

The City Council of Willard City met on February 8, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Willard City offices, located at 80 W 50 S, Willard UT 84340.

Present: Travis Mote, Mayor
Mike Braegger, Council Member
Rod Mund, Council Member
Jacob Bodily, Council Member
Jordan Hulsey, Council Member
Rex Christensen, Council Member

Excused:

Staff Present: Colt Mund, City Attorney
Jeremy Kimpton, City Manager
Bryce Wheelwright, City Planner
Susan K. Obray, City Recorder
Payden Vine, Public Works Director

Others present: Diana Baker, Clyde Westley, Doug Thompson, Virginia Thompson, Ken & Ruth Ormond, Larry Holmes, Peggy Barker, Alex Owens, Nova & Alex Dubovik, Mark & Lynn Murphy, Don White, Randy Braegger, Patrick Murphy, Kim Murphy, Rew Wiley, Jay Yardley, Doug & Mary Younger, Chandler Bingham, Nathan & Shelley Dopp, Brian Fairbourn, Frank Ipson, Crystal Beck, Zeke Post, Don Andrew Murphy

1. Call to Order

- a. Mayor Travis Mote called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- b. Invocation offered by Council Member Hulsey.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Braegger.
- d. Conflict of Interest Declaration.
 - i. None.

2. Open Comment Period

Mark Murphy, 180 W 100 S Willard

“member of the Council, Mayor, and public, I am the co-chair of the Willard Canyon Access Coalition. As I said before, the mission of our organization is threefold, and this is the limit of our mission. First, we want the fence taken down. Second, we want the trail and the trailhead improved. Third, we want recorded easements for access into the canyon. Nowhere in that mission is stopping the mining operation. The coalition has been accused by many on social media of trying to stop operations. We are not. Individual members within our coalition, they may feel that way, but they are on their

own. Now, there are many participants here today, I suspect quite a bit of public comment from both sides, and that's great. But we opened with an invocation. The invocation was said in the name of the Prince of Peace, and He wants us to respect others. He wants us to love our neighbors and to love our enemies. I hope we don't have any enemies here. Because the love that this city has and the way that we seem to pull together through things like the wind storm that tore the city apart a few years ago, proves that this is a city full of love and respect for each other. I hope that this issue does not stop that. If you cannot love unto others and respect others, then maybe you shouldn't be here."

Nova Dubovik, 349 S 300 E Willard

"I am not a native to Utah. I grew up in Wisconsin. Highest point in my rural town, 863 ft. Yes, we lack the magnificent mountains and canyons that Willard residents enjoy. My family's motivation to homestead in Willard, UT was the abundance of hiking trails right outside our back yard. In the evenings, after dinner, we'd walk to the trailhead with our kids, and now our grandkids, gazing up to watch the amazing flight of the golden eagles which by the way nest in the canyon and are protected. There were always cars parked at the trailhead. People mountain biking, rock climbing, walking their dogs, watching the fantastic sunsets and sunrises over the bay. The canyon draws the curious from all around to observe its delicate ecosystem, biodiversity, and to enjoy its beauty. It's sad because now when my grandkids come over and want to walk to the trailhead I have to explain it's no longer accessible because it's fenced and access blocked.

Change is inevitable. The Willard community has grown and changed in the nine years since we moved here. New housing developments, businesses, roads, schools, churches, and it will continue to change as gravel mining along the bench also alters the beautiful topography of Willard. As a community we can either be ahead of it and ensure we preserve what we know to be a treasure (the canyon) or let it be invaded and destroyed along with all the other development. Green space is important to a communities health and well-being and what is more community conscious than preserving a natural green space for the public to access and enjoy for generations.

It's important to my family and neighbors that negotiations are done amicably and the parties can come to a compromise that allows public trails across portions of the property to access the canyon safely. Let's rely on commerce and tourism. Let's draw support for our businesses by allowing the public to come to our city and use our public trails and after a long hike patronize Fizz and get a dirty soda or get their bike fixed at the repair shop. Let's diversify, not rely on a commodity (gravel) which is not a sustainable long term income for the city. It will eventually be depleted then where do we turn for revenue? Let's find a better way. I implore the City Council to continue to explore a resolution, a compromise, that allows public access to the canyon trails. The mission of the coalition is threefold:

1. The fence blocking the trail needs to be removed

2. The trail and trailhead need to be repaired and improved
3. The existing prescriptive trail access easement need to be recognized and recorded at the county level

Thank you.”

Nathan Dopp, 174 W 300 S Willard

“I want to be on record to support the mission of the Willard Canyon Access Coalition. I think the three things are fairly reasonable. It’s a special place in Willard. There’s a spot in the lower canyon that’s kind of a waterfall, my kids call it the Willard dunkin’ spot. We go up there in July when it’s really hot and take a quick swim in there. The water goes to maybe three feet and it’s kind of fun to play in. Again, I think it’s a reasonable request at the very least access to the canyon and upper trail areas would be wonderful. That’s something I would like to see happen.”

Frank Ipson, 95 W 100 S Willard

“I just wanted to let you know, for all my life since I was about ten years old, my dad brought me up here and took me up the canyon. We’d go right up the canyon, no thought about it. As a teenager, I went with my buddies up there, did a little hunting. Brought one of the beautiful-est deer you ever saw. Later on, as I got married, I took my wife up that canyon, took my kids. I don’t go up that canyon so well anymore, but my grandkids do and I think it’s just wonderful. I would just hate to see that canyon closed off because it’s heritage. It’s been free and open for all these years. It was open to my dad, and I know it was open to a few of your dads. I just think we ought to do everything possible to keep that canyon free and open to the public.”

Clay Yardley, 1007 N Main Willard

“I am for the Coalition to keep the right to go up there. I’m a little confused as to why it doesn’t exist. We know what happened in Perry Canyon when they tried to shut it down and got overrun because of easement. I understand in Morgan County, shepherds can take their sheep up I-80 because of the easement. We’ve had that easement for a long time. Easement is a law. They say trespassing is a law. Well it’s not criminal trespassing if it’s an easement. I think law ought to be extended in all different areas. The City Council took out Amber Lane because of an easement at the expense of some of the Wells’. so there is a precedent set. Personally, I don’t understand why we are having to discuss this, but I understand people want to do things. I think there’s a lot more to this than just you can or you can’t because there is various laws involved here. I stand with those that are trying to keep the access to the canyon. I’ve enjoyed it the 28 years I’ve been here. It was one of the things everybody bragged about, and now people don’t brag about it.”

Clyde Westley, 221 E 100 S. Willard

“I’d like to thank Susan for the support she gave me and getting my information sheets out. As a member of the Willard City Canyon Access Coalition, I support the mission and while I endorse their efforts, I want to emphasize that my personal

passion lies in the preservation and safeguarding of two parcels of land at Cook's Canyon. That is why I'm here tonight. I was pleased to find a counselor who took interest in my talk last meeting. But rather than just give one more information, I prepared an information sheet for all the city officials I could think of. This protection I hope for is not going to happen because I want it to. However, I believe that if the city shares this goal, it represents a positive step forward. In 1985, our city rallied against the proposal for yet another gravel pit on the mountain. The mayor, numerous other passionate spokesperson, spoke for the cause and a majority of residents took firmly with the city on the stance. It is essential to clarify that the city wasn't inherently opposed to gravel pits, rather we objected to having another one right next to us on the mountain. The city didn't win that battle as history often reminds us. However, Cook's canyon was that battle ground, and today there exists a pit. A silent presence that came to cancer in temporary remission. I'm just saying it is enough. Willard has served this county and state well. We now need help healing and preventing the rest of the mountain's natural beauty being left for destruction. Thank you for your dedication in your positions and your time."

Brian Fairbourn, 893 W 2325 S, Perry

"Having trails close by is such a huge privilege and advantage. It allows people the convenience to exercise in the beautiful outdoors both regularly and enjoyably. Something that is proving to have innumerable physical and mental health benefits. These are things desperately needed in today's indoor, virtual world, where poor fitness and mental health are all too common. Regarding my own personal experience as a teen who has witnessed and dealt with immediate effects of both suicidal thoughts and poor mental well-being, I know the time I spend outdoors, specifically in Willard Canyon has been crucial to my personal growth. It's grounded and motivated me and I have seen similar effects in many of my peers. We are so incredibly lucky in Utah to be surrounded by beautiful mountains full of awesome trails. It is a shame we have allowed the interest of one or two powerful groups to rob everyone in Willard of this advantage. The undeniable truth is restricted access is not hurting one group of over concerned citizens or extremists, it's hurting every single member of the community. As so, it is an issue that ought to be a real concern to the City Council will the goal of representing not just one family and corporation but a whole town and their well-being. I would like to reiterate how incredibly lucky we are to live in this beautiful state surrounded by wonderful mountains and trails. I appreciate this. Us concerned citizens here tonight appreciate this as well as many concerned people absent tonight appreciate this. The question every member of the council should ask themselves before making a decision with such a broad impact is, do you?"

Shelley Dopp, 174 W 300 S, Willard

"You already heard my husband, Nate, talk. He explained why the canyon is important to our family. We've always enjoyed hiking up there a lot and playing up there and it's a place where I can take my kids and I've always felt that it was something that they've been able to do with us. It's easy enough for the kids and

adults as well. It's just been really hard since we don't have that easy way to just go and hike, we have to go further away so the time isn't there as often. A lot of times I'd go up while my kids were at school and I can't just easily go out to Ogden or up to Logan quickly while my kids were in school, but I could do that in Willard Canyon. I spend a lot of days in the summer up there getting my exercise. So I would like to see at least some kind of access to be able to get to that canyon, that would be awesome. And I do support the Coalition and their goals."

Kim Murphy, Ogden

"I have done lots of trails there, I rock climb in Ogden. I just barely found out that climbing exists in Willard. And now I'm not going to be able to go there and go try it. My climbing partner is in Brigham City so it's right in between. So please, do your best to keep this open."

Amy Montoya, 160 E 600 S Willard

"I'm standing here before you today to read my son's letter. Ladies and gentlemen, as I stand before you today, I am filled with nostalgia and gratitude as I reflect on a place that holds an immeasurable significance in my life. Willard Canyon, during my childhood, was not just a location. It was my sanctuary, my playground, and my classroom. From the moment I first set foot on the trails, I knew that this rugged expanse of nature would become an integral part of my upbringing. I remember the exhilaration of those early hikes, the thrill of exploring every nook and cranny, feeling the earth beneath my feet, and the crisp mountain air filling my lungs. It was in those moments that I discovered the pure joy of outdoor adventure, igniting a passion within me that would shape my character for years to come. That Willard Canyon was more than just a place to hike. It was a canvas for my youthful pursuits. I would run through its winding paths, pushing myself to new limits with each stride. I would mount my mountain bike, navigating its rugged terrain with determination and skill, feeling the rush of adrenaline with every twist and turn. And when the urge to speed took hold, I would rev up my dirt bike, tearing through the wilderness with a sense of freedom and exhilaration that words can scarcely capture. Amidst the excitement and thrill of these activities, Willard Canyon also served as a place of quiet introspection and reflection. It was here amidst the towering trees and babbling brooks that I found solace and peace. In moments of solitude, it was here that I learned to appreciate the beauty of the natural world and to cherish the simple joys that life has to offer. Looking back, I realize that Willard Canyon was more than just a physical landscape, it was a crucible of growth and discovery. It was here that I learned the values of perseverance, resilience, and respect for the environment. It was here that I forged lifelong friendships and shared countless memories with loved ones. And it was here that I laid the foundation for the person I am today. As I stand before you today, I am filled with gratitude for the role that Willard Canyon played in shaping my childhood and adolescence. Though time may pass and circumstances may change, the memories and lessons I have gathered in this sacred place will forever remain etched in my heart. Thank you

Willard Canyon for being my steadfast companion and faithful teacher. You will always hold a special place in my soul. -Major Derrick Montoya.”

Chandler Bingham, 95 N 200 W Willard

“I’ve spent as much time up that canyon as everybody up here. I grew up there and I’ve hiked it a lot. There was a discussion about cook’s pit, and a lot of people don’t know about Cook’s pit. They’ve been mining for a long time. But when the city was fighting Cook’s Pit, the city could have owned Cook’s pit by allowing a little bit of mining and preventing a lot of gravel from being pulled out of there because of a group of citizens that didn’t understand the entire big picture. And while I’m not for removing access to Willard Canyon, I think that there’s got to be a way that we can make the whole thing work so that in the long run, the city wins. The one thing I’ve learned in all the years I’ve lived in Willard is that the gravel pit has a lot more money than Willard City does. So if we can work with them, it’s a lot easier than working against them. However, I still want to access the canyon. I love to hike up there. I love everything about it.”

Peggy Barker, North Ogden

“In 1978, I moved out to North Willard and I discovered Willard Canyon. Since then, I hike Willard Canyon at least once a year, if not many more because there are waterfalls. I’ve taken friends, relatives, scouting groups up there and sometimes just to sit at the base of the canyon next to the water and not hike up anywhere, but just to enjoy being there. So this year, when I was told there was a barbed wire fence up there, I went up to see myself. I did have my friends tell me they would give me some wire-cutters and I said I’d rather not get arrested, but I’m still considering it. For all these years I’ve hiked Willard Canyon, been to the waterfalls, and taken other people... You guys still live here. these are the most beautiful mountains in Utah and suddenly we have access denied to get there or looking at alternative ways to get around the fencing. Also, this trail is historical. The CCC used this trail. When I would hike there, I always loved to know that it was part of the CCC trail. I think pioneer families when they came here went to the canyon. It seems that it should be open. There should be some access. This is a unique, beautiful place. I’m always up here telling Willard what not to do, how to keep it rural. This is a place that is so unique that it needs to be kept that way. The stone houses, the orchards, the fields, to try to keep some of this rural feel and also still have some access to go to the mountains and enjoy the beauty. Thank you.”

Don Waite, 1389 N Main Willard

“I think just about everybody here has memories of that canyon. I know, Mayor, that we had an earlier meeting where we talked about the gravel extraction and selling the gravel. It was mentioned it would be about 10 years as it is currently arranged for the extraction to be done and the trail properly reopened, even though it is on private property. And it is kind of too bad because that pretty well eliminates one whole generation from having access to that. I understand there are some real serious challenges because the entire East bench is private property. But beyond

Willard Canyon and all the memories. I have friends that I don't see very often, but when I do, they talk about the times that we were up there hiking and doing different things up there. But I want to throw out a challenge because I heard Cook's canyon mentioned tonight too, and we've also got White Rock. They are all on private property. I'm wondering if we could somehow create a trails committee that could work and create some kind of easement or trails or something to ensure because this hillside is what defines Willard. It's what makes Willard different from Perry and 90% of the rest of the state. It gives us a unique personality. And personalities are something that the state legislature would be happy to get rid of all personalities and make every city the same. We need this personality, it is us. If we can somehow create a trails committee or something so that we can start working on easements or access because there are a lot of opportunities. I heard somebody say, if you want to find out how valuable something is to people, take it away and you'll find out. Thank you."

Don Andrew Murphy, 180 W 100 W Willard

"I've hiked that Willard Canyon many times and many times a year with my friends. The youth go up that canyon all the time and I've helped maintain the trails there. I've camped in the forest up in the campsites. I've seen the waterfall and drank that water. That canyon has shaped a lot of what we did as the youth in willard. We went up there all the time for youth activities, and all the times I went up there, I don't remember even once thinking about the gravel pit or interfering with it or it interfering with us. For so many years now, we've been able to hike that canyon in harmony with the pit and there's never been a problem with it before until we created one now. I think this is a problem that can be fixed by us, the same way it was created by us. We can find a solution to this very responsibly. In this country, we govern ourselves by the people, for the people, and of the people. As representatives of any amount of people, we are supposed to represent those people and hear what the people are saying. I think we should represent accordingly. Our halls here, there's pictures of historic Willard in this building, and many of them reference the canyon and the events that happened around that canyon. It's part of our community and the people here want it here. Thank you for what you've done so far and I hope we can continue to make progress on this. Thank you."

Alex Dubovik, 349 S 300 E

"Leadership is tough. I want to thank you because I've sat on that side of the desk and it's a difficult position. I know the value of the Canyon is not lost on you. But you have to do the business of the city. A few things that I would just like to mention. I would reiterate that any benefit from this gravel pit, the income that comes from it, is temporary. Although it might be twenty or thirty years down the line, it's a flash in the pan when you consider the history of the canyon. The other part is, I'm not sure how many gravel pits there are in Willard, five or six? For the size of our town, I feel like this town has given our pound of flesh, and could privily go to the state and demand some assistance, maybe some land swap deals or something, to be able

to help us preserve this land that we have left up on the bench that is an icon to the I-15 corridor. I'm not saying it's easy, but I am trusting and depending on your courage and these discussions. The last thing I wanted to say is that I was kind of taken aback at a discussion at a recent meeting where a contractor suggested to some of the citizens when they wanted to rezone some property and make it a higher density, that is was the responsibility of our citizens to satisfy a social need to increase housing density and housing affordability and housing availability. We all feel that pressure and we are willing to do our part. I didn't feel like this person, this citizen that was concerned, should have been put on the spot by a contractor. As if she was shirking some responsibility she has to the greater good to provide more housing. I feel like there's the same argument to be had for the gravel industry. We need gravel. I've bought gravel. But I go back to how many gravel pits are in Willard? And how many more pounds of flesh do we need to give to support the society? We're not going to all get what we want, but I'm hoping and trusting and praying for you all as you go forward in these negotiations and that it strikes the right balance. Thanks."

Zeke Post, 20 S 400 W Willard

"Andrew was one of my young men. I've lived in Willard for almost 16 years and I've loved it very very much. I get emotional and I apologize for that. It;s such a beautiful canyon and to not have access to that, breaks my heart. I've taken young men up there and slept overnight there. We stayed at the CCC camp up there. YOur know Stillman Harding, 97 when he died? Talked all the time about the canyon. I knew nothing of the CCC, I didn't know what it meant. He was sitting in his living room one day and he started to tell me stories of it. I have just grown to love it. All my children have been up there. I've taken hundreds of youth up there, seen rattlesnakes which I absolutely hate up there. I've done all kinds of things up there that I just love. The idea of having that closed off to us is just devastating. I realize there's politics and there's land ownership and all these other things going on. But for years and years and years, it was accessible. I just hope that we can come to something to be able to allow us to continue to have access to that canyon. Honestly, if you look at the canyons up and down I-15, that is the prettiest canyon right there. Willard CAnyon is the prettiest. I appreciate your time."

Lynn Murphy, 180 W 100 S

"I am a member of the Willard Canyon Access Coalition. I have been asked what our mission has to do with Willard City Council since the area in question is in the county's jurisdiction. The city of Willard is in a three way negotiation with Granite Construction and the owners of other property to expand mining operations. Willard City Council holds the keys to this deal. The Council can make the deal contingent upon continued canyon access. Hiking in Willard Canyon is important in my family. As you've heard today, I've had several family members that have spoken. When I moved back to Willard in the 80s as a teenager, one of my fondest memories was of hiking in the canyon with my family. My son, as you just heard, has had many scouting activities that involved hiking and camping in the canyon. I led my own

Cub scout troop on some short hikes into themouth of the canyon. It continues to be my favorite place for a short hike close to home. I would like to thank the council members for listening to all sides of this issue. I encourage you to remember the generation growing up now who could miss out on those memories of our Canyon. I would also like to thank the Wells family that for so many years they have been very generous in keeping that canyon access open to the public and I am grateful for that. It has meant a lot to me. I really don't recommend anyone take their cutters up there. We'd like to have peaceful answers to this problem. I think all the people are concerned. We are a close-knit community and with so many new people that have moved in, we continue to be a small community. I really think that we can work to have good relations with each other and find answers to this that will make everyone happy."

Patrick Murphy, Ogden

"You guys probably don't know me. But to introduce something about me, I am the son of a geography professor. My dad inspired me and taught me and took me out into nature. Which I came to grow up and understand as sacred space. Let's start off with a quid bono, who benefits? If there's a benefit, there's a cost somewhere else. It seems as if there are two different scenarios here where there is a cost and a benefit for two different parties. They can go two different directions. One cost would be that the public is kept away and sheltered from these spaces that are beautiful and what I would call, "The Face of God." So the benefit would be for industrial progression, which I understand is just a part of how the world works. The other direction that we could go is to have an easement and that's all that's being asked of this. And the cost is the easement. But the benefit is for the next generation to learn the things and be taught the things that I was taught as a child to the next generation. So that we have another generation that understands nature and understands the sacred element that is in the natural world around us versus what we create and what we destroy. Thank you."

3. Planning Commission Report

Diana Baker gave an update on the Planning Commission. Two public hearings were held, one for Heritage Land Development, which was tabled, and the second for Marc Anderson's property, which ended up being withdrawn due to lot size disagreements.

The Planning commission had several questions on the mayor's Master Plan Community Zone Review sheet. What are the elements that the MPC zone will enhance or maintain the rural nature of Willard City? More discussion took place about the benefits and cost of the MPC Zone. They also discussed the need for more police officers and public works with the addition of the new annexed properties and proposed lot developments.

Bob Davis 7700 S 100 W annexation was also discussed and the Planning Commission recommended the City Council accept it.

The Marion Stokes subdivision lot line adjustment also was discussed by the Planning Commission and they recommended it be sent up to the City Council to be approved.

4. Presentations and New Business

- a. Presentation by Family Support Center

No representative was present.

- b. Consideration/Recommendation from the Planning commission to amend Chapter 12-100 of the Willard City zoning Ordinance by adopting the General Plan Draft.

Council Member Braegger shared his concerns first. He had a concern with the map of page 55. He indicated that a piece of that land marked for A5 has been designated as becoming a subdivision in the near future. He suggested changing it to R1/2 before approving the General Plan and having to change it again. The proposal is that everything north of the PUD would be ½ acre instead of A5, between the railroad and highway 89. The rest of the Council agreed to Council Member Braegger's proposal.

Page 57. Can the MPC zone have smaller lot sizes or larger with open space involved in the MPC to equal that one-half acre? The mayor clarified that the MPC sets the density and the flexibility is still there to allow for a mix of lot sizes. Council Member Braegger said he was happy about this and didn't think any changes needed to be made.

Mayor Mote had a comment about page 53, Future Land Use. He proposed adding, "The intent of the future land use map in the Willard City General Plan is to geographically identify land uses and development densities outlined in the plans, policies, and goals. Land uses and development density decisions shall align with the Future Land Use map in order to be considered consistent with the General Plan." The other Council members agreed.

It was discussed that the map on page 56 needs to be removed and the map on page 55 needs to be accepted.

Council Member Braegger asked if "Planned Unit Development" needs to be included. Mayor Mote noted that it is listed because there are PUDs in town. Colt Mund suggested adding a footnote that says PUDs are no longer part of the Willard City code.

Council Member Braegger also mentioned the Willard Road Classification Map on page 63. He feels the collector route should stay on 200 E rather than it going from 200 E to 100 E. Mayor Mote and the Council agreed this was a good idea.

Council Member Braegger also mentioned the maps on pages 73 and 78. He questioned whether we need to keep these maps in the plan. State code requires

these maps to be in the plan, and they are historical documents. It was determined they should remain in the plan for historical reference.

Council Member Braegger brought up page 84. He mentioned the North Willard irrigation ditch was left out of the drawing. It was discussed that an irrigation map should be added.

Council Member Hulsey mentioned that the kindergarten is a full-day kindergarten now and indicated that should be corrected in the plan.

Mayor Mote wanted to discuss The Vision on page 28. It was discussed that the word 'rural' is not in this vision and recommended that it should be added. Mayor Mote suggested adding a definition of rural-feel, something along the lines of "low density housing, mixed lot sizes, a self-reliant community." Council Member Braegger said to add something along the lines of, "Our community recognizes its rich rural history and will preserve its small town character and sense of place by protecting its open space..." Council Member Christensen said adding a definition of rural will be helpful. It was agreed to add 'rural' to the vision statement and add a definition of 'rural' in the General Plan.

More discussion took place on how to define 'rural.' It was decided to add 'rural' before 'small town character' in the vision statement. A definition of 'rural' will also be added below the vision statement.

Council Member Hulsey shared her definition of 'rural': Rural feel is characterized by the atmosphere and characteristics associated with open spaces, a lower population density, and a closer connection to nature. It reflects the slower pace of life, community closeness, and distinct charm found in the rural areas with an agricultural feel, embodying the presence and practices of farming, self-reliance, and cultivation within a community. It includes the visual and sensory aspects of farmlands such as fields, crops, animals, gardens contributing to the overall ambiance of an area dedicated to agricultural activities.

The rest of the Council agreed on this definition.

Motion: Council Member Braegger motioned to direct the staff to create a resolution to adopt the General Plan with previously discussed adjustments. Council Member Hulsey seconded the motion. All in favor.

- c. Discussion and approval of Resolution 2024-01 regarding the Marion Stokes Subdivision 1395 North Main Willard Utah 84340. Applicant Doug Thompson.

Larry Holmes was present to give information about the property. The property will be divided into three parcels. One with the house and 3.65 acres, 9 acres below that, and 12 acres on the west of 200 W.

Discussion was had about the new tax ID numbers required on the parcels. Bryce Wheelwright reported that the house that is remaining on the three acre

property follows the city's guidelines. This item is about the 9 acre property that is split by 200 W. A new parcel number will need to be assigned to each property.

Motion: Council Member Christensen motioned to approve Resolution 2024-01. Council Member Braegger seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all in favor. Resolution approved.

- d. Confirm Mayor's recommendation for Planning Commission new alternate member Ruth Beebe.

The Council agreed that Ruth Beebe would be a great addition to the Planning Commission.

Motion: Council Member Christensen motioned to approve Mayor Mote's recommendation of Ruth Beebe for the Planning Commission alternate chair. Council Member Braegger seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Minutes & Information

- a. Approval of the January 11, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.

Motion: Council Member Braegger motioned to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2024 City Council meeting. Council Member Hulsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Approval of the January 25, 2024, City council meeting minutes.

Moved to the next meeting.

6. Financial

- a. Warrants, Vouchers, Reports

7. Department Reports

- a. Public Works

No comment.

- b. Police Department

Chief Fielding answered questions about the monthly report. Council Member Hulsey invited Chief Fielding to a meeting with the Willard Elementary safety specialist.

- c. Fire Department

Maintenance is being done on vehicles. A resolution needs to be done to surplus certain vehicles from the fire department, public works, and the police department. The resolution will be ready for the March 14 meeting.

8. Council Member Reports

- a. Jacob Bodily

Absent

- b. Rod Mund

Absent

- c. Mike Braegger

No comment.

- d. Rex Christensen

No comment.

- e. Jordan Hulsey

Reminded everyone about the CERT classes taking place in March. Council Member Hulsey is currently working on a proposal for a safer walking route to Willard Elementary.

9. Next agenda items (March 14, 2024)

- a. February 22, 2024 City Council Meeting has been canceled.
- b. Approval of the January 25, 2024, City council meeting minutes.

10. Mayor's General Correspondence and Information

Neil Braegger has reached out to the Mayor about vacating the sewer-line easement on his property. The easements are no longer used so they can be vacated. He directed the staff to create a resolution with the descriptions of the easements.

Chris Breinholt ran new numbers for the Water Plan. The new number is 1015 ERUs per lot would be available. He directed the staff to prepare a resolution to amend the subdivision ordinance with the new numbers. Bryce Wheelwright said the Subdivision Ordinance needs to be redone per state legislature by the end of 2024. There is a contract in place with Todd Godfrey to complete this.

There was discussion about putting a porta potty at the Nature Park during the winter months when the restrooms are locked and water is turned off.

11. City Manager's Report

Jeremy Kimpton addressed updating the city logo.

Spring cleanup will be May 28, 29, and 30.

There was discussion about the new Fiiz franchise opening up. Concerns were brought up about where cars will line up and that it could create a safety issue on the highway.

12. Consideration of Motion to Enter a Closed Session (if necessary)

13. Adjourn

Motion: Council Member Braegger motioned to adjourn the February 8, 2024 City Council meeting. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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