

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2021**

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, October 13, 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; 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; City Planner Don Boudreau; Water Superintendent, Robbie Mitchell.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Hansen of Rural Community Consultants, Randal Cagle, Laura Henderson, Nicolette Chiaramonte, Tiger Funk, Rob O'Brien, Judi O'Brien, Mike Platt, Garth Green, Carter Wilkey, Chet Smith, Jack Smith, Tim Watson, Dallas Buckner, Wendy Green, Roger Thomas, Ronald Riddle, Reed Erickson, Charles Jett, Derek Morton, Sandy Smith.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tyler Romeril gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Jason Norris.

**AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL:** Mayor – we will not have the local homeless committee report tonight. Councilmember Isom moved to approve the agenda order excluding the public comments from the Homeless Committee; second by Councilmember Phillips; vote unanimous.

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

**COMMENTS:** ■Phillips – with all the snow UDOT cleans the Main Street, but it ends up on the sidewalk. In front of the Cemetery and Frontier Homestead Park I seen people trying to get through the snow that was thrown on the sidewalk. It is not the same as businesses where there are people to clean the sidewalks. Melling – is there a time period to get sidewalks cleaned that surround City property. Paul – the Parks crews clean the sidewalks in front of the city facilities, I don't know why the Cemetery was missed, they won't do in front of Frontier Homestead, I will check with the Parks. Phillips – they may have done it before the snowplow went by. ■Mayor – at the Cemetery some of the tree branches broke, they are fixing it. It did knock down some of the monuments. They will repair them after the snow clears. It was a wet heavy snow. ■Paul – we have had Public Works crews out picking up tree branches up around town. People can call Public Works if they have branches. ■General Plan update. Don Boudreau/Mike Hansen – Mike Hansen with Rural Community Consultants. I came down to take pictures, but then it snowed. We have been working on this project for almost a year now. The General Plan is supposed to be an advisory document that is statutory requirement, it is an important document. The current General Plan was adopted in 2012, it has been amended a few times, we are hoping with the new General Plan that comes hopefully before the end of the year, it doesn't have to be amended so much. It is a community centered and supported document. We have reached to many. I told the Realtor

group I had an extensive survey, 202 people filled it out. It is incorporated into a draft document, we have had public events, worked with Vision 2050 and worked with the transportation element and putting one finished draft together. We are going out to the public with a 30-day comment period. We want it to be out within a week and have it to Planning Commission by mid-November. Today with the Realtors, if they read the General Plan they would find most of what they are asking for. There are no big surprises. Water supply is a big topic, the need to balance design guidelines with the demand for more density is a hot topic. There is a general feeling they are accepting Cedar is a cool place to live and therefore you will have more demand for development. Good design makes better neighbors. Affordability is a big deal and traffic, not just at Main Street but at the interchanges. We have a public open house at Festival Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> of October. We will do online comments shortly, but this will also be an in-person event. Phillips – what time does that happen? Mike – about 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** ■ Laura Henderson – a shout out to Dan Dotson of Southwest Filed Irrigation for scooping out the ditches and drainage, I want to recognize that. ■ Rob O'Brien – Cedar City is a great place to live. We lived in Portland Oregon and Chicago and have watched communities transition. I have noticed tagging, the 435 and tropical Smoothie graffiti. Watching it grow in Portland and Chicago, the best time to stop it is now. I have observed when it starts it leads to more. If we can paint over it, blast it off, or whatever, or before you know it the underpasses and buildings will be tagged. We moved away from that, tell the community where we can get paint that is the appropriate color, and we can get volunteers to clean up. Paul – the Police Department has been doing it with their VIPS, they have a power washer and chemical called tagginator. We also have a volunteer group that we purchased paint and rollers for, and they cleaned up areas. The Parks Department does it also. If there is a volunteer group call me and we will get you paint and rollers. Rob – I have been in touch with the Chief of Police and we will volunteer. I will call you for the information. Paul – they are great volunteers. Rob – we came to Cedar City because of the fabulous community. Portland at one time was a rouge city, I can't say that about Chicago. Cedar City is a fabulous place and we want to keep it that way, not bring Chicago or Portland here. ■ Chris Uchman – to follow up on the observation I have noticed more tagging, and in south San Diego growing up I have experience with the culture that brings that type of people wanting to claim an area. The volunteerism to paint over is great, but not a winning strategy, you have to get the public involved with outreach from your volunteer officers and investigate, involve the kids at the schools and find out who it is and correct them for their misjudgment in doing this stuff. I would ask if we can talk about investigating these things and correct the people. As a former fraud investigator in California, we created task forces for cracking down on organized crime, this type of situation can get out of hand if you don't get ahead of it.

**CONSENT AGENDA: (1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 22 & 24, 2021; (2) RATIFY BILLS DATED OCTOBER 1 & 6, 2021; (3) APPROVE LOCAL CONSENT FOR EDIE LLC DBA PASTRY PUB. NICOLETTE CHIARAMONTE/CHIEF ADAMS; (4) APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR CEDAR BEND PHASE 5 PUD. PLATT & PLATT/TYLER ROMERIL; (5) APPROVE A ROAD DEDICATION LOCATED AT 1600 SOUTH 7700 WEST. IRON**