

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council** meeting held Tuesday, December 17, 2013 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 Ronald G. Russell

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8 Council Members Ken S. Averett
9 John T. Higginson
10 Sherri Lyn Lindstrom

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12 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

13 Justin Y. Allen
14 Lawrence Wright

15 **STAFF PRESENT**

16 Steve Thacker, City Manager
17 Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager
18 Jacob Smith, Management Assistant
19 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
20 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

21 **VISITORS**

22 Jim Stephens, President of Centerville Small Arms
23 Association
24 Interested citizens (see attached sign-in sheet)

25 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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27 **PRAYER OR THOUGHT** Before offering a prayer, Councilwoman Sherri Lyn
28 Lindstrom shared a statement made by Nelson Mandela: "Tread softly, breathe peacefully,
29 laugh hysterically."
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31 **PRESENTATION TO WINNERS OF YOUTH COUNCIL COLORING CONTEST**

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33 Youth City Council members presented awards to winners of the annual coloring
34 contest. The winning entries can be viewed on the City website.
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36 **OPEN SESSION**

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38 **Brandon Ivie** – Mr. Ivie referred to a letter sent by Mayor Russell to State Legislators
39 representing Centerville, in support of a gas tax increase. Mr. Ivie stated he is against such an
40 increase. He is aware it would be fair tax in that those using the streets are the ones who pay.
41 He also agrees there are roads in need of maintenance. Mr. Ivie said he believes there would
42 be money for street maintenance if the City were not paying for UTOPIA operating shortfalls.
43 He does not believe the gas tax increase would relieve the bigger problem caused by UTOPIA
44 not being profitable. Mr. Ivie feels there should not be any new taxes until City finances are
45 reviewed, and UTOPIA is stable and profitable. He encouraged Council members to voice
46 opposition to the gas tax increase.
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48 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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50 The minutes of the Tuesday, December 3, 2013 Council meeting and closed meeting
51 were reviewed. Councilwoman Lindstrom made a **motion** to approve both sets of minutes.
52 Councilman Higginson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (3-0).

1 **SUMMARY ACTION CALENDAR**
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- 3 a. City Council 2014 meeting schedule – Consider Resolution No. 2013-24
4 b. Approve amendments to recording secretary services contracts
5 c. Commence warranty period for South Davis Sewer District Site – Collection System
6 Operation Center
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8 Councilwoman Lindstrom made a **motion** to approve all three items on the Summary
9 Action Calendar. Councilman Higginson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous
10 vote (3-0).
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12 **GUN RANGE LEASE AGREEMENT**
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14 Lisa Romney, City Attorney, explained three revisions made to the Gun Range Lease
15 Agreement since the December 3rd Council meeting. An optional five-year extension was
16 added, and the insurance requirement was revised from \$3 million aggregate to \$2 million
17 aggregate. Staff also now recommends the City assume control of the remediation fund. Jim
18 Stephens, President of the Centerville Small Arms Association, thanked staff for the time spent
19 working on the Agreement and stated the Association is prepared to sign. He expressed his
20 support for the idea of the City having control of the remediation fund.
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22 Councilman Averett made a **motion** to approve the Gun Range Lease Agreement
23 between the City and the Centerville Small Arms Association regarding lease of City property to
24 the Centerville Small Arms Association for the continued use and operation of a gun range.
25 Councilwoman Lindstrom seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (3-0).
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27 **FINANCIAL REPORT**
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29 Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager, gave a financial report for the
30 period ending November 30, 2013. Councilman Higginson asked if an update regarding
31 UTOPIA operating expenses would be possible at the next meeting. Mr. Lutz and Mayor
32 Russell responded with a brief update.
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34 **MAYOR'S REPORT**
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- 36 • Mayor Russell reported that both the Fire District and the Recreation District
37 Tentative Budgets were passed at recent meetings. There will be a 2.17% increase
38 in Centerville's portion of the Fire District assessment, which is a conservative
39 increase compared to previous years. The Mayor expressed concern with the high
40 volume of calls received by the Fire District and the ability to meet the demand.
41 • The Mayor stated that he recently prepared and sent a letter to Legislators
42 highlighting the fact that Centerville, along with every other municipality in the State,
43 does not have sufficient revenue from existing Class B and C Road Fund taxes to
44 fund road maintenance costs. Centerville's share of these revenues has not
45 increased since 1998, yet the cost of maintaining roads has more than doubled since
46 then. Mayor Russell emphasized that Centerville is not unique in the State in
47 needing increased funds for street maintenance. The Utah League of Cities and
48 Towns, the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, and the Council of Governments all
49 support the increase. The equivalent of a 3% tax has been proposed, which would
50 be imposed at the county level. In Mayor Russell's opinion it has nothing to do with
51 UTOPIA. Streets maintenance is a long-term, State-wide issue. Davis County
52 Commissioner Brett Millburn added that the 3% tax would be approximately 10 cents

1 per gallon. Commissioner Millburn further explained the proposed distribution of the
2 tax increase.

- 3 • Paul Cutler reported on a meeting he attended with UDOT representatives regarding
4 the planned HOV lane project in Davis County. The winning bid for the project
5 includes the addition of a pedestrian walkway attached to the Parrish Lane overpass.
6 The project has been revised to include both northbound and southbound HOV lanes
7 and is forecasted to be completed in 2015.

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9 **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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11 • City Manager Thacker provided a list of 2013 and 2014 projects and issues.
12 • Council members are invited to participate in a review of the Draft 2015-2040
13 Transportation Plan at a meeting on February 3, 2014. An open house will be held
14 at Centerville City Hall on February 4th to present and discuss this same Draft Plan
15 with the public.

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17 **MISCELLANEOUS**

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19 Mayor Russell acknowledged that this is his last regular City Council meeting as Mayor.
20 He expressed appreciation to staff and Council members, and stated that serving as Mayor has
21 been one of the most meaningful things he has done in his life.

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23 Councilwoman Lindstrom mentioned Wayne Black, an attorney from her past who taught
24 her that it is appropriate to disagree when discussing public interest, but important to not be
25 disagreeable while disagreeing. While on the Council she learned better how to work with
26 others on issues and disagree without being disagreeable. Councilwoman Lindstrom expressed
27 gratitude for the friendships she has formed, and thanked staff for the amazing job they do and
28 for the incredible community in which we live.

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30 Councilman Higginson expressed that it has been a pleasure to work with
31 Councilwoman Lindstrom and Councilman Allen. They will be missed. Councilman Averett
32 referred to the many years Mayor Russell and Councilwoman Lindstrom have dedicated to
33 improving the community. He thanked them both for their years of service.

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35 **CLOSED MEETING**

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37 At 8:03 p.m. Councilwoman Lindstrom made a **motion** to move into a closed meeting for
38 the purpose of discussing the purchase of real estate and potential litigation. Councilman
39 Higginson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (3-0). In attendance were:
40 Ronald G. Russell, Mayor; Council members Averett, Higginson, and Lindstrom; Steve Thacker,
41 City Manager; Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager; Lisa Romney, City
42 Attorney; and Katie Rust, Recording Secretary.

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44 **ADJOURNMENT**

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46 At 8:13 p.m. Councilwoman Lindstrom made a **motion** to adjourn. Councilman
47 Higginson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (3-0).

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Marsha L. Morrow

Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder

1-7-2014

Date Approved

Katie Rust

Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

