

Hildale City Council Meeting

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale, Utah 84784

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:30 pm

Present:

Mayor: Donia Jessop

Council Members: Lawrence Barlow, JVar Dutson, Jared Nicol, Stacy Seay, Maha Layton

City Recorder: Athena Cawley

Interm City Manager: Harrison Johnson

Staff: Christian Kesselring, Robb Radley

Court Monitor: Roger Carter

Public: None

#1. Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Roll was taken, quorum present.

#2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jared led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#3. Conflict of Interest Disclosers

No new discloser forms received this month. No conflicts of interests.

#4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

No meeting minutes to approve. Tabled to next meeting.

#5. Public Comments

Harrison read Darlene Stubbs comment from online. "I am concerned as a Hildale City resident how much I've seen police and ambulances at Switch Point on Utah Avenue. I am concerned of how many of their clients are walking our streets".

#6. Manager's Report

Harrison presented financial statements to the Council. There is a large amount in the Utility fund that is bad debt expense consisting of late fee charges for the past 5 years. This amount will be written off and reflect on current fiscal year financial statements. Policies have been put in place to send 180 days and current debt 90 days due to a collection agency. There was discussion on the Utility Board budget and expenses. The Council agreed to add ratification of action items from the Utility Board to future agendas so that they can stay updated on the expenses of the Utility Board.

Christian updated the Council on the hiring of the City Manager. There have been approximately 20 applications received. The hiring committee is selecting candidates and should be completing interviews in the next couple of weeks.

Harrison presented a summary of ongoing projects and department reports. Staff is diligently working through the audit process this week. The Cares Funding project for installing fiber is quickly getting finished. The gas line into Arizona has been worked on with Dominion Energy. We will be receiving the 3rd payment of Cares Act spending which will be less by 11% in comparison to the earlier payments. The UEP Water Rights Committee will soon propose a menu of items that have been discussed. Public Works mechanic, Paul Black, has resigned and a new person is being hired. In conclusion Harrison gave an update on the Water Plant Well. There has been \$20,000 approved in grant funding from Environmental Quality USDA office to replace well #19.

Chief Radley gave a Police report for October. He brought attention to police enforcement for DUI's and how the numbers are now being recorded accurately so that is why we are showing an increase. Animals at large citations and calls for service are higher than previous years. The helmet drive has been positive with the motorcyclist wearing helmets more. In conclusion he mentioned putting in a speed bump at the new traffic crosswalk being put in near the school.

#7. New Council Business

A. Consideration and Possible Action on Mediation Agreement

Lawrence Barlow moved to approve agreement to mediate and to compensate mediator with SDK 013 20 South Zion Estates

Jvar Duston seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

B. Consideration and Possible Action on CDBG Consultant

Harrison explained that it would take approximately 20 hours a week of upper level administrative work to get the CDBG grant project completed. At this point the City does not have the staffing ability to do this. The possibility of hiring a qualified contractor up to \$20,000 to complete the project was recommended to the Council. The Council had a few questions on the process and the legal aspects of CDBG grants. Roger Carter gave some oversight on the process and legal aspects from his experience. There was discussion between staff and the Council of the expedient timeline for the spending of this project and possibility of certain stipulations moving forward.

Lawrence Barlow moved to approve budget of \$20,000 for staff to engage a qualified contractor for the CDBG Grant.

Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

C. Discussion of Development Standards for Existing Commercial Buildings

Harrison presented. Over the past two years the City has improved its permitting process which has encouraged more of our residents to engage in the process where they simply build and remodeled with no approvals before. As this process has occurred the City staff has been confronted with many situations where existing structures paired with existing use have had to undergo significant regulatory requirements. Many of our residents want to invest in the community but lack the financials to do so in a manner that would be consistent with communities like St. George, Washington City, Ivins etc. Therefore, they would be forced to either take on significant debt, sell their property, prolong improvements, illegally improve, or never improve. There are several questions prepared by staff for the Council to determine what direction they would like to go with development standards for existing commercial buildings. The Council agreed to put this on the agenda for the Work Session.

#8. Executive Session: Closed Meeting Held in Accordance with Utah Code 52-4-205 for the Purposes of Discussing Pending or Reasonable Imminent Litigation.

The Council decided to finish the meeting and then go into executive after adjournment.

Lawrence Barlow moved to go into Executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing Pending or Reasonable Imminent Litigation.

Jvar Dutson seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

#9. Calendar of Upcoming Events

None

#10. Scheduling

Mayor Jessop read a flyer advertising Hildale’s Community Response Center giving drive thru COVID testing and flu shots Wednesday November 11th from 12-5 p.m.at the Mulberry Building, 984 N. Box Elder St. Hildale UT, 84784.

Work Session was scheduled for December 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting was scheduled for December 9th at 6:30 p.m.

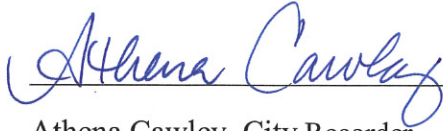
Mandatory DOJ Training, a Zoom Meeting, will be November 19th at 1:00 pm and will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

#11. Adjournment

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

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 December 10, 2020.



Athena Cawley, City Recorder

