

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Council **work session** held Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 5:30
2 p.m. in the Centerville City Council Chambers, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Mayor Ronald G. Russell

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8 Council Members Ken Averett
9 John T. Higginson
10 Sherri Lyn Lindstrom
11 Lawrence Wright

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13 **MEMBER ABSENT** Justin Y. Allen

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15 **STAFF PRESENT** Steve Thacker, City Manager
16 Lisa Summers, Youth Council Advisor
17 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

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19 **STAFF ABSENT** Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager

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21 **YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENT**

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23 Brooke Larsen, Youth Mayor
24 Melissa Arnold Eli Bangerter
25 Valerie Beer Rachel Creer
26 Rebekah Cutler Jens Fillmore
27 Nena Fillmore Jacob Garn
28 Jessica Greer Jordan Hawkes
29 Emma Kimball Samantha Kimball
30 Brittany McDonald Joe Moore
31 Jeremiah Moore Hope Newman
32 Melissa Noble Abigail Wadley
33 Mikell Wilcox Brenna Wilkensen

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35 **WORK SESSION WITH YOUTH CITY COUNCIL**

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37 Brooke Larsen, Youth Mayor, explained Youth Council events planned for the 2013-
38 2014 year. She expressed the Youth Council's willingness to help wherever needed. City
39 Manager Thacker mentioned that the Parks Committee will be advertising a request for citizen
40 input via online survey regarding proposed uses for the 6-acre expansion of Community Park.
41 Mr. Thacker encouraged Youth Council members to participate in the survey, which will be
42 available on the City website. Mayor Russell gave a brief history of the purchase of the six
43 acres adjacent to Community Park. Youth Mayor Larsen stated that the Youth Council may
44 hold a fundraising 5k run similar to the one sponsored by last year's Youth Council. The Youth
45 Council goal for the 2013-2014 year is reflected in the phrase "And Then Some."

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47 Councilman Averett asked if the Youth Council was utilized during the recent disaster
48 exercise. Youth Council members responded that they posed as disaster victims/casualties to
49 help with the exercise. Councilwoman Lindstrom asked what the Youth Council members
50 learned about emergency management. Jens Fillmore responded that he learned the
51 importance of staying focused and setting priorities. Nena Fillmore asked if CERT members

1 receive formal emergency training. Councilman Wright responded that CERT members
2 participate in an eight-week training course. He mentioned that Youth CERT training is
3 available if the Youth Council is interested. Centerville is divided into four districts, with
4 representatives from each district on the CERT team. Rebekah Cutler asked how often CERT
5 members go through training. Councilman Wright responded that a lot of the curriculum is
6 available online, and the City holds monthly training meetings. Mayor Russell stressed the
7 importance of citizens being prepared to deal with their individual situations since professional
8 emergency personnel will not be able to reach everyone right away in a disaster situation.
9 Councilman Wright mentioned that the Youth Council may be interested in becoming Ham
10 Radio operators. Ham Radio is an important method of communication in disaster situations.
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12 Hope Newman asked about the status of the Parrish Lane/Main Street intersection
13 project. Mayor Russell responded that the project is funded mostly with Federal funds, requiring
14 compliance with Federal regulations. The Buy America Act requires that all steel used in the
15 project be manufactured in the United States. Rocky Mountain Power has located a U.S.
16 source for the steel for the power poles. The project will be bid during the winter, with
17 construction beginning next spring. The intersection project will add a second left-turn lane on
18 Parrish Lane turning north onto Main Street, and a second left-turn lane on Main Street turning
19 west onto Parrish. Steve Thacker explained that some right-of-way property has been
20 purchased to accommodate the changes. Jeremiah Moore asked about the right-turn lane on
21 Main Street turning west onto Parrish. Mr. Thacker responded that the right-turn lane will
22 remain, and the City has asked UDOT to consider allowing two lanes to turn right at that
23 location. The request is currently being evaluated by UDOT. Councilwoman Lindstrom
24 stressed the importance of careful planning and consideration regarding land-use, housing
25 needs, and traffic needs as the population continues to grow. Mayor Russell stated that the
26 population of the state is projected to double by 2050.
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28 Rebekah Cutler commented she has noticed that the flag at Freedom Hills Park has not
29 been lit at night. Mr. Thacker said he would inform the Rotary Club. Jens Fillmore expressed
30 appreciation that lights at Smoot Park have been fixed. Lisa Summers, Youth Council Advisor,
31 asked what businesses will be coming to Centerville. Mayor Russell stated that a covered
32 parking structure, a new office building, and a Chick-fil-A are under construction in the same
33 development as CenterPoint Legacy Theatre. An office building is also under construction on
34 the west side of the freeway near the Megaplex theater building.
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36 Jeremiah Moore asked about pedestrian/bicycle access to the west side of the freeway.
37 Councilwoman Lindstrom responded that the Council has been discussing the need for
38 pedestrian access for some time. City Manager Thacker explained that UDOT will be
39 expanding I-15 through Centerville and replacing several bridges south of Centerville in 2014.
40 UDOT has agreed to include a pedestrian walkway in Centerville as a potential enhancement in
41 the design-build bid process, but Mayor Russell stated that UDOT may not have sufficient funds
42 to include a pedestrian walkway in the expansion project. The Mayor suggested that Youth
43 Council members contact Senator Adams, Senator Weiler, or Representative Barrus to let them
44 know that pedestrian access to the west side of the City is important to them for safety reasons.
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46 Steve Thacker announced that a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open a newly-paved portion
47 of the D&RGW Trail in Centerville will occur on October 12th. An expansion of the Frontage
48 Road to add official bike lanes is part of WFRC's five-year plan. Jeremiah Moore asked if bikers
49 could be better accommodated on Main Street. Mayor Russell responded that the City's
50 transportation plan encourages bike traffic to use 400 West. Jeremiah Moore commented that

1 he has had a problem with poison ivy on the Deuel Creek hiking trail. Mr. Thacker stated that
2 the Trails Committee is looking for volunteer trail bosses to be responsible for identifying
3 maintenance needs of the City's trails. The Trails Committee intends to post signs on trails near
4 the gun range requesting that hikers stay on the trails for their own safety.


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6 Mayor Russell thanked the Youth Council for participating and adjourned the work
7 session at 6:52 p.m.

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13 Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder

10-15-2013

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