

COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2021

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 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 Attorney Tyler Romeril; Finance Director Jason Norris; City Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Water Division Head, Robbie Mitchell; Airport Manager, Nick Holt; Executive Assistant, Onjulee Pittser

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Jett, Lorayne Russo, Richard Russo, Troy Thalheimer, Randal Cagle, Nathan Anderson, Wesley Bruce, Jeff Richards, Wendy Green, Garth Green, Teri Kenney, Tim Watson, Dallas Buckner, Dan Jessen, Wendy Jessen, Derek Morton, Carter Wilkey, Laura Henderson

CALL TO ORDER: Pastor Thalheimer of First Baptist Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Chief Mike Phillips.

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: **Scott:** Thanks to our Parks Department. I appreciate them for getting on the weeds and sidewalks. **Mayor:** Yesterday, we had a meeting with the City, Enoch and the County, and Representatives from the State about the flooding. We discussed where we are in the process. We continue gathering and finish the assessment of both public and private damage that was done. Enoch and the County are doing the same thing. That goes to the Governor, and if it meets the threshold dollar amount then they can decide if he wants to declare a State of Emergency to then petition FEMA and the President. There's been some questions from residents and sandbags and what to do with them. We're still in monsoon season. We suggest keeping them until we get through that, and there are still some at the Public Works building. After all of this, we'll come up with a plan on gathering them up for those who no longer want them. **Scott:** Do we need more filled at this time? **Mayor:** There's quite a few pallets up there and a group was there filling them, as of last night. There is rain in the forecast. **Chief Mike Phillips** – I'm here to introduce 2 promotions. Greg has served with the Fire Department for 19 years; the last 13 he's been full-time. He came to us with 8 years of experience from Orange Co. and was recently promoted from Engineer to Deputy Fire Marshal. He'll be going from the suppression into the prevention side of fire service. Chad Barnes has served the Department for 10 years, and 5 years of experience from Washington City. He was a Battalion Fire Chief, and now he's in a full-time firefighter position. **Greg Orloski:** Thanks for opportunity. This is my wife, Mary.

Thank you so much for the new role. **Chad Barnes:** Thank for opportunity. It's been a dream of mine. This is my wife, Becky and daughter Ally, and my son's in the Army, stationed in Washington State, Cody. **Chief Phillips:** We stole Chad from Jones Paint and Glass, where he's worked for 30 years. We sent a crew to California to the Dixie Fire. They've been put on the line and working 24-hour shifts. They'll be back the 23rd of August, if they don't get extended.

Robbie Mitchell: Just an update of what's going on with the boil order. We pulled some samples Monday, then Tuesday, we got the notification of one sample that was E-coli positive. Today, we rechlorinated and reflushed. Everything in red is the affected area. (See Exhibit "A"). I had 5 crews out there flushing it this morning. We got it done about 12:30. At 1:00 we took the repeat samples into the water lab to Lori. The test needs to incubate for 24-hrs. If they come back negative, we have to pull another 6 samples within a 24-hr. period to lift the boil order. We pulled a chlorine sample, and it was about 0.35, which is a good dose of chlorine. We're waiting for the samples to come back. I'd like to thank my guys for the time they spent out there today. They were in a time crunch. We have to have the samples into Lori by 2:30 to get the 24-hour test, because they're off at 3:30. I've been on the phone with the State today. We've got everything covered that we should have covered.

Mayor: We tried to notify the public by radio, social media and did a targeted geofenced Everbridge in the area, so this is another push for anyone that is not signed up for citizen alert through the County website, please sign up to get these notifications. That's how we communicated a lot with the flooding. **Terri:** That didn't come through Everbridge until 4:00 this afternoon. Why the delay? **Darin Adams:** I got the request at 2:30 from the Mayor, and then sent it to dispatch. **Terri:** If we knew this morning, why didn't we notify sooner? **Robbie:** The State gave us 24-hours to notify. On the 6 samples we took Monday, 3 were in a 4-home section. Out of the 3 houses we pulled E-coli. If you have E-coli, it's usually pulled on every house. We went to the sources, and the samples that we turned in came back negative, in Right-Hand Canyon. There are a few things that could have happened. We spray Lysol on the hose bibs, and some could have been on the faucet, or just humid air. The source was good; the other 2 homes were good. We found out late yesterday and we had notifications out by 9:00 this morning. I wrote a letter to the State and the State had to approve it before we sent it. I met with Ryan at 8:00, and we went over that. Where it was only 1 out of the 3, it points towards more of something with the residence or our error in sampling than it is E-coli in the water system. **Mayor:** We will keep the public and council updated as we get the results from the next 2 samples. **Robbie:** I should know by 1:00 tomorrow. We'll pull the repeats and on Friday we should know by 2:00. It will take us an hour to pull them and then we have to wait to get a negative or positive. **Mayor:** This map is on the City website and social media. KSL did a story but put the entire City boundary highlighted. We tried to make it as clear as possible with the map we have now. **Jeff Richards:** So, the businesses on Main Street are on a different system. **Mayor:** They're not affected.

Skylar Rember: *Handed out information pamphlets to the Council members. See exhibit "B".* **Scott:** If our models are not adequate what solutions have you made to make the models more accurate? **Skylar:** It's on the back of the care package. Along with that there are several different references that can refer you to more information of what we're dealing