

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

Present: City Council: Braden Mitchell, Mayor
Alan Arnold, Councilmember
Bart Stevens, Councilmember
Steve Hilton, Councilmember (via telephone)
Karina Merrill, Councilmember

City Employees: Steve Brooks, City Administrator/Attorney
Casey Warren, Police Chief
Michelle Marigoni, City Recorder

Excused: Anne Hansen, Councilmember

Visitors: Dave Hansen James Ebert

A. Welcome & Roll Call

The City Council meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, including all Council Members and all members of the public.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mitchell invited Bart Stevens to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Invocation

Mayor Mitchell offered the invocation.

D. Public Comment

Mayor Mitchell invited any member of the public with questions or concerns to address the Council and asked that they keep their comments to approximately three minutes, noting no action will be taken during public comment.

Scott Brenkman from Pleasant View spoke about Casey Warren and what a great leader he would be. He is a hard worker, knowledgeable, a great investigator and he has full faith and confidence in him as chief. He appreciated the time he was able to spend with Chief Warren. He thanked council for the awesome time he had at Riverdale and said it was a great choice to promote Casey.

James Ebert from Farr West said he worked for Riverdale for 23 years, and officers don't always work for the same city for that long. The culture at Riverdale is a great one and he was grateful to see it continue. Casey is very dedicated to his profession and his family. He asked Council to continue to take care of and support law enforcement. He has seen what has happened to law enforcement for the past few years and it takes a dedicated person to commit to the profession.

Dave Hansen worked for Riverdale for 31 years. He was grateful for the job he had here at Riverdale from the beginning to the end. The city council and mayor always had his back and everyone in the county wanted to come to Riverdale. He thanked Council for their great decision to appoint Casey Warren. He respects and is grateful for the friendship with him.

E. Presentations and Reports

1. Mayor's Report:

- ULCT Conference tomorrow
- Saturday 8am day of service

2. City Council Assignment Reports

3. Staff Report

- The police department invited a little league team who was practicing nearby to join a block party. The coach appreciated it, and the kids loved it.
- The fire department helped 28 elderly homeowners change their smoke detector batteries.

4. UDOT Presentation

Nancy Cozzins presented an update on the 5600 South project.

F. Consent Items

1. Consideration to approve the City Council meeting minutes from August 15, 2023 Work Session and Regular Meeting.

Mayor Mitchell invited any corrections or comments regarding the above referenced meeting minutes. There were none.

MOTION: Councilmember Arnold moved to approve the meeting minutes. Councilmember Merrill seconded the motion. There was not any discussion regarding this motion. The motion passed unanimously in favor.

2. Consideration to appoint Casey Warren as Riverdale City Police Chief.

Mayor Mitchell said he did very well during the interview process.

MOTION: Councilor Stevens moved to approve the appointment of Casey Warren as Riverdale City Police Chief. Councilor Merrill seconded the motion. Councilor Arnold stated everything Mr. Warren does is stellar. He thanked him and agreed with all the previous comments. The motion passed unanimously in favor.

Casey Warren was given the Oath of Office and sworn in by Michelle Marigoni, City Recorder.

Chief Warren thanked his family individually and said he wouldn't be here without their support. Police officers couldn't do it without their families, and they deserve the credit. He thanked Chief Brenkman and Chief Hansen for mentoring him. Riverdale is the best place in the state to work because they have the best residents, staff, and council members in the state. He thanked everyone for their support so good people can be recruited and kept. He appreciates the culture, which he said began with Chief Hansen, Chief Brenkman, and James Ebert. He is grateful for everyone in the room – friends, family, politicians, staff, and everyone else.

G. Action Items

1. Consideration of Ordinance #969 approving changes to Riverdale Municipal Code Title 8, Chapter 6: Transfer of Water Right.

Mr. Douglas reported research was done to make sure the city was not asking for too much or too little water for development. He explained the amount required was being lowered due to the conservation and landscaping ordinances.

MOTION: Councilor Arnold moved to approve Ordinance #969 approving changes to Riverdale Municipal Code Title 8, Chapter 6: Transfer of Water Right.

SECOND: Councilor Merrill

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Arnold:	Yes
Councilor Hansen:	Absent
Councilor Hilton:	Yes
Councilor Merrill:	Yes
Councilor Stevens:	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

2. Consideration of Ordinance #970 approving proposed Riverdale City Comprehensive General Plan update.

Mr. Eggett gave a brief history of the process and public input for the process of creating the new Comprehensive General Plan update, noting that Chris Hupp with Psomas was present and that it was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Chris Hupp presented the new General Plan document and went over the details and process. Over 2500 responses were received from Riverdale residents, amounting to about 25% of residents. This was higher participation than any other cities they have worked with.

Mayor Mitchell thanked Mr. Hupp for all of the work over the past year. The comments from residents were very insightful and interesting. Mr. Arnold said he would prefer to table the item to take more time to read over the document. Councilor Merrill agreed and said she would prefer to have Councilor Hansen present before deciding. Mr. Eggett appreciated the concern of Mr. Arnold, as the general plan has potential to become legally binding in the future. Councilor Stevens said he may have questions regarding specific scenarios which he would forward to Mr. Eggett. He noted that some of the past rezones from commercial to higher density housing were not his preference. Mr. Hupp explained the land use does not really change with the new update.

MOTION: Councilor Arnold moved to table proposed Riverdale City Comprehensive General Plan update.
SECOND: Councilor Merrill

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Merrill:	Yes
Councilor Arnold:	Yes
Councilor Stevens:	Yes
Councilor Hansen:	Absent
Councilor Hilton:	Yes

Motion passes unanimously and this item will be tabled and reexamined at a later date.

3. Consideration of Ordinance #971 approving proposed modifications to Titles 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the Riverdale Municipal Ordinance Code concerning firearm possession and use.

Mr. Brooks reminded Council there was a gentleman who attended a meeting and brought up some portions of code which were outdated compared to the state law regarding firearm restrictions. The proposed updates would bring Riverdale's code up to the state's requirements.

MOTION: Councilor Arnold moved to approve proposed modifications to Titles 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the Riverdale Municipal Ordinance Code concerning firearm possession and use.
SECOND: Councilor Merrill

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Stevens:	Yes
Councilor Hansen:	Absent
Councilor Hilton:	Yes
Councilor Arnold:	Yes
Councilor Merrill:	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned temporarily to go into the RDA meeting. Motion: Merrill, Second, Arnold. Adjourned at 7:16

The meeting was opened at 7:40 p.m.

4. Consideration to adjourn into a closed session pursuant to UCA 52-4-205(c) to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

MOTION: Councilor Arnold moved to adjourn into a closed session.
SECOND: Councilor Merrill

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Hilton:	Yes
Councilor Merrill:	Yes
Councilor Arnold:	Yes
Councilor Stevens:	Yes
Councilor Hansen:	Absent

Motion passes. Closed session began at 7:42 pm. Present: Mayor Mitchell, Alan Arnold, Steve Hilton, Bart Stevens, Karina Merrill, Mike Eggett, Shawn Douglas, Casey Warren, Steve Brooks, Michelle Marigoni.

MOTION: Councilor Arnold moved to adjourn the closed session and open the main meeting.
SECOND: Councilor Merrill

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilor Stevens:	Yes
	Councilor Hansen:	Absent
	Councilor Hilton:	Yes
	Councilor Merrill:	Yes
	Councilor Arnold:	Yes

Motion passes. Closed session ended at 7:58 pm

H. Comments

City Staff:

Mayor:

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Arnold moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Merrill all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Date Approved: 10/3/2023