

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council** meeting held Tuesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
2 in the Centerville City Hall Council Chambers, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Mayor Paul A. Cutler

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8 Council Members Ken S. Averett
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10 John T. Higginson
11 Stephanie Ivie
12 Lawrence Wright

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Steve Thacker, City Manager
16 Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager
17 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
18 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

19 **VISITORS**

Interested citizens (see attached sign-in sheet)

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21 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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23 **PRAYER OR THOUGHT**

Councilman John Higginson

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25 **OPEN SESSION**

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27 Neil Lish – Mr. Lish said he noticed that a street vacuum truck operating on 1200 North
28 recently was not effectively cleaning the street. He suggested the City should request that it be
29 done again if it was paid for with City funds. Staff responded that the vacuum truck may have
30 been focusing on cleaning catch basins and leaving the vacuum on between drains. The City
31 has separate contracts for street sweeping and catch basin cleaning.

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33 Rick Bingham – Mr. Bingham stated he was very impressed with the recent Sewer
34 District report. The Sewer District has operated for 26 years without an increase in rates by
35 saving funds for necessary improvements to meet demand. Mr. Bingham encouraged the City
36 could operate on the same basis by setting aside funds for various projects. He said that in the
37 past Mayor Russell assured him the City has such a contingency fund, but Mr. Bingham said he
38 has not seen evidence of it on the City budget. Mr. Thacker responded that the City's General
39 Fund balance is considered a contingency fund for Council appropriation as needed.

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41 **MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE**

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43 The minutes of the October 21, 2014 Council meeting were reviewed. Councilman
44 Wright made a **motion** to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Ivie seconded the motion, which
45 passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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47 **TRAILS COMMITTEE REPORT/DISCUSSION REGARDING HILLSIDE PROTECTION**
48 **ISSUES**

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50 Alan Peterson, Trails Committee Chair, introduced members of the Trails Committee in
51 attendance. The Trails Committee has become very concerned about the extent of damage
52 done on the mountainside by motorized users. The Committee recently undertook a concerted

1 effort to post signs along the Firebreak Road to encourage motorized users to operate only on
2 that roadway or within the designated "bowl area". Mr. Peterson reported that Trails Committee
3 members have been in communication with private property owners regarding public use of trail
4 connections on their property. Mr. Peterson specifically mentioned the waterfall on Haddad
5 property. The Haddad family has graciously allowed public access to the waterfall for many
6 years, but has decided to close access due to misuse and serious problems caused by the
7 public. Rick Turner, a member of the Trails Committee, explained that ATV use has destroyed
8 portions of the Haddad property. The Trails Committee has encouraged the Haddad family to
9 post "no trespassing" signs and close all but one trail access to the waterfall, but the property
10 remains closed at this time.

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12 Mike Remington, a member of the Trails Committee, further described damage to the
13 hillside due to motorized off-road vehicles. The Trails Committee has installed "protect the
14 access" signs, contacted local OHV dealers, and blocked restricted areas with rocks and fallen
15 growth. Mr. Peterson said he feels one reason to love Centerville is the closeness to mountains
16 and trails. He expressed confidence that citizens will be respectful if they are educated about
17 public property on the hillside, and stated that the Trails Committee would like to develop some
18 kind of community awareness program. In the next three months the Committee will continue to
19 block off the seven trails that provide access to the Haddad waterfall. Mr. Peterson expressed
20 the hope that with continued positive communications with the Haddad family, and continued
21 efforts to repair damage to the property, the Haddad family will decide to reopen public access
22 to the waterfall. He asked for Council input and suggestions.

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24 Councilwoman Ivie pointed out that the Police Department's school resource officer
25 could be a resource for spreading information. Mayor Cutler asked if the Committee is
26 concerned about other specific areas outside of the Haddad property. Mr. Peterson responded
27 they are trying to keep ATV access limited to the bowl area and off surrounding private property.
28 The accumulated damage is not restoring itself, and has exponentially increased this year. He
29 added that the Police Department has been cooperative in patrolling the area.

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31 Councilman Wright suggested the Committee could expand the existing hiking pin
32 recognition program to encourage education and correct use of the trails. Mayor Cutler stated
33 he hopes the Trails Committee is working on ideas to incorporate into the Centennial
34 Celebration next year. He also asked the Committee to put together a prioritized list of long-
35 range projects that could be funded by a 2016 RAP Tax renewal. Councilwoman Fillmore and
36 City Manager Thacker expressed appreciation to the Trails Committee.

37 38 WASATCH CHOICE 2040 CONSORTIUM

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40 Councilwoman Fillmore presented information from the recent Wasatch Choice 2040
41 consortium event she attended, and described why she feels long-term planning is important.
42 She described a shift in market demand toward a balance between suburban and walkable
43 urban development. She stressed the benefits that can be gained from higher density
44 development with good design and efficient use of land.

45 46 MAYOR'S REPORT

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48 • Per the Mayor's direction, staff have been developing a set of metrics reflecting the
49 operational performance of the City's various services. Mayor Cutler meets quarterly
50 with all department heads and the City Manager to review the latest data and discuss
51 operational issues. The next step in the progression of this initiative will be to
52 develop a "dashboard" report that would be suitable for release to the public.

- 1 • Mayor Cutler has been contacted by a representative of "Next Century Cities" with an
2 invitation for Centerville to become a member. The Mayor described the purpose
3 and some of the principles of the organization to the Council. A benefit of
4 involvement would be the sharing of information. Several Council members
5 expressed support for Centerville's participation.
6 • Centerville has received, but not yet paid, an assessment for UTOPIA operating
7 expenses for October through December. Mayor Cutler stated that most UTOPIA
8 cities have committed to pay the assessment through December, and recommended
9 the Centerville Council do the same. The Council would need to allocate an
10 additional \$20,000 to fund the assessment for the entire three months. Councilman
11 Wright expressed support for paying through December to give weight to the Mayor's
12 efforts to effect positive change. Councilman Wright also stated reluctance to
13 continue supporting the operational assessment if the UTOPIA/UIA Board does not
14 come up with a consensus solution.
15 • Jack Dellastatious, Chair of the Centerville Community Foundation, is interested in
16 involving more community members and businesses in the Community Foundation.
17 The Mayor has asked him to consider how the Foundation could contribute to next
18 year's Centennial Celebration.
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20 **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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22 • Steve Thacker, City Manager, reported that the bus stop shelter at Founders Park
23 has been installed.
24 • The City is awaiting a response from the contractor of the I-15 expansion project
25 regarding pedestrian bridge enhancements.
26 • Mr. Thacker reported that two Letters of Intent were recently sent requesting WFRC
27 funding for a pedestrian/bike lane project on the Frontage Road, and for lighting on
28 the north side of Parrish Lane west of the pedestrian bridge to 1250 West.
29 • City staff are revising the 10-year project list as part of the Drainage Rate Study, and
30 will discuss this again with the City Council in the near future.
31 • Mr. Thacker recommended the City contribute the requested \$500 to help fund the
32 Utah Transportation Coalition to build support for major investment in Utah's
33 transportation system. Mayor Cutler also expressed support. This will be on the
34 next meeting's agenda.
35 • Mr. Thacker encouraged Council members to attend and observe the public hearing
36 for the General Plan update regarding the west side at the November 12th Planning
37 Commission meeting.
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39 **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

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41 • The Council chose not to take any action regarding the Utah Transit Authority FY
42 2015 Tentative Budget.
43 • Councilman Wright made a **motion** to approve a backhoe trade out with Maw
44 Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$14,000 for the Parks Department. Councilwoman
45 Ivie seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).
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47 **ADJOURNMENT**

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49 At 8:58 p.m. Councilman Higginson made a **motion** to adjourn the Council meeting.
50 Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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Marsha L. Morrow

Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder

11-18-2014

Date Approved

Katie Rust

Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

