



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 5:30 PM
Court Room/Council Chambers (2nd Floor) and Online

Minutes

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Kirk Hunsaker
Council Member Nick Miller
Council Member Betsy Montoya
Council Member Lynn Mecham
Council Member David Hathaway
Council Member Jennifer Bowman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Jason Bond.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Offered by Norm Beagley.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Budget Discussion - Review Project Rankings & Prioritized Consolidation

Finance Director Aaron Shirley gave insights into the ranking consolidation of the in-process projects and the recently proposed projects by the directors. Director's started with the in-process ranked projects, then factored in the in-process non-ranked projects, then the proposed projects from both the General Fund and Impact Fee categories. Shirley went over the final rankings and asked the Council if they had any comments or thoughts. It was requested to send out the spreadsheet to the Council for consideration and Shirley said he would send it out. Shirley then went over the rankings for personnel, equipment, and vehicles.

2. Rodeo Discussion

Community Services Director John Bradley asked if the Council was comfortable moving forward with the Orchard Days rodeo. The Council unanimously expressed they were comfortable going forward.

Bradley then asked if the Council was open to the idea of a "retro" rodeo to use the saddles and buckles that were purchased last year. If the city sold all of its tickets it would still be a shortfall of a couple thousand dollars, not including staff time and police time, and if only half the tickets were sold for the rodeo then there's potential of a \$20,000 shortfall. City Manager Reeves stated this was a policy decision if the Council wanted to invest money to try and offset the \$11,500 loss in equipment for the cancelled rodeo from last year.

Mayor Hunsaker expressed his opinion that he's for an additional rodeo only if there's potential for a profit but if there's any potential for a shortfall then he would say no. Council Member Montoya echoed the Mayor's statements and said perhaps there was potential for use of last

year's saddles and other rodeo equipment purchased in this year's orchard days. Council Member Hathaway said that he's been to four rodeos in the last few months and saw each of them sell out, and while he agrees that he doesn't want to see the city loose money he wonders if there is any way for the city to break even. City Manager Reeves stated that he agrees there is demand for a rodeo but the question is whether the Utah County Health Department will issue a permit.

Bradley said that he will get more solid figures and get back to the Council.

3. Review Upcoming Agenda Items

City Manager Reeves went over each agenda item that was on the Council's regular meeting agenda tonight to see if there were any questions from the Council.

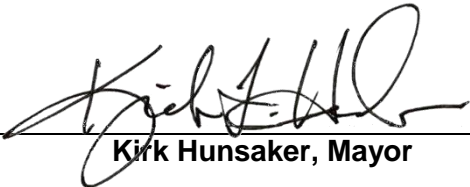
Reeves then went over some items including the website which was down for a substantial period of time. He then presented some initial renderings of the new website design and explained that the functionality of the new site will be increased dramatically.

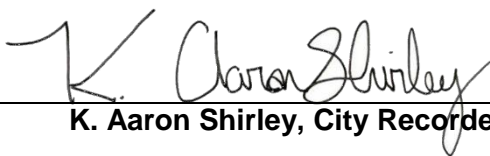
Reeves then asked about the Utah State University video that was done on Santaquin General Plan and 242 initiative and if Community Development Director Jason Bond had insight on if the video could be shared with the public. Bond said that there was no problem making the video public but to put it in the context of these are ideas of USU students in partnership with Santaquin but not necessarily coming from the city or its staff. Council member Montoya echoed Bond's statements and asked to avoid using the word endorse as words get picked a part these days on social media so share the video with the context that these are students ideas and any inaccuracies should be viewed in that light.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kirk Hunsaker, Mayor


K. Aaron Shirley, City Recorder