different categories, the Grand prize winner won 2 other categories. We want to present to Maya Akpinar – she also won people choice and Festival and Events. We will hang her picture at the City Offices for a month. Mayor – Brad and Oni have been trying to get different people to engage. ■ Danny Stewart, Economic Development Director – update on Cedar City together program. I spent the past few days with the Cedar City/Brian Head Tourism putting together packets, and with the Chamber distributing to businesses. Chamber did a questionnaire about opening up and the challenges. One top concern was being able to open safely and communicate to patrons that they are opening safely. We put together a packet based on the colorful banners that were hanging in the City and included PPE, masks, decals, materials for customers to see steps they are taking and letting people know they are open for business. We wanted more of a feeling of working together to keep residents, employees and citizens safe. The theme is #Cedarcitytogether. We are together and want our visitors, and residents to know we are excited for them to be here and we are open for business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** ■ Delice Tom, Cedar band Chair, our convenience store, gas station will open soon, probably soft opening next week. We will hold a grand opening late June or early July and will invite the City Council. ■ Addie Turner – I live in Mt. Villa Estates and there are concerns about the traffic coming because of the net Maverik and the new Trail Head for the mountain bikes. We are seeing a lot more traffic coming around the corner from Main to Old Hwy 91 and where Greens Lake comes on to Hwy 91. We have bikers going down the road all the time and people are passing them, and they can't get safely across the highway and there have been several close calls. I am concerned with more traffic with the Maverik and how they will enter from Cross Hollow, the bike traffic and all the congestion. I had a close call myself with big trucks coming off Greens Lake, they had to