

COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 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; Scott Phillips; Ronald Riddle.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; 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; Economic Development Director Danny Stewart; City Planner Don Boudreau; Wastewater Superintendent Eric Bonzo; Airport Manager Nick Holt; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall.

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Henderson, Ann Clark, Celeste Lasich, Tom Jett, Emily Andrus, Wendy Green, Jan Newman, Alan Newman, Jeff Lennert, Alysha Lundgren, Steve Nelson, HR Brown, Jillynne Fullmer, Heather Stonely, Nathan Bracken, Dallas Buckner, Tim Watson, Dan Roberts.

CALL TO ORDER: Reverend Celeste Lasich of the Community Presbyterian Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Councilmember Phillips.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: item #21 will go just before item #10, this item will be tabled. Hartley – do you want item #6 moved to action? Tyler – yes, I want it to be either contingent on flashing lights or as a recommendation. This item will follow #21

Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the agenda order as noted with the changes; second by Councilmember Hartley; vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF

COMMENTS: ■ Mayor – I want to recognize an award Danny Stewart received; he was recognized at the David Eccles building at U of U for excellence in Economic Development. I realize Mr. Stewart knows a lot of people, there was a group and 2 people recognized, and Danny was one of them. Congratulations. Mr. Bittmenn and I were there and saw him receive the award. ■ Mayor – as we were at the Eccles Building, I looked out of the facility on the parking plaza and there was a football game going on and I thought why not play pickle ball on our parking structure, I see room for 16 courts on our parking structure. Melling – with netting and lighting how much would it cost? Mayor – within the \$300,000, we could have 16 lit and maybe a restroom and there is plenty of parking. ■ Phillips – I want to thank my councilmembers letting me be gone last week. Would it be possible to have Brooke come next week and report on the Half Marathon, it is a big event. Mayor – I was at the finish line, about 650 people ran, it was beautiful, finest half marathon in the State. People came from the east and west coast to run, it is a beautiful to run from Woods Ranch through Ashdown Gorge. ■ Hartley – I want to thank the community and the City Staff for organizing the National Day of Service, thank you to everyone that participated. ■ Swear in Patrol Officers Daniel Bowler & Kyle Barrett. Chief Adams – we are here to introduce two

new officers. I will have them introduce themselves. Kyle Barrett – I have been in Cedar City about 4 years, I am from Price. I have here tonight my wife and my mom, the rest of the family was unable to make it. I am glad to be here and look forward to getting to know each of you and do what I can to make the city a better place. Dan Bowler, here with me is my wife Katie, mom, dad, daughter grandpa and friends. We moved here a few years ago, my wife was raised in St. George, and we now know where the real southern Utah is. We are glad to be here and hope to make a difference. Renon Savage administered the Oath of Office. The wives pinned their badges. Riddle – officer Bowler made an interesting comment this is the real southern Utah. I have been in Southern CA the past few weeks and went to two different wards for church, there are 14 families that left one ward in San Francisco for Cedar City, Kanarrville and St. George and the one I went to last week 9 families have left and came to Cedar City, it is a great place to live. ■ Introduction of new Fire Volunteers. Chief Phillips – we are here to introduce 11 new volunteers, Deputy Fire Marshall Greg Orloski was their leader. Greg – thank you City Council and Staff. I would like to see the families that supported this group over the past 1.5 years, they put in a lot of hours. Class of 2021 recruits, it is a unique group, they have 6 second generation firefighters of which we have two sets of brothers, very unique, we also have 3 that serve as Wildland firefighters. They represent BLM, State Fire and Forest Service, one with a spouse that is a firefighter/paramedic in Las Vegas, and one that is a retired correction officer from California. Please welcome them to the Cedar City Fire Department. They will introduce themselves. Jordan Maxwell – here tonight is my mom, dad, brother and wife. Scott Kenfield - my mother and father are here. Cason Maxwell – I am a brother to the first one up. I have with me my wife, mom, dad and brother. Roman Dotson – here tonight are my parents, wife, 2 kids, brother sister-in-law and 2 kids and another sister. David Watson – I have my wife, daughter and a brother-in-law here. Stacey Dupee – I have my husband, three daughters and friends who all traveled from Logandale NV. Kenadee Stubbs – here tonight is my mom, dad, and niece. Kyle Cox – I have my mom, dad, sister-in-law and kids. Kurtis Cox – dido to what Kyle said. Garrett Garces - my mother, grandparents and father Engineer Joe Garces retired. Badges were pinned from family members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ■ Laura Henderson, shout out to Frank Vasquez, he brought warnings to Dewey Ave. to some of the residents, they are just a warning, it really does help. They go on mostly student cars on the street. Maybe if things happen that we go to permit parking, this is a great way to get the community involved, if you park you get a warning. Two weeks into the semester, the parking slows down. ■ Ann Clark – the last few weeks I have took a deep dive into the General Plan, it is well written, if we follow the General Plan like it is written we would be happy. Here is the problem, a couple of weeks ago I read about the neighborhoods downtown and the investment and protection and that historic preservation is needed in those neighborhoods. I read more it said be mindful of land use changes, the impact of natural resources and the overall esthetic of the city, I think that is the skyline, preserve and protect the community core, that to me is the downtown neighborhoods from Cedar High to 200 N. and reserve historical agriculture area. The survey of the citizens also said, “more protection from neighborhoods areas to maintain the small rural atmosphere.” I don’t think that is followed. At this rate there will just be pictures on the wall, or we will be any town USA. People will adjust and people will move to a new place, but we will lose. A historical designation doesn’t mean it won’t be torn down, that is too bad. In 1949 it was A-1 A-2, in 1953 A-1 and A-2 and they could only be 2.5 stories high. I am