

**COUNCIL WORK MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 5, 2020**

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 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 Recorder Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Senior Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Wastewater Plant Manager Eric Bonzo; Collections Manager Randy Clove; City Planner Don Boudreau; Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Laura Henderson, Tom Jett, Carylie Lamoreaux, Dallas Buckner, Teri Kenney, Michael Radebaugh, Jeff Knighton, Bob Platt, Kelsey Cooke.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pastor Radebaugh of Mountain View Baptist gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Phillips.

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

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

**COMMENTS:** ■Isom – I hope everyone in the City understands the quality staff we have. Council is in receipt of a letter of gratitude from Larry Olds for Robbie Mitchell and his staff that made water available to their stalls, that is how our staff steps up. Also, complimentary of the Street Department and their work on the resurface of the roads, especially making manholes even with the street. We need to get the word out about CARES Act grants for businesses. We met last Monday and had 22 applications, and we will meet again next Monday. The money in excess of \$6 million is available for the Iron County businesses. If you know businesses that need funding for restart, please make them aware of it. We do have an outreach group getting the word out. Right now, we are meeting every other week. If you get your application in by the end of the week it will be on the agenda Monday. You can get the application on Ironcounty.net. Phillips – it is a pretty simple process. Isom – it would be a tragedy to not get the money deployed. ■Phillips – I would like to look at the Downtown core, there are weeds in the center median by Bulloch's and along the sidewalks, can we get someone to spray the weeds. Also, I want to acknowledge the passing of former Fire Chief David Bentley, also served two terms on the Council and his love of Cedar City. I want to pay tribute to him and his family, a great hero. Isom – also a legend in the Rotary Club. ■Adams – can we have someone look at the signage on Aviation Way and Airport Road, across from National Guard. I have had it landscaped before, but it is back to weeds, it looks really bad. Can we get that cleaned up? I would like to see the sign more attractive. ■Phillips – I want a report from Chief Phillips on the 24<sup>th</sup> July fireworks. Mike Phillips – we had 2

fires, down from the 4<sup>th</sup>. The dumpsters got filled up, they were gone the following day. Next year we may need a larger dumpster. The crews went by and sprayed water in the dumpsters to prevent fires. Paul – the Middle School custodian called and complained about the piles in the middle of the parking lot, so I grabbed my son and went and cleaned it up. We do need larger dumpsters. ■Ken Nielson, Leisure Services Director – I am here for Larry Olds, he wanted to mention his appreciation of the Water Department. We had the Casino Night barrel races and we needed stalls. They dug 400 feet and put in 12 hydrants and made it available for the 3 days with over 800 participants. He is appreciative of Robbie and his guys. It is great thing to have departments help each other. ■Chief Darin Adams – we have placed the speed radar signs on Talon Drive and 1600 North by Equestrian Point. We stopped several cars today and the common response is it is hard, it is a wide street. The average speed in 2 days is 35 with some 45 and 50 mph. 700 South has been good; we will move that around. You will see me coming to ask for more, they are very valuable.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** ■Lance Higbee – my wife and I, Ann Westwood moved back here 3 years ago and bought a home on 1050 West. We are in the process of building a new home. We had a utility bill on the 1050 West and my father in law noticed I had overpaid over \$1,100 in utility bills in 3 years. We were being charged as a duplex, the sewer, garbage and landfill was charged double. I approached Amanda, she would look into it, there was one connection and one garbage, they send me a check for \$792 for two years. I feel selfish coming about this issue, but at the same time maybe can be prevented in the future. There is \$396 we have overpaid. Is there a way to get that money, and the concern on how it can be prevented? It would not have come to light had it not been on my father in laws counter and he saw it, he compared it to his bill. I could have moved out and the \$1,188 would have gone to the City. Phillips – when you signed up was the water and utilities hooked up? Lance – yes, prior to us living there it was rented to college students and treated as a duplex. When we moved in it Ann said it was a single family and I just paid the bill thinking it was normal. Paul – the City has an ordinance in place that allows staff to go back for a two-year period. Phillips – how do we allow it to happen, can a credit be given to the new home? Lance – our new home is in the County. Paul – the question is how it happens, and the answer is unsatisfying to the council and we don't know and the resident doesn't know, that is why the 2 year look back was created. Isom – we as a council have latitude to make it a 3 year look back because of the fact s and make an exception? Paul – let us look at the ordinance and get back to you. Isom – let's get it resolved moving forward. Paul – Staff will give council more thorough look at the ordinance and we will report next week. ■Laura Henderson – I would like to give props to the Police and Fire for the Pioneer Day improvement on the fireworks. Also, on social media, there is talk of some kind of protest at the end of the month, I don't know what for, but an FYI.

**CONSIDER APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE VA WAY SUBDIVISION.**

**KIT WAREHAM:** Kit – this is the final plat of the VA Way Subdivision constructed on top of the hill behind Home Depot, all improvements are in and completed. The VA has gone out for bids for improvements in their cemetery and there are contractors in town with bid packages.