



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, at 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers and Online

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present included Art Adcock, Brian Del Rosario, Travis Keel, Lynn Mecham, and Jeff Siddoway.

Others present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Legal Counsel Brett Rich, Community Services Director John Bradley, City Recorder Amalie Ottley, Library Director Jen Wagner and library staff, Chris Wall, Ron Jarvis, Larry Jarvis, and other various members of the public.

Assistant City Manager Jason Bond was excused from the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Mecham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Councilor Del Rosario offered an invocation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Utah Quality Library Award - Jen Wagner & Staff

Community Services Director John Bradley reported on the Library's recent Utah Quality Library Award. As not all public libraries receive this award, it is an honor to receive the Utah Quality Library Award and show that staff's work goes above and beyond standards and expectations. The award also highlights transformational services that may not be available in other departments and/or locations. Library Director Jen Wagner emphasized that over 110,000 items, not just books, are checked out from the library each year. Jen expressed her appreciation to her staff for helping her make the award possible.

2. Healthy Utah Grant Follow-Up Presentation - John Bradley

Community Services Director John Bradley invited members of the City Council to attend the upcoming Spooky Night at the Museum event. He updated the council on the two-year Healthy Utah grant. He indicated that with use of grant money, the Community Services department made an effort to translate event advertising to reach more Spanish speaking community members. The department also worked to update the website so that resources are easier to find for residents. Efforts were also made in placing signage at each park showing the distance of walking trails at the parks. Councilor Del Rosario inquired if this grant would be available in the future. Director Bradley stated that it would likely be more difficult to get this specific grant in the future as the State of Utah would like to service multiple communities but added that the department will continue to seek different grants to keep supporting programs in the City.

3. Discussion Regarding Mulberry Farms Annexation Petition

As the applicant was not in attendance at the meeting there was not any discussion regarding the Mulberry Farms annexation. Members of the community attended the meeting regarding the agenda item and expressed that they had communicated with the developer/applicant regarding the meeting and were surprised they did not attend. Mayor Olson indicated that the City has met and spoken with the applicant multiple times to give them feedback from the council regarding the proposed development.

4. Upcoming Agenda Items

Manager Beagley went over items on the upcoming Regular City Council meeting agenda.

As there was time left in the meeting, Mayor Olson and the council agreed to go over the Building Permit & License Report as well as staff and council member reports.

BUILDING PERMIT & BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT

Manager Beagley presented the Building Permit Report. 196 residential units have been issued building permits in the current calendar year. In comparison, 48 single and multi-family residential units have been built in the current fiscal year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). 3 new business licenses were issued in the last two weeks.

REPORTS BY STAFF, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND MAYOR OLSON

Manager Beagley reported on the recent Columbus Day employee training and service event. He updated the council on the 200 East canal bridge indicating that there have been discussions with UDOT and the Strawberry Highline canal which will delay that project for a year so that the canal can continue their pursuit for the canal to be piped prior to the bridge being built. He invited members of the council to attend the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony for the Trailer Parts Wholesale business. Manager Beagley also reported on the progress of the old junior high school building demolition and other ongoing projects in the City. Lastly, he invited members of the council to the upcoming Trunk or Treat event on Halloween.

Councilor Keel reported on the last Library Board meeting. He reported that 852 new library cards were purchased last (fiscal) year, bringing the total number of cards to over 7,000. As mentioned earlier, the Library won the Utah Quality Library Award, he added that this is the third year in a row that the Santaquin Library has received this honor. He also reported that 15,000 people participated in library programming, most of which were children's programs. Lastly, he discussed upcoming Youth City Council activities.

Councilor Mecham inquired about the stop sign in Macey's parking lot going east toward the McDonald's stating that it's difficult to see oncoming traffic. He asked that City staff take a look at that stop sign.

Councilor Siddoway invited members of the community to sign up for the upcoming Cornhole Tournament.

Councilor Adcock asked that City staff work on fixing the televisions in the multi-purpose room for the Seniors' programs. Manager Beagley indicated that IT is working to fix the problem. Councilor Adcock asked that more law enforcement be applied to 200 North as traffic has increased on that road during the Main Street construction. He asked if a stop sign could be placed at 200 East. Mayor Olson suggested that the Development Review Committee (DRC) consider a stop sign on 200 East and 200 North. Manager Beagley confirmed that it will be considered at a future DRC meeting.

Councilor Del Rosario reported on upcoming Chamber of Commerce events.


Mayor Olson reported on recent meetings with UDOT to discuss the Environmental Assessment regarding the north interchange. He indicated that there will be an open house on November 14th at the City offices to allow members of the public to ask questions, express their concerns, and provide comments. Manager Beagley showed the proposed reconfiguration of the Main Street interchange. Manager Beagley discussed the acquisition of the development near the Ercanbrack property by Lennar Homes and is hopeful that the road work along the highway will be finished before winter. Lastly, Mayor Olson expressed his frustration with the Forest Service's inability to open the canyon this year despite promises to do so and the work that has been put in to meet that goal.

ADJOURNMENT


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

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Yes
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Daniel M. Olson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder