

Hildale City Council Meeting
320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale, Utah 84784
Wednesday June 6, 2018

Present:

Mayor: Donia Jessop
Council Members: Jared Nicol, Stacy Seay, JVar Dutson, Maha Layton, Lawrence Barlow
City Recorder: Vincen Barlow
City Manager: John Barlow
Staff: Leonard Black, Jim Peterson, Nathaniel Barlow, Susie Barlow, Officer Horsley, Officer Barlow, Chief Askerlund, Weston Barlow, Christian Kesselring, Roxanne Barlow, Mariah La Corti
Court Monitor: Roger Carter
Public: Joseph Allred, Joan Barlow, Arvin Black, Eric Velandar, Jeff Barlow, Jennifer Barlow, Thomas Holm, Harvey Dockstader, Mary Lou Mabbitt (this list may be incomplete)

#1 Call to Order

Mayor Jessop called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was taken. Quorum present. Lawrence Barlow came at 6:17.

#2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jared led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

#3. Approval of Minutes from 05/09/2018 and 05/16/2018

A few corrections were noted.

Maha Layton moved to approve the minutes of the 5/9/18 and 5/16/18 council meetings.

JVar Dutson seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Stacy Seay	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		

Motion carried.

#4. Public Comment

None

#5. Department Reports

Public Works:

Dean Cooke provided a report in the packet. There was a public works meeting this morning.

JVar asked why we cannot get help from UDOT. Mayor Jessop explained that there is no more funding left for this year.

Building Department:

Andy was out of town on training.

Police Department:

Chief Askerlund presented. In May they processed 6 trespassing cases, 11 vandalisms, 22 hazardous calls, 32 traffic stops, 16 sexual assault cases 1/3 of which were recent. 2 arrests were made. There is concern on social media about animals being hurt in our community. There are two animals that have been shot in the last two days. There have been cases of animal cruelty that were found out about third party from an organization that rescues animals.

The new Officers are nearing the end of their training so that they can be dual certified. It is a slow process.

Another resurgence in the community is fraud and scam cases. They generally come over the phone and request money for various made up reasons. The police would like to conduct a seminar for the community and bring in experts that deal with these types of scams to educate the public.

JVar asked how Chief Askerlund's relationship with the Officers has been. He said that there is a good department in place with good personnel; we just need to move it forward. When the new Officers get dual certified, it will take a lot of overtime away.

Maha asked if he has had a chance to assess his equipment and if they have everything they need. There have been two new necessary vehicles ordered. A few little things could be helpful, such as re-branding the vehicles to make them uniform. The new police station will be a considerable expense to the community.

Jared informed Chief Askerlund that it has been nice to see he and the Officers out and about. Chief Askerlund feels that is part of how you build the relationship.

Planning and Zoning:

Jim Peterson presented. He provided a handout to the packet containing a proposed Short Creek Zoning Map and Ordinance. He got the message that it needs more understandable regulations and detail. There are 20 or 30 people that have contributed to it. He has heard about some land use things in the community, but nothing has been brought up to him to bring before the council.

Utility Department:

Weston Barlow presented. The Utility Board met on May 29, 2018 and the minutes of such were provided in the packet. He went over the action items. He informed the council that when they were flushing the Academy Well, a teenager turned the valve off during the night, which led to the pump overheating. A trade has been coordinated with Spring Ranch for a new pump. The vac truck has been very useful, they are grateful for it.

Jared asked about the meeting on the 12th. Weston informed him it is a public work session, followed by a public hearing for the budget. Jared asked for an update on David Boshard.

Weston informed him that David Boshard resigned effective immediately. The opening for his position has been posted.

UEP:

Jeff Barlow presented. Cottonwood Park is getting in order for the 4th of July. Playgrounds were installed today. He wanted to make sure that the Officers were aware that their presence there is welcome and wanted.

At the last UEP Board meeting the topic of community beautification came up. They have decided to start on the Hildale side with the 100 homes that they still have deeds for. They will give people 30 days to remove fences that are out of compliance and clean-up, if they do not do it, the UEP will step in and do so along with painting the exterior of all houses, finished or unfinished. The UEP has authorized \$3,000.00 per house, to be added onto the cost of the current agreement. He invited anybody with a problem or concerns to attend their public meetings which are held the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

JVar has had at least 5 phone calls in the last week about the gentleman with the car lot on Utah Ave. Jeff indicated that it would be easier for the trust to resolve the issue because of Hildale City's lack of a current Zoning Ordinance. Jeff will take action on this and report back the next meeting.

At the last Board meeting they authorized some improvements at the Johnson Park (not official name). The Board directed him to work out the deed issue, remove the concrete basements, and put in a grass area with sidewalks and a picnic table. In the future there might be a splash pad and playground equipment.

Maha asked him to express gratitude to the Board for their dedication to the community.

Community Outreach Department:

Roxanne Barlow presented. We are halfway through the softball/t-ball league and it has been very successful. The Farmer's Market has 11 interested vendors, and they anticipate more growth. When the Johnson Park is finished they would like to relocate there. They are working on putting more youth programs together.

City Management Report:

John Barlow presented. CIB Bond closure went smooth. Engineering for Utah Avenue SRTS project is started. Jobs for Accounts Payable Clerk and Utility Business Manager are posted online; he encouraged everybody to spread the word. We will review a closing date for these

positions at the next council meeting. Roger Carter invited John and Vance out to lunch to meet all of the other City Managers in Washington County. John has been putting a lot of time into the budget to put the modifications that were requested.

Jared asked if a meeting could be scheduled with Chief Barlow to discuss volunteer recruiting. A meeting will be scheduled. Chief Barlow asked John to let the council know that he wished he could be here, but he cannot because of the EMT class he is teaching. Lawrence asked Mayor Jessop if she had made acquaintance with the Hildale City Fire Chief. This needs to be addressed.

Parks:

Nathaniel Barlow presented. There has been a lot of people getting water in the last month. He has put in drains so that they are not standing in water and it has helped a lot. There has been two instances of vandalism within the last two weeks. The police department has done investigation on each of these. He has had to adjust the watering to keep the grass looking nice. We need different bases for the softball field. He has encountered a number of lost individuals searching for the Water Canyon trail. Office Barlow said he has encountered a number of the same. We need a sign pointing individuals in the right direction. Mayor Jessop thanked him for his efforts.

#6. Discussion on 4th of July Fireworks

Jvar invited Tom Holm to present. Tom addressed the council, he has a high explosives license. He has full authority to buy, transport, and store explosives. This is why he volunteered to get the fireworks back in 2012 and he has been doing it ever since. He would like to pass the torch off to the Fire Department and work with the city to make that happen. Each year he has requested Fire Department involvement and been laughed off. The Fire Department refused to be involved. Many people in the community have donated very generously. Last year donations came close to \$10,000.00 for the 4th of July and New Year's. He has been able to acquire a pretty good amount of fireworks from the supplier, to be able to put on shows rivaling larger towns. This year with the changes happening in Hildale City, he is asking for help. They require a 1 million dollar general liability insurance and Tom would like to get out from under that.

JVar checked with Hurricane and Kanab and the fireworks are ran by their Fire Department.

The Budget that is being prepared now is for 2019. In order to provide benefits to city employees we will have to reach into funds that were set aside for capital improvements. The same thing would have to happen for an event like this. John gave his opinion that approx 1/3 of all the residents in this valley live in Hildale and we get about 1/3 of the tax, therefore if Hildale City were to make a contribution it should be approximately 1/3. Colorado City council has not been approached, but they feel it is pointless.

City budgets prohibit spur of the moment spending such as this. For this year we may have to do research, and try for next year.

Tom is placing the order for the fireworks on Monday in order to get them here by the 4th. Maha wanted to clarify that no matter what happens, Hildale is supportive.

#7. Approval of Minutes and Ratification of Action Items from 04/24/2018 Utility Board Meeting

JVar Dutson moved to approve the minutes and ratify the action items from the 04/24/2018 Utility Board Meeting.

Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Stacy Seay	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		
Lawrence Barlow	X		

Motion carried.

#8. Consideration and Possible Action on Appointment of Hildale/Colorado City Utility Board Member

Mayor Jessop has asked Stacy Seay to take on this responsibility and she agreed.

Lawrence Barlow moved to appoint Stacy Seay as a Hildale representative for the Utility Board

Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Stacy Seay			X
JVar Dutson	X		
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		
Lawrence Barlow	X		

Motion carried.

#9. Consideration and Possible Action on Awarding CIB Project Bid

Mayor Jessop presented. There were three bids submitted, JNJ, Interstate Rock, and Feller Enterprises. Feller Enterprises came in the lowest at \$482,911.00 for bid projects #1 and #2 (Carling and Canyon, respectively street detention ponds).

John, Vincen and Mayor Jessop just got back from Salt Lake City yesterday where they closed on the bonds. Now that we have the funds available we can award the bid. We will hold off on awarding project #3 to see how the project develops (if funds will be available).

Maha asked for a breakdown on what was a grant and what was a loan. Of the 750,000 only \$350,000 was a grant and will not need paid back. Debt service per year is approx. \$30,000.00 including interest.

JVar wanted it on the record that he is against awarding #3 and wants it reevaluated.

There was discussion on how the project will be engineered. John would like to apply for another SRTS for a walkway on a corner where a child has already lost their life.

Jared Nicol moved to award the bid and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract labeled Hildale City-Flood Control Project, the agreement between Hildale City and Feller Enterprises, LLC and the Notice to Proceed.

Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Stacy Seay	X		
JVar Dutson			X
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		
Lawrence Barlow	X		

Motion carried.

#10. Consideration and Possible Action on Appointing Deputy Recorder

Mayor Jessop presented. Mariah has taken on many of the responsibilities of the Deputy Recorder. Therefore, in the interest of the City, she needs to get certified as a recorder. In order to do that, there has to be a motion by the city council to appoint her into the position of a Deputy Recorder. She can then work towards getting her certification. With the appointment she will be able to sign as the Deputy Recorder if the City Recorder is not available.

Lawrence Barlow moved to appoint Mariah La Corti as Hildale City Deputy Recorder.

JVar Dutson seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Stacy Seay	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		
Lawrence Barlow	X		

Motion carried.

#11. Consideration and Possible Action to Pay Bills and Approve Check Register

John Barlow presented. He went over the check register in detail with the council and answered their questions. There was discussion on the Fire Department IGA and buildings. Weston answered a few utility related questions.

Lawrence Barlow moved to approve paying the bills as funds become available and approve the check register as presented.

Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Stacy Seay	X		
JVar Dutson		X	
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		
Lawrence Barlow	X		

Motion carried.

#12. Consideration and Approval of Public Entity Resolution

Mayor Jessop presented. The State of Utah is requiring an update on who has access to the cities PTIF Fund. In order to be in compliance, they are requiring each entity to submit a city council approved resolution from outlining those authorized to have access to the fund.

John explained what the PTIF fund is.

JVar Dutson moved to approve the public entity resolution as written.

Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Stacy Seay	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		
Lawrence Barlow	X		

Motion carried.

#13. Discussion on Employee Hospital Benefits Program

JVar asked Mayor Allred to give any updates they have. Mayor Allred addressed the board. They have quotes and are fairly certain on the way they want to go with it. At this point they are thinking of the town covering the employee, and if the employee wants their family covered they will have to pay for that. They are thinking it will be around \$25,000.00 a month. It should be on the Colorado City agenda next Monday, after they have made a decision, Hildale will address it. Vance and John have worked closely to make sure that Hildale is budgeting for the anticipated cost amount.

#14. Discussion on Insurance

JVar wanted discussion on general liability insurance. According to the prioritization schedule, John would begin working on this in July after taking care of the other matters.

Lawrence asked if the staff would like assistance from the council, John invited any help. Colorado City was able to secure insurance from Lockton Insurance (name may be incorrect) and Vance has provided us their information. Mayor Allred thinks we may be able to get insurance through them.

#15. Discussion and Possible Action on Expanding Roles and Responsibilities of IT Department

This item was tabled.

#16. Discussion and Possible Action on Date for Swearing-In Ceremony for Chief Askerlund

Mayor Jessop presented. After discussion, Chief Askerlund said that next Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 5pm is good for him.

Maha Layton moved to post the notice of a swearing-in ceremony for Chief Askerlund on June 13, 2018 at 5pm. Stacy Seay seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Stacy Seay	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		
Lawrence Barlow	X		

Motion carried.

#17. Closed Executive Session

Not needed. Christian will put a report together for the council members outlining where we are at on everything.

#18. Discussion of Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Claims and Demands

Not needed.

With no other business, meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

I verify that a copy of the notice and agenda was delivered to the Mayor and City Council members and posted at the City Hall, 320 E. Newel Avenue, Hildale, Utah and sent to the Utah State Public Meeting Notice coordinator.

Minutes were approved at the City Council Meeting on June 20, 2018.

Vincen Barlow

Vincen Barlow, City Recorder

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