

HUNTINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 19, 2023

Huntington City Council met in its regular scheduled council meeting July 19, 2023 at the city office building located at 20 South Main Street. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Leonard Norton presiding.

The following were in attendance:

Mayor: Leonard Norton
Council: Judd Beagley, David Emery, Tom Kay, Jerry Livingston, Lesa Miller
Recorder: Jenene Hansen
Treasurer: Ronni Torre
Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement: Gary Arrington
Fire Chief: Chase Majors (absent)
Maintenance Dept.: Scott Gordon, Robert Baker

Members of the public: Keith Merle Young, Julie Johansen (ETV News), Gloria Wilson

Council member Livingston extended a word to open the meeting and Council member Beagley led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes)

Keith Merle Young explained that he is concerned because; for about three years, he is not receiving prepaid travel cards, and Wal-Mart cards from the Post Office. From what he understands there is some type of coercion going on in this town. He feels that there are so many of the same people that have bought most of the property. He is asking if we think the Post Office is involved in this coercion. For all he knows it could be his parents because they are on a fixed income and needing money.

Young stated that he is bringing this to our attention because he doesn't want the city getting sued.

Mayor Norton replied that the city has nothing to do with the Post office, that is all Federal and Mr. Young would have to get a hold of Federal. Mr. Young could also call the Sheriff's Department.

Agenda Item 2. MOTION: CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approval of June 21, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- **Approval of June 21, 2023 MBA Minutes**
- **City Claims and Review of Financials**

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE.

Agenda Item 3. MOTION: Business license

COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR NR PEAKS; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 4. MOTION: Approval of Fraud Risk Assessment from Audit Committee

Council member Beagley reported that the Audit committee has met and reviewed the Fraud Risk Assessment; the total points earned is 360 out of 395. Policies are being followed. Some reasons for

not meeting the 395 is because there is no employee with a CPA or Accounting Degree. The Audit committee accepts the Fraud Risk Assessment and is asking for City Council approval.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 5. MOTION: Approval to purchase Utility trailer

Council member Kay reported that two bids were received. The first bid was for \$3000.00 and was from Big Bubbas, the second bid was for \$3750.00 from Ace Trailer Sales which is a local business.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO STAY LOCAL AND PURCHASE THE TRAILER FROM ACE TRAILER SALES FOR \$3,750.00; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE.

Agenda Item 6. MOTION: Approval of landscape for trails grant

In April 2021 the city was awarded a Swell Utah Trails Grant. This grant is known as Phase 2 and was to prepare the ground and staging area at the trail head. Pictures of landscaping by the trail were presented; the cost for landscaping was \$2,700.00 and this landscaping completes Phase 2.

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE INVOICE FOR \$2,700.00; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE.

Agenda Item 7. MOTION: Approval of asphalt by new sidewalk North of JN Auto

After doing the new sidewalk along Hwy 10, UDOT is requiring the city to fill in an area with asphalt between the road and curb. Three bids were received and the lowest was Mike Riley construction. Zoning Administrator Gary Arrington added that Mike Riley's bid will go up a bit because of some requirements from UDOT.

COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AWARD THE BID TO MIKE RILEY CONSTRUCTION; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE.

Agenda Item 8. Mayor's Report

Mayor Norton Thanked everyone for their help with the Rodeo and Heritage Days celebration and said that it was a big success. There have been some pump problems with secondary water up on the hill; Castle Valley Special Service District (CVSSD) is working on repairing overloads, so that it will quit tripping. Our AARPA money will be sent to CVSSD for their project to replace the main water line coming into the city with PVC. We need citizens to help take care of the weeds by the sidewalks, the Splash Pad is working, and the city has purchased a new AED defibrillator machine to keep at City Hall.

Agenda Item 9. Departmental Reports (Fire department, Maintenance department)

Maintenance Dept.: Scott Gordon reported that the new tractor has been delivered. We could look into getting a new mower for the parks. **Animal Control: Robert Baker** reported that he has impounded four dogs this month and several dogs were missing after the fireworks.

Code Enforcement Officer: Gary Arrington reported that a vehicle on the East side was towed and impounded.

Agenda Item 10. Youth City Council report

Gloria Wilson began by saying that she is so proud of these kids. They are hard workers; they helped at Heritage Days and also spent time cleaning up at the cemetery.

Agenda Item 11. Council's Reports

All council members reported that our Rodeo and Heritage Days Celebration was a great success and thanked everyone for their help.

Council member Livingston reported on the storm drain problem by Hometown. **Council member Beagley** asked if he could get some volunteers to help clean up at the splash pad park; Wards Landscaping will be delivering the wood chips. Having new part-time employees this year, has made us realize how much our employee Jenifer Tucker has helped prepare for Heritage Days; we will need to prepare better next year. **Council member Emery** reported that we got the new tractor. Brett White was the winner at the Lawn Mower race. There was one community service worker helping at the cemetery. Will be replacing the lights at the pump house and at the shop with LED. Working on the fiber project over by the park on main street. **Council member Miller** thanked everyone for their help with the Rodeo; we got two new sponsors for next year and will also be asking Castle View Hospital to sponsor. The bleachers are reserved for next year; there are safety issues with the roping boxes and other ideas to improve next year. **Council member Kay** reported that the County installed a radio in the new fire truck. Thanked the city council and Youth City council for helping clean up trash at Canyon View after fireworks.

Agenda Item 12. Zoning Administrator Report

Zoning Administrator Gary Arrington reported that he has already booked entertainment for next year's celebration. The Utah Division of Water Resources is offering a landscape rebate program; in order to participate, Planning and Zoning will need to discuss and develop a plan and City Council will need to adopt an ordinance.

Agenda Item 13. Adjournment

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Jenene Hansen, Huntington City Recorder