

COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2023

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, August, 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; Street Superintendent Jeff Hunter; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Clark, Kathy Long, Laura Henderson, Wendy Green, Tom Jett, Pastor Bob Sharp, Jessica Kinsey (SUMA), Bob Platt, Sadie Hinck, Alysha Lundgren, David, Terri Kenney, Carter Wilkey, Jonathan Ward, Matthew Thrower, Dan Busch.

CALL TO ORDER: Pastor Bob Sharp of Trinity Lutheran Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Renon Savage.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Mayor - I would like to remove item #5. Councilmember Melling moved to approve the agenda order removing item #5; second by Councilmember Hartley; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■ **Mayor** – I appreciated the candidates’ debate; we have 7 highly qualified candidates, and it is wonderful they express interest to run. I have another matter I want to bring up, I don’t think there are changes to Burgess Park. A year ago, Burgess’ deeded to the city a larger piece of property, 30 acres, possibly 90 and deeded water. I am anxious to get going, I suggested that we run a fire hose from a hydrant meter to run sprinkler valves and plant grass. I asked Jonathan if we could make it happen, he said he would try, it didn’t happen. We went through the year, we let a contract for a sprinkler system, they are ready to go, I was assured we could get it done this summer. We have had issues with spring runoff, spring cleanup and chip seal. As of Tuesday, I had a phone call while talking to a sheriff deputy on Iron Springs Road who thought I was going too slow. I was concerned about this, they said we have to chip seal, and it isn’t going to happen. A few weeks ago, Jeff came to my office and said give me a few weeks. Jeff would like to bring dirt out of the Bulloch Pit and put 2 feet of soil and it will take time to haul dirt. My original plan was to create a drainage around the south and east side, and put in some topsoil. I thought you should know before we let Burgess and the soccer people know, we hoped to plant this fall. We let a contract for water and power, we have a guy to plant it and he is anxious. It has to be leveled; we bought a fancy road grader with laser level on it so we could get it the way we want. If not planted by the end of September, the grass won’t be up a ¼ inch. **Phillips** – the only difference, we talked about leveling and getting irrigation, it is getting in the soil. **Mayor** – it would be great; I was told it could take 6 weeks. The other option is to go outside to get the leveling done. It will need engineering and the price is quite high. My only goal is to grow grass, let it grow and develop and someday we will play soccer. **Melling** - how bad do we need extra dirt. **Mayor** – that is what Jeff said, it would be very good. **Paul** - there are retention basins in the corner, you dig it out and build everything else up. The area has