

HUNTINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 20, 2023

Huntington City Council met in its regularly scheduled council meeting September 20, 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, Tom Kay, Jerry Livingston, Lesa Miller
Recorder: Jenene Hansen (excused)
Treasurer: Ronni Torre
Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement: Gary Arrington
Fire Chief: Chase Majors
Maintenance Dept.: Scott Gordon, Robert Baker

Mayor Norton opened the meeting by reading a Thank You note received from Council member David Emery's family. A moment of silence was given to honor Emery, our fallen council member. Council member Livingston led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item 1. MOTION: Appointment of City Council Member

One application was received for the vacant council member position. Devin Wilson introduced himself stating that he and his wife plan to stay in Huntington and would like to be involved in city government.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DEVIN WILSON TO CITY COUNCIL; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE.

Treasurer Ronni Torre administered the Oath of Office to the new appointed Council member Devin Wilson.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes)

NONE

Agenda Item 3. MOTION: CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of August 16, 2023 City Council Minutes

City Claims and Review of Financials

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

Agenda Item 4. MOTION: Business license

Zoning Administrator Gary Arrington explained that Ethan Hurdsman has purchased what's known as the Jones trailer court. Hurdsman's plan is to clean it up and use it as a Trailer Park/RV park.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR ETHAN'S TRAILER PARK LOCATED AT 120 SOUTH 200 EAST; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 5. Legislator Chris Watkins

Legislator Chris Watkins introduced herself, she passed out information and stated that she has a new job and is now the Local Administrative Advisor. The brochures tell what she can do for cities in our area. Her position is to help cities with State Code, Ordinances, State Plans, and Land Laws. Watkins is training on how to write Grants and will be able to help cities with Grants.

Agenda Item 6. PUBLIC HEARING: Budget adjustment FY 2024

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO GO INTO PUBLIC HEARING; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON AND CARRIED.

Treasurer Ronni Torre explained that we are purchasing lights for the Rodeo Grounds, so we have to make a transfer from the General fund to the Capital Project fund to pay for the lights.

General Fund: Changes made in the following departments:

Total increase in revenue and expenditures from \$1,149,125.00 to \$1,236,725.00

General Government – decrease budget from \$274,700.00 to \$267,700.00

Public Safety – decrease budget from \$119,300.00 to \$99,000.00

Highways and Public Improvements – decrease budget from \$404,200.00 to \$387,700

Parks, Recreation and Public Property – decrease budget from \$309,900.00 to \$291,300.00

Transfer to Capital Projects - \$150,000.00

Capital: Increase revenue and expenses from \$34,800.00 to \$175,550.00

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER MOVED TO GO OUT OF PUBLIC HEARING; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 7. MOTION: Approval on additional crack seal at cemetery

There was additional crack seal work needed at the cemetery which increased the cost of the original approved amount. The amount added is \$10,000.00.

COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL \$10,000.00; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON.

Agenda Item 8. MOTION: Approval of lights at the Rodeo Grounds

MUSCO lighting company gave a bid of \$96,104.00 if we order them by October, we can get them for around \$85,000.00 this will be 4 big LED lights; replacing 6 poles, this will light up the whole rodeo grounds. We will probably be doing some of the work by ourselves.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE \$96,104.00 FOR LIGHTS AT THE RODEO GROUNDS; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON.

Agenda Item 9. MOTION: Resolution 11-2023 A Resolution Adjusting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

FY Year date of 2023 is an error, the budget adjusting is for FY 2024.

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 11-2023 ADJUSTING THE BUDGET FOR FY 2024 (a correction on the date will be made); MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON.

Agenda Item 10. MOTION: Resolution 12-2023 Cancellation of 2023 Municipal Election

COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-2023; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON.

Agenda Item 11. MOTION: Resolution 13-2023 Supporting Rocky Mountain replacing ageing power plants

Mayor Norton explained that this resolution is to support Rocky Mountain power in replacing power plants with a better form of Power Plant, possibly nuclear.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-2023; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON.

Agenda Item 12. MOTION: Ordinance 4-2023 amending Title 9 definitions to remove tattoo parlors

Tattoo parlors are currently defined in the code book as an Adult Sexually Oriented Business. The Planning & Zoning Commission feel that tattoo parlors should be allowed and approved as any other business. Tattooing can be done in places such as beauty salons; therefore, tattoo parlors will be removed from the term of Adult Sexually Oriented Businesses.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF TATTO PARLORS FROM CODE BOOK 9-2-2 TERMS DEFINED; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON.

Agenda Item 13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Norton reported that the new EMS Special Service District was formed, they met as a board and Mayor Norton was put in as chairman of the board. EMTs are needed. We have been working with our attorney on some land issues that will be taken care of next month. Fall clean-up is until the end of October.

Agenda Item 14. Departmental Reports (Fire department, Maintenance department)

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Chase Majors reported on the UFRA trainings at the station. We have a new volunteer fire fighter voted on. Some of the guidelines and policies have been changed and must be met to be in the active fire fighter role. There are other positions available for those who have not met the guidelines. **Maintenance Dept: Scott Gordon** reported that they have been out picking up branches, spraying weeds, ordered salt for winter and things are going smooth.

Agenda Item 15. Youth City Council report

NONE

Agenda Item 16. Council's Reports

Council member Beagley reported that the flowers have done awesome this year and we are getting ready to remove the flowers and also relieve the summer help. When they were hired, they were told that there would be a \$100.00 bonus if they completed the season, it's been questionable but we will be awarding the bonus to each of them. **Council member Livingston** reported that he and the crossing guards did a detailed safety meeting with each school class. The Crossing Guards attended a web training that was put on by the Local Government Trust. A few of the children at play signs were lost and the others have been gathered up and put away for the season. **Council member Miller** invited everyone to go out to the Witches Ball. The bulls are gone and things are winding down at the rodeo grounds. YCC worked on the weeds in the island up by the cemetery. **Council member Kay** reported that the Utah Municipal Clerks Association (UMCA) asks each city to bring donated items to help fund the conferences. A special thank you to Wards 4 X 4, Huntington parts City and Castle Valley Supply were the Huntington Businesses that gave donations. At the Fire Station the roof screws had to be replaced, the AC Unit quit working and we had to replace the compressor and a blower motor unit. Treadmills are up and running in the gym at the fire station. Rooms are booked for Winter fire school in St. George. Went to a meeting on affordable housing and they got carried away on the property tax's being sky high.

Agenda Item 17. Zoning Administrator Report

NONE

Agenda Item 18. Adjournment

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER MOVED TO ADJOURN; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:21 P.M.

Jenene Hansen, Huntington City Recorder