

COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 8, 2020

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 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; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Project Engineer Jonathan Stathis; City Planner Don Boudreau; Director of Golf Jared Barnes; Golf Superintendent Steve Carter; Assistant Golf Superintendent Austin Bingham.

OTHERS PRESENT: Arlo Fawson, Carter Wilkey, Donna Law, Tom Jett, Laura Henderson, Ronald & Darlene Shelley, Maridon Nielsen, Joel Hansen, Lisa Natwick, Kelsey Cooke, Teri Kenney, Ron Larsen, Bob Platt, Mauri Bleazard.

CALL TO ORDER: Police Chief Darin Adams gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Isom.

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■ Isom – three items I want us to revisit, one is the contract for our General Plan. Paul – we did the bid process, we had 3 bids for the General Plan, Tyler has sent the prior contractee notice we are terminating, Don has been in contact with the second people Rural Urban Consultants and are circulating a draft contract to bring back. Isom – we want to get money in the hands of businesses sooner than later. Paul – the Treasury Department has expended the guidance on how the money can be spent, we circulated with Department Heads and have feedback from Care and Share and School District. We will amend the City budget next week to bring the money in and another item we will present you with staff's idea on how we can spend the money and you can approve it or not. We will then proceed. The County is going forward with their process and will be sending a MOU. Hartley – did we find out if non-profits can be funded? Paul – the current draft from the County says you have to be a for profit or not for profit business. Isom – a former member of the Council brought this up, controlling snipe signs in the past and the eternal campaign signs. The suggestion is putting a boundary on that, 2 months ahead of an election. Tyler – the sign ordinance passed in 2007, at that time the Council looked at restrictions on signage and the governing body chose not to govern political signs. We can put reasonable restrictions on time and manner. If you want to place limitation on political signs we can. Paul – we limit by not allowing them on government property. Isom – when you put your signs out you don't want to be the first one or the last one out. A boundary would make it easier. Phillips – I agree it is part of the process, but I think in decency and the overall appearance we should put limitations on that. They should come down at a reasonable time after the election as well. Isom – the fence south of Chili's is horrible, if we can control that, I would like an

agenda item. Melling – I get it for commercial signs posted on people’s property or city property, when it comes to elections and the public process, I see something wrong with putting limitations because those of us in power give ourselves more of an advantage of incumbency. I am not against public shaming, nor am I opposed there is a sign blindness; it is not helpful for a campaign to leave it up to long. I am hesitant to limit our free speech. Isom – the new trees at the ball fields have been appreciated by a number of people, that is a good thing. And fireworks, the Saturday night show I joined the Chief to shoot off the fireworks. It is not without risk, but I have not had that much fun since I was a kid. I want to acknowledge all the volunteers that make it happen, it is a huge effort. I appreciate all the Fire Department does. The timing of the jet fuel exploding was a little off, but otherwise it was a lot of fun. We watched fires start all around the City. We somehow have to do something to make it safer; we need to have a discussion. They were shooting fireworks at CHS at 3:00 a.m. on the 5th of July. I hear them at 10-11 p.m. for days after. ■Phillips – I had concerns about fireworks. We need to find a way to address that, short of banning them. I saw fire trucks running all over the City, Fairway Drive, Cove Drive and all over the City. We need to control those. Isom – there were 34 fires on the 4th of July. Phillips – we need discussion before the 24th of July. Also, I want to congratulate the Lion’s Club on the 4th of July parade, the parade was live streamed. It was an opportunity to celebrate our Country and get us moving to some normalcy. ■Employee of the Month Austin Bingham – EAC: Ken Neilson, Leisure Services – I am happy to award Austin Bingham the July EOM, Many of you know Austin, he has worked here several years and is the Assistant Golf Superintendent. He was nominated by Steve Carter, his supervisor. Steve said “Austin has a great work ethic and attitude. He has been instrumental in the great changes that have been taking place at Cedar Ridge. Since November Cedar Ridge has been going through some irrigation renovations and Austin has always been willing to do what is necessary as the project moved along. He will always come in if there is an emergency or an issue that arises at the golf course, which hopefully now that the front 9 irrigation is done, will not happen very often. He is a great leader to the other employees at the golf course. He is like having another superintendent at Cedar Ridge. He is instrumental every day, the Golf Course staff is superb, they are outstanding. ■Ken Nielson – we finished planting 90 trees yesterday around the Hills Complex, fields 1 & 2, drip system and stakes, there are three varieties, spruce, aspen and oak. It will be a nice wind screen. This project came across our plate, the Mayor and City Staff have been supportive. Part of the project was SUU Football team, they had a group help lug the pots, dig and plant, they are good at push, pull and lifting, we appreciate the SUU guys and coaching staff. We had the trees delivered and in the ground by 10:00 a.m. Hartley – it looks really nice. Phillips – it will be a great project. Ken – the parking lots at the Lake are now paved and striped, we have 171 stalls with the two parking lots, it is a great asset to have the asphalt and the trails.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■Lisa Natwick - I live in Eagle Ridge, every time the Bauer Meadows RDO came up I was out of town. I want to remind you of the traffic impact, I tried to watch the public hearing but didn’t get all the way through and I don’t know the end result. I was bothered that it was stated that the road was always going through Eagle Ridge. I did not see it on the master plan. I came in after Planning Commission and Don explained the plan and he said you are working on the transportation plan to help coordinate transportation with the County, City and Enoch, is it on the agenda anywhere. Paul – we have a contract with Avenue Consultants and a draft circulated to them and our attorney to review,