

1 **MINUTES**
2 **KAMAS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
3 **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

4 **6:00 P.M.**
5 **Kamas City Hall**
6 **170 N. Main**
7 **Kamas, UT 84036**

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9 The meeting will be streamed on the Kamas City YouTube channel:

10 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfvdAe2TE8PKHFJcPRpMMzA>

11 Comments may also be made by email prior to the meeting at kamascityutah@gmail.com
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13 Mayor McCormick opened the meeting welcoming those in attendance:

14 **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Councilors Jessica Allen Bateman, Kevan Todd, John Blazzard
15 David Darcey and Monica Blazzard.

16 **STAFF:** City Recorder, Kim Peacock; City Planner, Amanda Curtis; Chief Brad Smith;
17 Engineer, Scott Kettle; Public Works Director, Trevor Clegg.

18 **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

19 **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Terina Darcey, Pat Darcey, Ennis Gibbs
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22 **OPENING INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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24 Invocation by Councilor Moncia Blazzard

25 Mayor McCormick led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance
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28 **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
29 **MINUTES**

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31 **MOTION:** Councilor David Darcey moved to approve the City Council meeting minutes
32 dated October 10, 2023 as presented.

33 Councilor John Blazzard seconded the motion.

34 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Jessica Allen Bateman, Kevan Todd,
35 John Blazzard, David Darcey, and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion
36 passed.
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39 **APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE REGISTER DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

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41 **MOTION:** Councilor John Blazzard moved to approve the invoice register dated
42 November 9, 2023 as presented with the addition of Dominion Energy and
43 Pro-Line Inc invoices.

44 Councilor Monica Blazzard seconded the motion.

1 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Jessica Allen Bateman, Kevan Todd,
2 John Blazzard, David Darcey, and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion
3 passed.
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6 **PUBLIC COMMENT – THIS IS THE PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO**
7 **COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
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9 Pat Darcey lives in Kamas and appreciates the Mayor and Council. Pat wanted to let the
10 council know Joe Donnell, a Kamas resident, received the Carnegie Hero Award. Last
11 summer he and his family went to Smith and Morehouse and while there a truck rolled
12 down the boat ramp, into the water, with children inside. One child was trapped
13 underwater in the truck. Joe dived multiple time to find the young boy. He finally found
14 the boy and brought him out of the water up to the shore. They started CPR and were able
15 to reach 911. The boy was on life support for 5 days and went home from the hospital
16 after 10 days. The boy has made a full recovery. The Carnegie Hero Award is the highest
17 civilian award in the United States. Pat feels Joe should be recognized by Kamas City.
18 Mayor McCormick stated he was contacted by the Carnegie committee and has talked to
19 them about the award.

20 Councilor Darcey asked if we can do some kind of proclamation.
21 Mayor McCormick will find out what we can do.
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23 Terina Darcey representing Kamas Action told the council the Winterfest is normally the
24 first week in December. They are going ahead with a Kamas History Holiday Talk on
25 December 2 at 3:30 at the Kamas Library, following with the tree lighting around 5:00.
26 Terina Darcey updated the council on The Veteran’s Memorial as well. There have been
27 80 bricks sold so far and some donor bricks. Terina would like to have a ground breaking
28 on Memorial Day with the project finished on July 4th. We need a design in place so we
29 know what the cost will be.

30 Councilor Bateman asked if the plan is still by the flag at the City Hall.
31 Terina told her yes, that is still the plan.
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34 **PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENTS TO CONSIDER**
35 **POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR WHICH FUNDING MAY BE APPLIED UNDER**
36 **THE CDBG SMALL CITIES PROGRAM FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2024**
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38 Mayor McCormick stated the purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with
39 pertinent information about the Community Development Block Program and to allow
40 for discussion of possible applications for the 2024 funding cycle. The grant money must
41 be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons.
42 Mountainlands Association of Governments, in which Kamas is a member, is expecting
43 to receive approximately \$600,000 in this new program year. All eligible activities that
44 can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies
45 and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time. Several of the
46 eligible activities listed are Construction of public works and facilities, e.g., water and
47 sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as

1 food banks or homeless shelters. In the past Kamas has received 23 grants to upgrade the
2 water and sewer systems. The city as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan" has
3 identified projects as being needed in the community. Since the 1982-1983 year until
4 now Kamas has received \$3.549 million and contributed \$2.587 million.

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6 Mayor McCormick opened the public hearing.
7 There were no public comments.
8 Mayor McCormick closed the public hearing.

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10 Mayor McCormick stated sitting on the rating and ranking committee, for Summit and
11 Wasatch Counties they have an order of priority for types of projects.
12 Water projects are first priority. Second, sewer projects, then secondary water, then down
13 the line from there. Something new in the last year that gives us the opportunity to use
14 remaining money. CDBG grants have to fund full projects. Before last year any extra
15 money after all the projects were funded would go back into the program. The committee
16 decided last year to allow that money to be used for ADA improvements in homes and
17 things like that.

18 Mayor McCormick feels like although we have received grants the last two years, we
19 need to at least have an application in and be considered by the committee.
20 Scott Kettle stated the biggest thing is the project has to benefit low to moderate income.
21 Right now, Kamas is a preapproved city for low to moderate income. So, if the project
22 benefits the entire community we wouldn't need to do the surveys. Scott Kettle feels we
23 could do an application for the sewer line for equipment we're going to need to buy in the
24 next year or so.

25 Mayor McCormick explained Scott Kettle is talking about the project where we need to
26 spread the effluent out on the ground.

27 Scott Kettle stated we have the money to replace the 18" line on 100 West 480 North in
28 Grassy Creek. That project will go out to bid next year. We need equipment to dispose of
29 the effluent.

30 Councilor Darcey asked if he is remembering that project to be around 2 million dollars.
31 If we apply for this grant we would have to pay for the entire project.

32 Mayor McCormick stated we can phase the project so we don't have to spend all the
33 money at once.

34 Councilor Darcey asked if the \$600,000 was to total amount to be allocated.

35 Mayor McCormick explained \$600,000 is what Mountainlands gets and they take off
36 approximately 10% for the administrative part of the CDBG process. What's leftover is
37 what they have to allocate.

38 Councilor Darcey asked what other municipalities are we competing against.

39 Mayor McCormick stated everyone in Summit and Wasatch County.

40 Scott Kettle explained whatever project we apply for we will add to our consolidated plan
41 which we will be approving in December.

42 Mayor McCormick feels we should move forward with Scott Kettle's recommendation.
43 The council agreed.

1 **ENNIS GIBBS TO DISCUSS WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA VOLUNTEER**
2 **PROGRAM WITH POSSIBLE DONATION DECISION**
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4 Mayor McCormick welcomed Ennis Gibbs and asked where he's at with the project.
5 Ennis explained December 16th is the date. In our cemeteries we have enough to put
6 wreaths on approximately 150 graves and feels like more money will be coming in.
7 Ennis is asking for help with the entrances of the cemeteries to put a flag and wreath
8 display at each of the cemeteries. The donation he is asking for is \$204 from the city. The
9 Fire Department will be escorted by the Summit County Sheriff's department to deliver
10 the wreaths. Ennis passed out a volunteer application and would like support from
11 everyone.
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13 **MOTION:** Councilor Moncia Blazzard moved to approve the request by Wreaths Across
14 America for a donation of \$204
15 Councilor Jessica Bateman seconded the motion.
16 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Jessica Allen Bateman, Kevan Todd,
17 John Blazzard, David Darcey, and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion
18 passed.
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21 **ORDINANCE 2023-08, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 15.03 AND**
22 **15.27 RELATED TO NONCOMPLYING STRUCTURES IN THE KAMAS**
23 **MUNICIPAL CODE**
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25 Amanda Curtis read her staff report.
26 Councilor J. Blazzard asked what the purpose behind changing this is.
27 Amanda Curtis explained it came to her from a resident. She brought it to the Planning
28 Commission and they came up with handling it on a case-by-case basis and came up with
29 this ordinance.
30 Councilor Darcey asked how many we have in the city.
31 Amanda Curtis stated we have a lot of noncomplying structures, but not as many
32 noncomplying uses.
33 Councilor J. Blazzard feels this is vague, it's clear right now that they can't expand.
34 Councilor Todd doesn't like item 3. It opens it up. He feels it should stay as it is.
35 Councilor Bateman likes some aspects of it. She pictures some structure really run down
36 and would like to see them fixed up.
37 Amanda Curtis stated the intention of this is mainly for the primary residence, not
38 accessory buildings. They want to remove and improve the structure. The Planning
39 Commission feels a case by case makes more sense to them with some requirements that
40 will need to be met. It's to add value to neighborhoods and Kamas as a whole.
41 Councilor Todd stated his philosophy is if you let one person do it you have to let
42 everyone. A case by case would open the city council up to a lot of debate.
43 Amanda Curtis explained we handle our variance process that way. It's all a case by case.
44 Amanda Curtis explained the ALJ follows code and it would be really hard to get it
45 approved.

1 Councilor M. Blazzard stated the position this puts the Planning Commission and City
2 Council in is not something we want to get into. She feels it should be done through the
3 ALJ. It protects us.

4 Mayor McCormick feels there's an option not mentioned in the staff report which is to
5 table this until we can work on some language that talks about having some entitlement
6 because they have a building.

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8 **MOTION:** Councilor Kevan Todd moved to table this ordinance for further review.

9 Councilor Jessica Bateman seconded the motion.

10 Mayor McCormick asked for a roll call vote:

11 Councilor M. Blazzard voted "aye"

12 Councilor Darcey voted "aye"

13 Councilor J. Blazzard voted aye"

14 Councilor Kevan Todd voted "aye"

15 Councilor Bateman voted "aye"

16 The vote was unanimous, motion passed.

17 18 19 **FOOD PANTRY DISCUSSION**

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21 Mayor McCormick reminded the council this was brought up at the last city council
22 meeting. Mayor McCormick feels we need to help the citizens when we can. He talked to
23 Trevor Clegg about putting a construction trailer at the maintenance yard to help them
24 out.

25 Trevor Clegg has done some research. He has received bids one brand new would be
26 \$22,000. There are some on auction sites ranging from \$7,000-\$10,000. He talked to a
27 guy about a long-term rental but hasn't received a price yet.

28 Mayor McCormick asked the council if they're interested in doing this for the community
29 and can we bring back some hard pricing. The council agreed to help.

30 31 32 **APPROVAL OF THE 2024 CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE**

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35 **MOTION:** Councilor Jessica Bateman moved to approve the 2024 Annual City Council
36 meeting schedule as presented.

37 Councilor Monica Blazzard seconded the motion.

38 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Jessica Allen Bateman, Kevan Todd,
39 John Blazzard, David Darcey, and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion
40 passed.

41 42 43 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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45 Amanda Curtis reported in partnership with Oakley, Francis, Summit County and UDOT,
46 we are applying for a technical assistance grant with MAG. The grant is to provide

1 guidance regarding a corridor plan with a town center focus for the entire valley. SR-32
2 has been identified in the statewide transportation plan as needing an additional travel
3 lane in each direction. Simply widening the corridor without consideration for land use,
4 housing, and city centers could lead to the degradation of three towns' downtown district.
5 Therefore, we are requesting a unified corridor and town center plan that will reflect the
6 needs of the community for providing multimodal connectivity, safe and thriving city
7 centers and appropriate land uses that will help the community develop.
8 Our match, if any, will be nominal. We will need letters of support from the mayor and
9 some council members. She also feels Kamas Action would be a good group to help
10 benefit this.

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12 Councilor Darcey feels if we open a trailer for the food pantry, we put the blessing box at
13 the food pantry.

14 Amanda Curtis stated the lady that emailed her about it will maintain the box and take it
15 down if it gets vandalized.

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17 Scott Kettle reported the UDOT safety project is pretty much done. We're waiting for
18 one more sign, but the kids are using the cross walks.

19 Scott Kettle reported you can see the progress on the playground.
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21 Trevor Clegg reported they have been helping put up signs for the safety project and have
22 had some water leaks they've had to repair. They have been getting everything ready for
23 winter.

24 Trevor Clegg reported the salt shed is completed.
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26 Chief Brad Smith reported since they last met, they had 52 calls for service.
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28 Mayor McCormick told the council they need one member from the governing board to
29 attend the canvass on November 28 at 2:00 p.m. Councilor Darcey and Councilor
30 Bateman will attend.
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32 33 **EXECUTIVE SESSION** 34

35 **MOTION:** Councilor David Darcey moved to enter into an Executive Session to discuss
36 the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an
37 individual.

38 Councilor John Blazzard seconded the motion.

39 Mayor McCormick asked for a roll call vote:

40 Councilor M. Blazzard voted "aye"

41 Councilor Darcey voted "aye"

42 Councilor J. Blazzard voted "aye"

43 Councilor Kevan Todd voted "aye"

44 Councilor Bateman voted "aye"

45 The vote was unanimous. Motion passed
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1 **MOTION:** Councilor Kevan Todd moved to exit the Executive Session and enter back
2 into open meeting.
3 Councilor David Darcey seconded the motion.
4 Mayor McCormick asked for a roll call vote:
5 Councilor M. Blazzard voted “aye”
6 Councilor Darcey voted “aye”
7 Councilor J. Blazzard voted “aye”
8 Councilor Bateman voted “aye”
9 Councilor Kevan Todd voted “aye”
10 The vote was unanimous. Motion passed
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13 **ADJOURN**
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15 **MOTION:** Councilor Kevan Todd moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.
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18 *The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim*
19 *transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at*
20 *the meeting.*
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22 Approved on the 12th day of December, 2023.
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28 Matt McCormick
29 Mayor

Kim Peacock
City Recorder