

COUNCIL WORK MINUTES
JULY 28, 2021

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 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 Recorder Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; City Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; City Planner Don Boudreau.

OTHERS PRESENT: David & Stephanie Nakken, Laura Henderson, Father Lee Monthomery, Peggy Green, Nathan Anderson, Tom Jett, Melodie Jett, Teri Kenney, Phil Schmidt, Ronald Riddle, Wendy Green, Dave Clarke, Delice Tom, Roger Thomas, Shana Hughes, Chris Uchman, Bobby Rowser, Rita Walker, Robert Pete, Laurel Yellowhorse, Travis Larsen, Nick Ripandellij, Jason Valentine, Jared Hatch, Carter Wilkey, Nick Willis, Tim Watson.

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

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Isom moved to approve the agenda order moving item #3 to action; second by Councilmember Phillips; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■Isom – I am grateful we live in a city like this with so many good people with an attitude of volunteerism. I am just grateful to our citizens. Hartley – I echo that, thanks to Mayor, staff, employees, citizens, everybody really came together. ■Hartley – I was onsite with Fire today with Chief Phillips. I want to commend them, they had a house fire, they got to with a small truck and put the fire out very quickly. Great job. It was fun seeing them in action and seeing what they do, thank you very much. ■Mayor – Monday night I declared a State of Emergency, I was in contact with the Governor's office, with the State Emergency Management Public Safety Department. We received enough water, and Jonathan will go into more detail, but in the area hit the hardest, we had Bowen Collins do an initial assessment of the storm. The area that was hit the hardest the maximum depth recorded was equivalent to a 600-year storm, other areas were a 200 to 500 year. Rain fall was 2.66 inches, and it was in a very short period of time. Jonathan – the heat map showed the total rainfall. The northern area is in Enoch. 200 North to the west, Cross Hollow Road and Cedar Meadows, Mountain Shadows area. It was in Sunset Canyon, Cross Hollow Hills, Leigh Hill area. The maximum storm intensity in the middle showed it to be a 600-year return period. Mayor – the 100-year storm is 1.45 inches in an hour, we were obviously more at 2.66 inches. Monday night it was crews all on deck, we were doing assessments in air and ground. Police Fire, Public Works were trying to get roads accessible, and traffic flowing. Cody Drive is still closed. The Fire Department went around, we had other

jurisdictions text and drove pumps up to us so we could help get houses/residents pumped out, cleaned drain ways. Red Cross Shelter was set up. As far as supplies they are at max capacity and have plenty of items for residents in need. The first night there were over 20 individuals that used their service. Over 200 students have been displaced. Numerous businesses and other residents range from minimal damage to basements being taken completely down and student housing completely uninhabitable. Cedar Public Works and County Road Departments, we were able through the State of Emergency, and we have great relationships with the surrounding communities got sandbags in, but they are not filled, we need volunteers. As fast as they are filled, they are taken away. The County yard was overtaken by people looking for sandbags. This community is infamous for helping one another out, that continues to be somewhere that people can volunteer. Our crews have been working around the clock, clearing roads, working with utilities, checking storm drain etc. none of our infrastructure failed, it was overwhelmed based on the amount and time frame of how quickly the water came and how hard and centralized it was, but no failures. We have found, as with anything, areas that can be improved upon. We have been out, even before the meeting, surveying pipes, storm drains and where crews have been and where they need to go. It is all hands-on deck. There is a link on the city webpage, cedarcity.org, where people can report damage, one with the State of Emergency ties into the FEMA aspect, we have to get to a threshold as far as damage for FEMA. We can check infrastructure, future improvements that need to be made. If individuals go on and fill out that form, it is basic. Overall, our community has rallied, there have been hundreds of volunteers and community members help out. Our community has done what our community does best in coming together in time of need. I want to thank the surrounding jurisdictions for their support, they jumped in bringing resources. Washington County has helped with damage assessment. You have to document everything, SUU provided aircraft and a photographer. It has been a coordinated effort with the City, County, University and a team working together. I don't want people to think the storm is over and they are alone, the effort will continue. If you look at the forecast, rain is projected Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The monsoon, last week it was the north area of town, this week the west area of town, it has been a very interesting way the rain has been hitting. Our crews have been working checking storm drains throughout the community. We don't know what area will be hit or if it will be a nice gentle rain. We are making sure the City infrastructure is prepared. One interesting aspect, photo of new Tagg n Go, the water was creating its own path between an apartment complex and the car wash. Part of Cody Drive, the north side washed out, utilities are exposed. This will remain closed, we will need to do work on the roadway, it buckled in some places. Depending on how the rains go this weekend, Streets and Jeff have worked so we can start to repair next week if the soil is dry. By Ladybug Nursery, the water went over the bridge and moved the concrete barrier, this is after the water started to subside and we were doing aerial assessments. Next picture is water coming off I-15, this impacted our storm drains, this shows water coming off the freeway, not making it into the storm drains because there was so much. Center Street bridge at I-15, with the water coming off the freeway into the area. Giant bolder that we think came from the overpass through the freeway or through one of the pipes, it was moving boulders. The photos shown are attached as Exhibit "A". ■Jonathan – it was amazing to see the amount of water, I have never seen anything like this before the drainage systems were overwhelmed. Phillips – do we know if the storm drains are cleaned from boulders. Mayor – the Iron County Landfill will waive fees for the next week. We have