

Hildale City Council Meeting

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale, Utah 84784
Wednesday August 1, 2018

Present:

- Mayor: Donia Jessop**
- Council Members: Stacy Seay, JVar Dutson, Jared Nicol, Maha Layton, Lawrence Barlow**
- City Recorder: Vincen Barlow**
- City Manager: John Barlow**
- Staff: Dean Cooke, Ralph Johnson, Susie Barlow, Harrison Johnson, Roxanne Barlow, Christian Kesselring, Weston Barlow, Mariah La Corti**
- Court Monitor: Roger Carter**
- Public: Vance Barlow, Jennifer Kesselring, Eric Velander, Jeff Barlow, Jethro Barlow, Joan Barlow (this list may be incomplete)**

#1 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Jessop called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Jared led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2. Approval of Minutes from 07/11/2018 City Council Meeting

No corrections noted.

**Lawrence Barlow moved to ratify the minutes of the July 11, 2018 Meeting.
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.

#3. Public Comment

None

#4. Reports of Administrative Departments

Representatives of the fire department, dispatch department, parks department, police department and building department were not available.

Dean Cooke presented for Public Works. They have been working on chip seal at a number of different locations, and it must be done by the end of August so that it is set up and hard by the time cold weather hits. They have the crusher up and going and have the chips prepared for the rest of the projects this year. They are still working on getting their large crusher up and running.

The oil supplier was able to supply another 75 tons of oil after some persuasion. A decision needs to be made on what project Hildale would like done in this year's budget, this will be discussed in the Public Works Board meeting. Dean mentioned that the new people that were hired are very much appreciated and are very helpful. Mayor Jessop expressed her gratitude to Dean and his crew for their hard work. JVar asked Dean to work closely with UDOT.

Harrison Johnson presented for the Utility Department. He was hired by the Utility Board last night. He presented a 60 day plan. He would like to closely review policies and procedures and learn what he can from the Operations Manager. He would then like to present a plan for the rest of the year to the council. He has three main goals: to provide safe, affordable water and customer service, the health and welfare of the employees, and to create a long term plan for the utility department.

Jeff Barlow presented for the UEP. The school district will be moving forward with their plans for baseball diamonds, a football field and track, farm area and possibly a few tech buildings. The UEP Board has approved him to move forward with a plan for Johnson Park. They have finalized a deal with purchasing "Big Rock" back and the Board has approved putting in a parking area and a few picnic tables. They have posted evictions for 25 houses and intend to post another 25 within the next few weeks. The delinquent taxes are the reason they are being evicted, as they will lose the property if taxes are ignored for over 5 years. John asked if there is somewhere that individuals can access information on what it takes to stay in their home if they do not have the internet. Jeff explained that they include a pamphlet with the 10 day notice that outlines what the issue is and what they can do. The UEP has adopted a policy that they do not accept a petition on the house until it is empty and available. They have officially begun the fence and paint project for the beautification of the city. The UEP has approved demolition on the house on Utah Avenue. The Police Department and Fire Department have asked to be allowed to do some training at the location, so demolition will not begin until that is completed and the utility department has cleaned up the sewage. There was discussion on the agricultural land owned by Willie Jessop.

Roxanne Barlow presented for the Community Outreach Department. She discussed the free Community Health Fair. It was a huge success with over 200 attendees. They intend to do it again annually. The Department was able to help get a singing and dance class for individuals 3-adult which will start at the end of this month. Farmer's Market will start up again this Saturday and will be held in correlation with the Movie in the Park and the Dream Center will be providing food. Hildale is participating in the Washington County Fair for the first time in 25 years. They are hoping to have a Miss Hildale representative. There is a leadership workshop on Friday for 5th-8th grades. Emotional Health classes are held every Tuesday evening. Soccer will be starting up shortly.

John Barlow presented for Planning and Zoning. There is a hole in the administration for the planning and zoning. John has reached out to a few contractors that may be willing to contract for a few months to fill the void and set a plan in place. John is hoping to outline a few plans to put before the council for a decision on how to move forward. Planning and zoning it is a very emotional subject, so the public's input really matters. Contracting the work out may be the best

option because if the City and Community is not happy with where it is going, they can simply fire them.

John Barlow presented the Manager’s Report. He reported on the Community Health Fair. Regarding insurance, John spoke with our insurance broker who is getting the ball rolling. Christian and John will complete the application by the end of the week. The audit has been taking up a lot of the staffs time. Washington County School District is working with the Police Department to have a police officer on campus. John, Angelene and Mary Ellen went to a training on workplace safety. On-line bill pay is working out very well and is reducing late payments and customer complaints. Engineering is starting on SRTS. Mayor Jessop thanked John for going above the call of duty. Maha asked for an update on the requested field trip of the town facilities. John explained the plan that is in place, a date will be set for the beginning of September.

#5. Discussion and Possible Action on Ratifying Utility Business Manager Hire

**JVar Dutson moved to ratify the decision of the Utility Board to hire Harrison Johnson as the Utility Business Manager.
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.

#6. Consideration and Possible Action on Adopting a Resolution Accepting the Terms of the Settlement Between the UEP and Twin City Water Works

Jeff Barlow presented as a representative of the UEP. A healthy discussion was had last night at the Utility Board Meeting. He gave a brief summary on the history of the relationship between the UEP and Twin City Water Works (TCWW). There is a dispute about who has rights to the water which has been going on for a long time. To end the dispute and help the community, they determined that the best solution would be to deed the water assets to the cities, and have signed an agreement for such. He pointed out a few caveats, one being a tax lien on TCWW from the State of Arizona that will have to be resolved, and another being the cost associated with managing and maintaining the wells. He is asking the council to pass a resolution accepting the terms of the agreement. More work will have to be done before this issue is resolved. There was discussion on how the agreement was reached. Christian walked through some of the important details that the council needed to be familiar with. Jared asked if Hildale has verified that we will be able to take on the operations. John explained that there is always risk and expenses incurred when taking on a new asset, but the benefit will outweigh any operational, financial or legal risk. Jeff Barlow informed the council that wholesale water sells for less in the conservancy district than we are currently paying. Harrison met with Vance and Mayor Allred this morning and this

issue was discussed. The Utility Department will review the books from TCWW to further confirm that the dollars and cents make sense.

Vance Barlow addressed the Board. He and Mayor Allred have discussed this and they will gather financial information and do more homework before this is taken before the Colorado City Board so that the questions asked here will already be answered. He feels that they may be harder to convince than this council.

Maha asked if in the future water/services can be distributed to outlying areas. Jeff explained that if Colorado City wants some of the limitations outlined in the agreement removed or changed, they will work together with TCWW to make that happen, if possible, so long as the assets are being managed by the municipalities. Irrigation water has not been addressed, only culinary, that detail will need to be worked out.

Lawrence Barlow moved to accept the terms of the settlement between the UEP and Twin City Water Works and adopt Resolution No. 2018-08-01.

Jared Nicol seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

#7. Approval of Minutes and Ratification of Action Items from 6/26/18 Utility Board Meeting

JVar Dutson moved to approve the minutes and ratify the action items from the 6/26/18 Utility Board Meeting.

Stacy Seay seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

#8. Approval of Minutes and Ratification of Action Items from 06/04/2018 Planning and Zoning Commission

Maha Layton moved to approve the minutes and ratify the action items from the 6/4/18 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

JVar Dutson seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Lawrence Barlow	X		
Stacy Seay	X		

JVar Dutson	X		
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		

Motion carried.

#9. Approval of Minutes and Ratification of Action Items from 6/6/2018 Public Works Advisory Board

JVar Dutson moved to approve the minutes and ratify the action items from the 6/6/18 Public Works Advisory Board Meeting.

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.

#10 Consideration and Possible Action to Pay Bills and Approve Check Register

A check register for the month of July was provided. JVar asked for discussion on the Preferred Parts Litigation payment. John explained that the expense was because of invoices that went unpaid for a period, so they are catching up on those payments.

Weston was asked to explain a few large purchases.

JVar Dutson moved to pay the bills as they become due and as funds become available.

Stacy Seay seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

#11. Consideration and Possible Action on Utah Fire Assistance Grant

John Barlow presented. Captain Barlow applied for a fund matching grant to buy some replacement parts for the truck. This is a great way for Hildale City to support the fire operations. Chief Barlow is requesting permission to submit the application.

Lawrence Barlow moved to approve Hildale City Fire Department to submit the Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant Application.

Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Lawrence Barlow	X		

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Stacy Seay	X		
JVar Dutson			X
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol			X

Motion carried.

Lawrence pointed out that historically the volunteer has been able to match the in-kind contribution.

#12. Closed Executive Session if Needed

Not needed

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

None

There was brief discussion on how to discuss an item not on the agenda/get an item on the agenda.

With no other business, meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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 September 5, 2018.

Vincen Barlow

Vincen Barlow, City Recorder

