

COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 26, 2023

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 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; 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.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Clark, Teri Kenney, Laura Henderson. Reverend Lee Montgomery, Wendy Green, Wyatt Ihler, Brent Drew, Tom Jett, Rayonna Hale, Kathy Long, Sadie Hinck, Rich Buelte, Sara Ridgel, Marco A. Vega, Alysha Lundgren, Dave Clarke, Maryjane Ward, Steve Nelson, Andrea Nelson.

CALL TO ORDER: Reverend Lee Montgomery of St. Jude Episcopal Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Kathy Long.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the agenda order moving item #4 to action; second by Councilmember Hartley; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■ **Mayor** – I saw The Importance of Being Earnest at Simon Fest and it was absolutely wonderful, I think the last showing is Saturday, we have a theatre that holds 999, I think you can get a seat. ■ **Phillips** – I wanted to thank Reverend Montgomery for his prayer this evening. I was struck by his idea for compassion, open hearts, charity, and justice. I think all of those are things we are trying to do each and every week, but it is a great reminder to hear it, and I think we are fortunate to have a council, administration and staff that work to do that each week. ■ **Hartley** – I wanted to thank Leisure Services, I have had my grandkids here this past week and we have been at the parks, pool and Lake at the Hills, everything is clean and well maintained. ■ **Phillips** – the grand opening of Pickle Ball Courts Monday the 31st at 10:00 a.m. ■ **Retirement of K-9 Max.** ■ **Chief Adams** – we want to pay tribute to our K-9 Max, a few details. Max served 6 years with Sgt. Lovell beginning November 17, 2017, and when Sgt. Lovell promoted Officer Crofts took over May 1, 2020. If you have never seen these animals work, is it a site to behold. They have 320 hours training on the drug component and 320 hours patrol school, a total of 16 weeks in training. In 2019 he assisted the UHP which resulted in 5 lbs. of cocaine and 1 lb. of ecstasy. In 2021 he assisted the UHP which resulted in 2 kilos of heroin, a large amount of marijuana and a gun. He held a suspect at bay on a SWAT incident, located a missing 2-year-old child, and tracked a fleeing suspect for the Highway Patrol. The thing about the dogs that are remarkable is that they never complain, they jump out of the truck and go to work and the attention to detail in a moment is their very best. Unfortunately, Max's health has declined to where he cannot function and work, so he will be retired to Sgt. Lovell's home with his family. ■ **Sgt. Lovell** – Max came to me off the airplane with furry. He has a tendency to entertain himself, so my first introduction to him when he got out of the crate he tried to pull a railroad tie out of the