

# Special Hildale City Council Meeting

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale, Utah 84784

Thursday, May 24, 2018

## **Present:**

**Mayor: Donia Jessop**

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

**City Recorder: Vincen Barlow**

**City Staff: Christian Kesselring, Andy Barlow, Mariah La Corti**

**Court Monitor: Roger Carter**

**Public: Joan Barlow, Vance Barlow, Mayor Allred, Sarah Barlow, Mark Askerlund, Brian Meldrum (this list is incomplete)**

## **#1 Call to Order**

Mayor Jessop called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Jared led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Vincen called roll. Quorum present.

## **#2 Consideration and possible action on appointing Hildale City Police Chief**

Mayor Jessop asked Mayor Allred to give his opinion on why Hildale should appoint Mark Askerlund. There were originally eight applicants for this position, none of which had the qualifications they were looking for. Mark Askerlund was actually recruited because of his qualifications. In Colorado City they are looking for someone who has the right balance of strictness and compassion and they think Mark brings that.

Lawrence asked for an overview of the IGA between the Colorado City Marshal Office and Hildale City Police. Mayor Allred said that there is a contract for Police services. Hildale pays them a certain amount and they have Officers licensed in both states. He suggested that we sit down with Mark Askerlund and see if he has any recommendations regarding the IGA. Mayor Jessop would like to make sure that Mr. Askerlund is allowed to run the police department without political interference.

Lawrence asked what Hildale's contribution to the new chiefs pay would be. Christian clarified that the policing IGA formula is a flat annual amount plus a percentage of the sales tax base, which is billed to us monthly from Colorado City. A short discussion about this took place.

Roger Carter addressed the board about the recruitment process.

Mark Askerland introduced himself. He has been in law enforcement for 33 years. He retired from there in 2006 as a lieutenant in special investigations. He got back into it in 2008 helping Cottonwood Heights build up their force. He retired from their police department last year.

Mr. Askerlund would like to get out in the community and meet and learn from the citizens themselves. He feels that the best thing he can do as the chief of police is to provide a level of

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police service that is unbiased and fair. He would like to immediately build relationships with the surrounding agencies so that they can be called on in our time of need.

JVar expressed excitement to Mr. Askerlund for wanting to be vested in the community. If after the three year contract expires Mr. Askerlund would like to stay, JVar would like to make that option available. Mr. Askerlund appreciated JVar's comments and explained why they decided on a three year contract, but that amount of time does not need to be set in stone.

Maha asked what Hildale can do to support him moving forward. Mr. Askerlund asks that we support him in making the tough decisions that will have to be made.

Jared really appreciates the fact that Mr. Askerlund built Cottonwood Heights up from ground level, because that is where we are right now. He knows that a lot can be done in three years, and reiterated that the contract can be open ended.

Mayor Jessop pushed really hard to keep our policing here instead of going to County. She is grateful for that and that we now get to move forward with this.

**Jared Nicol moved to appoint Mark Askerlund as the Chief of Police for Hildale City.**

**Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:**

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

Motion carried.

With no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:25 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

