

Hildale City Council Meeting

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale, Utah 84784
Wednesday May 16, 2018

Present:

Mayor: Donia Jessop
Council Members: JVar Dutson, Jared Nicol, Maha Layton
City Recorder: Vincen Barlow
City Manager: John Barlow
Staff: Christian Kesselring, Susie Barlow, Angelene Chatwin, Jim Peterson, Sam Johnson, Weston Barlow, David Boshard, John Todd Barlow, Max Horsley, Taylor Barlow, Roxanne Barlow, Mariah La Corti
Court Monitor: Roger Carter
Public: Brigham Holm, Niklas Webb, Broola Barlow, Nathan Barlow, Jennifer Knudson, Travis Jessop, Jayson Cooke, Ben Winslow, Sarah Ventre, Joseph Allred, Cynthia Barlow, Terrill Musser, Clinton Barlow, Elisha Ruesch, G Timpson, George Barlow, Joan Barlow, Jethro Barlow, Lee Barlow, Randy Barlow, Glyn Jones, Jeff Barlow, Dalton Barlow, Terrill Johnson, Sarah Barlow, Elisa Wall, Alma Fischer, Ted Barlow, Lacy Barlow, Velvet Barlow, Ida Jessop, Lawrence Barlow, Freeman Barlow, Alan Barlow, Kyle Layton, Stacy Seay, Willie Jessop, Lee Steed, Misty Nicol, Leslie James Barlow, Tracy Barlow (this list may be incomplete).

#1 Call to Order

Mayor Jessop called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll Call:

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jared led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Notice of Press Release

Most of the individuals present were here for the press release. Christian informed everybody that Hildale City has dropped the appeal. The official press release will be posted to the city website and available at the office for anybody that wants to pick up a copy.

4. Approval of Minutes from 4/11/18 and 4/25/18 City Council Meeting

JVar Dutson moved to approve the minutes of the 4/11/18 and 4/25/18 City Council Meetings.

Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Appointment of New Council Members

Each individual was allowed three minutes to tell the council about themselves. Council then asked questions. Maha expressed her appreciation for the number of people who put in their names as candidates. Jared also expressed his appreciation for all of those that submitted their name. He is hoping that everyone will continue their work in the community even if they do not get picked to sit on the council at this time. He invited everyone to participate actively and give him their ideas.

Tracy Barlow: He feels that the City needs to be a tourist destination, not just a location on a map. With his expertise and ability to manage projects and make decisions he would be a great help to the council and wants to be a part of it.

Jared asked what he means about the city being a destination. Tracy stated that he feels we need to capitalize on the individuals traveling right past us.

JVar asked what he can bring to the city. Tracy explained that with his construction background he understands and can speak with architects and engineers.

Leslie James Barlow: He has been a member of this community most of his life; feels that it is important to have a city government that has the ability to speak their mind and vote their mind and a balance of people that think differently. Has experience general contracting and teaching, has a degree in business management. He will not be a rubber stamp. He does not want the town to just be a real estate investment; he wants to actually build the community. He feels that he could offer a bit of perspective and balance.

Maha asked if Jim would speak to what he thinks the future of the town is, his vision, and what he means by balance. Jim would have been happy to still have FLDS members on the council. He feels that there needs to be openness.

JVar asked what he would bring as a positive motivation to help move into the future. Jim would watch taxes, make sure they are not raised more than necessary, and encourage business. He does not think the town should be a big tourist place.

Jared asked Jim about his knowledge/understanding of the DOJ case. He has not read it all, but has listened to a lot about it.

Brigham Holm: He feels he would do well on the council because he has been coming to the meetings, he is active in the chamber commerce, he owns a business, and participates in activities. Accountability is very important to him, you have to listen, understand and take action. He complimented the council on their ability to do that. It is exciting to him to watch where Hildale is going, but he feels that his knowledge of business would add to the council.

JVar asked Brigham what areas he would help push for the future of Hildale. Brigham can bring a representation of business to the council. He listens and can talk and communicate with the locals about business ideas/issues. Jvar asked if Brigham is willing to make his own decision and stand by it, Brigham said "absolutely".

Jared asked what Brigham's top priorities would be if he were to be on the council. He wants to see someone on the council willing to assist in the progress that the council has been making while bringing fresh insight.

Travis Jessop: He came back to town about 5 years ago after being gone for about 10 years. He believes the town is beautiful. Has been in excavating his whole life, and owns a local business. It is important for him to get more involved. What qualifies him to be part of the council is his business background, and involvement in growth and development. He wants to help shape who we are and what the town is.

JVar asked him to expand on what he thinks the town is. Travis said it is a town of family and love. The town is industrious and that knowledge is shared with the world, but he would like to bring it back to town.

What can he bring to the table to help build our future? He has the skills to shape the process of bringing industry back to the town.

Jared asked about his knowledge of the DOJ injunction. He has breezed through it but not read it in detail. He agrees that the city needs transparency.

Maha asked Travis about his residence. He has a home and Draper that he splits his time between. He is willing to dedicate himself and put in the effort to come to meetings, he feels like the town is worth it.

Maha asked about what he did in preparation. Before this he purchased and repaired several homes to help build the community with the motto "invests, improve, inspire" which is what he wants to bring to the city.

Mayor Jessop asked if he could make Hildale his primary residence. State Code refers to the absence of council members, absence means being gone for more than 60 days at any one continuous time. Travis does not see it being a problem.

Stacy Seay: She will bring great interaction to the council. She teaches kindergarten, she lives here her kids attend school. She is transparent. Has a Master's in tourism and management, finishing up a Master's in education. She is familiar with city lingo because of her time in California. We are one community, so collaboration is important.

Jared asked one thing that can be done to improve the Marshals Office. Stacy said communication and relationship with the Officers.

Maha asked about her idea for the direction of Hildale. Stacy does not want to overgrow, but feels that the city could benefit from contained tourism.

JVar asked about her ability to be workable with the council with the existing problems. Due process is very important. We can't change everything immediately, but we can let due process take its course, then collaborate and come to a decision.

JVar talked about property prices and growth of Hildale, wants to know how that fits in with Stacy's goal for the future. Stacy feels strongly about balance, and cares about what is good for Hildale

Lawrence Barlow: He was born in Hildale and gives service freely to the community. He spent 25 years serving the area in emergency services. He has observed that workability has diminished. He would like to learn from the past so that. He has established relationships with many officials. He has the trust of the voters in Hildale and would like to bring peace, strength and stability to the community. He is familiar with the rules of order, and supports Mayor Jessop.

JVar asked about how he can help: Lawrence would place priority on law enforcement. He has ideas that will save the city money and answer the demands of the court and the injunction. Jared asked one more thing that Lawrence can bring to the table. Lawrence is familiar with water treatment. Lawrence verified that he has time for the council.

Willie Jessop: Willie gave a small history of the troubles in Hildale. He has stood strong through all of them. There was no stability for a long time, the city was in crisis. He worked to start Bee's and Dollar General. He was also involved in bringing Water Canyon School to the city. He passionately loves this city and is invested. He would like to create a "welcome home" society, with no restrictions as to what people look like.

Jared asked if Willie being busy would be a conflict. Willie simply reiterated his commitments to the city, he will do whatever it takes.

JVar asked his vision for Hildale. Willie said that we need to provide business growth and stabilized housing.

Maha asked what he thinks the "role" of city council is. He said it is putting the needs of the city above a cartel (religion). The city needs to provide protection to all of its citizens.

Willie touched on the law enforcement side. It needs to be dealt with carefully, law enforcement needs to be involved in the city. We need to bring in outside help to teach skills, but not take away the Marshal Office.

Lee Steed: Lee expressed his feeling that candidates speak by their past actions. He is a successful business person who has proven his abilities. He runs the farm out here. Diversity is needed in the city council, he wants to bring new perspective and change what has been going on. Without money this community is dead. He loves this area, but feels like the city itself is broken because of the lack of attraction.

JVar asked what his vision for Hildale is. He would like to see friendliness; he wants to see law enforcement that is non-discriminatory. He wants a better place, locally sponsored events, a community where investors will bring their money in and build all the things that communities have.

Jared asked how him being a successful business owner will contribute to the economics of the city. Lee said that he has been a successful business owner for 30 years and Hildale needs someone with that knowledge. You have to create things, they don't just happen, and his work speaks for itself. Lee talked about how discouraging it is to drive around town and see the unfinished houses and roads.

Maha asked what he is actively involved in to be a part of the solution. Lee said he is not an organizer of other people's time. He keeps his place clean and helps family and friends, thinks his work speaks for itself.

Christian was asked to explain the voting procedure once again. Voting is being done by State Code; there is one round of voting to choose the top two candidates by closed ballot. Those will be counted and those two people will be allowed to address the council again. Council will then vote again by closed ballot for one council member. The individual who has the highest number of votes will be appointed to the seat. This process will be done twice. Individuals selected tonight will be sworn in on the 22nd.

After voting, it was narrowed down to Lawrence Barlow and Stacy Seay.

Stacy addressed the board again. She can bring advocacy on behalf of the people. People can see her, approach her, talk to her. She can bring the voice of the people.

Lawrence thanked the council for their vote of confidence. He is not thin skinned and welcomes difference perspectives. There needs to be collaboration on solutions. He would like to be part of creative solutions.

Vincen announced that Lawrence Barlow received the winning number of votes and will be the first new council member.

All candidates were invited to address the board again.

Tracy Barlow added his opinion that the fence code needs to be addressed.

Brigham touched on how he is actively involved in learning, being coachable, teachable. He is an entrepreneur and hopes the council takes that into consideration.

Lee Steed added that this is a great community, he loves this place. He is here for the long haul, plans on retiring here. He wants to be a part of the success of this community.

Voting to fill the second position took place. It was narrowed down to 5 candidates, 4 of which received 1 vote each. Those candidates were invited to address the board again.

Willie wanted to reiterate that he wants to be on the council because of the infrastructure issues. A lot of the issues are very critical, and can face the board in a very serious way. He thinks that he can bring stability to the infrastructure issues.

A tie-breaker vote was done for the 4 candidates. That was narrowed down to 3 candidates, another tie-breaker vote was done to narrow it down further. The vote is between Tracy Barlow and Stacy Seay for the final position.

Vincen announced that Stacy Seay received the winning number of votes and will be the second new council member.

7. Reports of Administrative Departments

Public Works:

John Todd presented. Being short staffed has been very hard. They have done some hires, a couple emergency and a couple to start in a few weeks. They were officially hired at the Colorado City Council meeting on Monday. He expressed his appreciation for Ed Lane, the present mechanic, who is getting ready to retire. Colorado City also approved public works to purchase a Cat loader that was desperately needed. They are working with B4 to put curb on Johnson and Field Avenue. Council thanked John for his hard work.

Building Department:

Andy Barlow presented. He has issued more permits already this year than any other year he has been here, the majority of which are in Hildale. He is dealing with issues taking larger homes and making them into commercial use. He would strongly suggest individuals hire a licensed contractor/architect to help with the plans. He explained when a permit is and is not required. There was discussion on the turnaround time for a permit. Each step should not take more than two weeks. JVar suggested he create a checklist that the office can provide to individuals. Andy recently attended a class and now has his residential electrical inspector permit. He is close to having his combined inspector license; he has 4 of the 6 required permits.

Warren Darger: Warren had something to do tonight and was not able to be in attendance. John had an opportunity to walk through the dispatch center and was very impressed. They are short staffed, but the individuals holding down the fort are doing a great job. They have recently done testing on new prospects.

Police Department: Sam Johnson presented. With the new Officers around, they have been able to attend many more of the public events. He thinks the community needs to be aware of the outbreak of Parvo, requested that a flyer be put in with this round of utilities. There is a City Ordinance that says it has to be treated. He mentioned the Dream Center and is excited about what they have to offer. JVar asked what the new Officers will be doing now that they are sworn in. Sam explained that they are still being mentored and coached; it depends on the situation as to whether they can go out alone or not. It will be a great relief to get them to the point that they can go out alone to cut back on overtime. Jared expressed his appreciation for Sam accepting the role of Chief and helping through this transition. There was discussion on the city's youth and drugs. There was also discussion on how important it is for officers to be present in the community so that we can change how they are perceived for the positive.

Planning and Zoning: Jim Peterson presented. The Public Hearing was held and the discussion was good. The City Council will be in charge of putting land use fees in place when the zoning ordinance passes, he provided a proposal for such. JVar began discussion on the proposed ordinance. He feels that we need to get into more detail to avoid the potential for lawsuits. Jim said that they are continuing to refine it; there will probably be another Public Hearing.

Utilities Department: David Boshard presented. Staff underwent the natural gas audit last month, they completed the things they inspector said needed improved and sent it in for approval. This week they have been doing the annual gas leak survey.

Wastewater: sewer lagoon quality is much better. Top thing on wish list is a screen compactor, they are pricey, but will be worth it. They will begin putting money aside. There has actually been too little waste going through the system.

Water: Ralph Johnson Jr. has moved to Utilities Department and they are enjoying him. They are continuing to replace water meters. Academy Well has been cleaned and flushed, it will be started up in the morning. They continue to make little changes at the drinking water plant.

UEP: Jeff Barlow presented. Everything is finalized with the county. Lot line adjustment can be moved to next agenda, they need more time to finalize. They are helping a community in Canada that has the same issues that Hildale is having. Cottonwood Park is very close to being done. The old farm equipment has been moved over to the museum and there is a plan to dedicate one of the rooms in the museum to the history of the equipment as it relates to Hildale. The amount of volunteers at the park laying sod was spectacular. They will need help again this Saturday to lay the remaining sod. JVar asked for a status of subdividing. Jeff responded, they estimate 90 days to complete the process. UEP will be coming to the cities regarding a proposed TCWW resolution.

Jared asked Jeff to take the Council's thanks to the UEP Board for their efforts at Cottonwood Park.

Community Outreach Department: Roxanne Barlow presented. The after school program was a success and is coming to a close because of school ending. They had almost 100 sign-ups for softball. First games will be Saturday. Hildale City Farmers Market is starting on the 26th of May, continuing until the Autumn Equinox. We are looking for vendors. Maha gave a shout-out to Roxanne for her incredible organization of the softball league, Nathaniel for his help in getting the park ready, and to the community for the volunteer coaches who stepped up.

Parks: Nathaniel Barlow presented. There have been a lot of people getting water and he thinks it may turn into a problem if not addressed. Grass and lawns are better off than they have been in a long time. He is hoping to get trees etc. to make it more inviting. He has been working to get the ball field ready for softball. Vandalism of the restrooms is down.

City Management Report:

John Barlow presented. Safe Routes to School has passed. There was a CIB hearing, we were approved for supplemental funding for the detention ponds. We are working on closing the bond. He attended a breakfast with the Family Health Services and it was very touching. They really care about people and he thinks the community will feel that. There was discussion on when they will be coming to Hildale.

Jared is on the board for mosquito abatement. He has information pamphlets available at the front desk. Any departments that see any problems with mosquitos should contact him and let him know because they will be coming out to do a drive around.

8. Consideration and Approval of Check Registry

Vincen Barlow presented. We are caught up on our bank reconciliation and IGA's are completely up to date. There was discussion on where funds came from for these payments and clarification on what a few checks were for. Mayor Allred mentioned that Casselle does have the ability to list out detail as to what each expense is for, for future reference.

**JVar Dutson moved to approve the check registry.
Jared Nicol seconded. Roll call vote:**

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

Motion carried.

9. Approval of Minutes and Ratification of Action Items from 2/27/18 & 3/29/2018 Utility Board Meetings

**JVar Dutson moved to ratify the actions from the February 27, 2018 and March 29, 2018 Utility Board Minutes.
Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:**

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

Motion carried.

10. Approval for Issuance of Off-Premise Alcohol (Beer) License Permit for The Border Store

Attorney Kesselring presented. This item is on the agenda again because the State is not issuing licenses at this time. We are asking the council to vote as to whether to unconditionally approve the local license or not. Officer Barlow did an inspection and completed a checklist based off of the state code. Patrick Barlow addressed the Board to explain the provided pictures taken during the inspection which outline where the alcohol will be in the store.

**Jared Nicol moved to approve the issuance of an off-premise alcohol (beer) license permit for The Border Store.
Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:**

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

Motion carried.

**11. Consideration and Possible Action on Lot Line Adjustment for UEP
Skipped.**

12. Consideration and Possible action on Ratifying Contract for Fiber Optic

This is meant to solidify what is already in place. Mayor Allred asked about the infrastructure in Colorado City; wanted to verify who owns it. Christian Kesselring stated that the fiber optic discussion has been going on for over 10 years. Because relationships weren't solidified this keeps coming up. The issue is that any time there is agreements that don't clearly define the rights and duties of all parties no one can do anything with it. This contract was drafted to alleviate that issue. Vincen indicated that he felt this item should be tabled for further clarification of some specifics.

This item was tabled.

13. Notice of Public Hearing for Tentative FY2019 Budget

Mayor Jessop gave notice of a Public Hearing for the Budget on May 22, 2018 at 6:10 PM. The Budget will be available for public viewing at the Town Hall.

14. Discussion on Employee Benefit Packages

JVar attended the Colorado City council meeting and was impressed with their work on this. He asked this item to be on the agenda for tonight to make sure the discussion keeps going. John stated that it has been put into the preliminary budget. JVar asked how benefits will work for those that work for both cities. Mayor Allred explained that if they receive a check from The Town of Colorado City they will be included in Colorado City's benefit package. If they only work for Hildale City, they will not. Vincen is working with Vance to figure out payroll specifics for those that get check from both cities. Administration will continue to work on this.

15. Closed Executive Session

Not Needed

16. Adjournment

Maha Layton moved to close.

With no other business, meeting was adjourned at 9:50 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 6, 2018.

Vincen Barlow

Vincen Barlow, City Recorder

