



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Court Room/Council Chambers (2nd floor) and Online

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present included Councilors Adcock, Mecham, Montoya, and Siddoway.

Councilor Hathaway was excused from the meeting.

Others present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Assistant City Manager Jason Bond, Deputy Recorder Camille Moffat, Emergency Manager Chris Lindquist.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Montoya led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Councilor Mecham offered an invocation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Local Water Update and Report

Manager Beagley reported the details on how much water and snow is currently in Santaquin Canyon stating that, as of that morning, 36.3 inches of water is measured at the Snotel which is 25% higher than the measurements at the same time in 2019 and 14% below the measurements in 1983 (from Payson Canyon, which seems to be somewhat comparable to Santaquin Canyon). He clarified that the measurements from the 1983/84 era are extrapolated from the Payson Ranger Station as data wasn't available in Santaquin Canyon at that time. Manager Beagley reiterated from the last meeting where flows travel throughout the city. Councilor Adcock inquired about where the information is available online and pointed out that some of the ditches in the core area of town are no longer functional. Manager Beagley spoke about the work being put forth by Public Works Director Jason Callaway and his team to clear culverts and other pathways for water to flow near the southern I-15 freeway entrance/exit. Manager Beagley also addressed the challenges the city has in managing the high-water flows and spoke to the continuing efforts to fill sandbags to prepare for a high-water runoff situation. Councilor Adcock inquired about turning roads into pathways for water to go. Manager Beagley indicated that, with the support of Emergency Manager Chris Lindquist, all options are being looked at to manage the water flows.

Mayor Olson added that water content is being monitored on a daily basis. He spoke about measurements of snow in the meadows and the recent storms adding to the future runoff. The mayor addressed meetings that he's held with Summit Creek Irrigation Company to work with them to manage the runoff as much as possible. He expressed his optimism with the weather forecast and the efforts the city has put into place to make all the preparations possible to help to prevent flooding.

Manager Beagley stated the city cannot guarantee that homes will or will not flood, but assured council members and members of the public that city staff is doing everything they can to prevent and control the runoff and any possible flooding. Councilor Montoya stated that the city is doing all we can to prepare what we can control and urged homeowners to take responsibility and reach out for help if needed to clean rain gutters and downspouts. Manager Beagley thanked the community for the volunteerism in sandbagging efforts. Mayor Olson and Councilor Montoya expressed their concerns for burnout and senior citizens and hoped that community members will come together to help each other at this time.

Emergency Manager Chris Lindquist presented information reviewing the functions and responsibilities of the Incident Command System (ICS) and Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Mr. Lindquist discussed the roles the City Council members, mayor, and staff all take in emergency situations in the city. Chris addressed the Departmental EOC Structure that unifies that command between department heads. Councilor Adcock inquired what assistance may be provided by Utah County. Manager Beagley and Manager Lindquist both indicated that resources from the County will likely be limited/minimal as they are already stretched thin. Chris asked the council to complete Policy Group Courses, both basic and advanced, so that they can gain an overall understanding of the ICS and EOC. Councilor Montoya expressed her gratitude to Manager Lindquist for his hard work and for the opportunity to complete the recommended training.

The council and mayor discussed the acting Public Information Officers (PIO) in the city, both Mayor Olson and Manager Beagley. Manager Beagley discussed the importance of accurate and timely information being provided to residents. Manager Beagley and Mayor Olson expressed the need for the council and city staff to work together to administer policies and budget for an emergency if needed. Manager Beagley thanked city staff and members of the community for everyone's work in filling sandbags and getting the word out to volunteers.

2. Upcoming Agenda Items

City staff and council members addressed the upcoming agenda items for the Regular City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Montoya motioned to adjourn the Work Session Meeting. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.


Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Hathaway	Absent
Councilor Mecham	Yes

Councilor Montoya	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Daniel M. Olson, Mayor

Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder