

COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2023

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 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; Parks Superintendent Anthony Pearson; Aquatics Manager Marcie Burrill; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall.

OTHERS PRESENT: Narris Cox, Laura Henderson, Ann Clark, Teri Kenney, Preston Remick, Kathy Long, Bret Christensen, Brent Drew, Carter Wilkey, Robert Cox, Bill Maxwell, David Woods, Wendy Green, Dallas Buckner, Mike Platt.

CALL TO ORDER: Councilmember Melling gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Anthony Pearson.

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■ **Phillips** – we come and pray for the rain we get, but with that also comes all the weeds. Cross Hollow Road, the island on the south side of Hwy 56 has high weeds. On Cross Hollows if we can get Code Enforcement, it looks like a used car lot. I had about 4 residents reach out to me about the center interchange, you can't see anything for the weeds, we need to see what we can do about that. **Riddle** - I had 3 contact me also, one was very unhappy. **Phillips** – we need to come up with a plan to take care of the interchange. Once installed they are up to the City for maintenance. ■ **Riddle** – as we talked last week about what we want to do find out the voice of the people on the aquatic center, and the cost of a poll, I contacted two people that do that regularly, you get one for \$10,000 the most accurate about \$18,000, you have to poll more in a small town. As I thought about it, I feel that Cedar City has been polled, I had a conversation with a poll person, 30 people went door to door in Cedar City and I believe it should be on the ballot. Whether I agree with them or not, one Polster said most of the time rec centers in Utah are passed. That is what I feel. **Hartley** – we decided Monday we will not pursue this in any fashion but put it on hold right now. I contacted a few polling companies and found the cost to be \$15,000 to \$18,000. I am confident it would pass, but it will be at a future time. The tax situation in our county is not a good time to talk needs and wants. ■ **Ken Nielson**, Leisure Services Director – we have a few folks that don't regularly attend Council meetings. We have been really busy at the Aquatic Center this year and it continues to increase. It can't continue without some of these folks. The lifeguards provide a great service, Marcie has about 80 lifeguards in the summer. We wanted to recognize a few of them. We have had 3 lifesaving actions this year and we want to recognize that also. We also had citizens step in and help. **Marcie Burrill**, Aquatics Manager – thank you to these individuals. Lifeguards take a class of 32 hours where they practice skills and swimming and then in-service and training every month, and every time