

HUNTINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 20, 2023

Huntington City Council met in its regularly scheduled council meeting December 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, Devin Wilson
Recorder: Jenene Hansen
Treasurer: Ronni Torre
Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement: Gary Arrington (excused)
Fire Chief: Chase Majors
Maintenance Dept.: Scott Gordon
Public: Public members and Julie Johansen (ETV News)

Mayor Norton opened the meeting by taking a moment to talk about the season we are in and asking citizens of Huntington to help those in need and keep this feeling all year round. Wishing everyone a good Holiday season. Council member Kay led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

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

NONE

Agenda Item 2. MOTION: CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of November 15, 2023 City Council Minutes

City Claims and Review of Financials

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

Agenda Item 3. John Murray/Emery Cat Rescue

Resident John Murray explained that he is running a Non-Profit Emery Cat Rescue. It will help keep feral cats under control. He will be working with Castle Valley Vet and will advertising on face book. He will be working with “Best Friends” to get vouchers.

Agenda Item 4. MOTION: Business license

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY, MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR RED BOULDER HOSPITALITY; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED.

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR EARL’S ENTERPRISES; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 5. Make a Wish

Mayor Norton was contacted and asked if the city would donate to the Make a Wish Foundation. Mayor Norton would like council members approval to donate \$500.00 to the Make a Wish Foundation. **COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE A DONATION OF \$500.00; 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 – AYE.**

Agenda Item 6. MOTION: Huntington Elementary Valentine Carnival

COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE A DONATION OF \$150.00 TO THE HUNTINGTON ELEMENTARY PTA; 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 – AYE

Agenda Item 7. Discuss/approve/deny: Free Little Libraries, stands in Huntington

Mayor Norton explained that the city received a request from Hadley Grimm, the president of the honor society at Canyon View Middle School. They are asking for permission to place free little library stands in the city. **COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FREE LITTLE LIBRARIES STANDS, AFTER GETTING PERMISSION FROM PROPERTY OWNERS; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED.**

Agenda Item 8. Discuss/Approve giving the PEHP refund as a Bonus to each full time Employee

Mayor Norton reported that because the city employees are conservative when using their medical insurance, the city received a refund from PEHP. Dividing the refund amount would give full time employees a bonus of approximately \$450.00. **COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE \$450.00 BONUS FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES; 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 – AYE.**

Agenda Item 9. MOTION: Resolution 18-2023 Business License Fee Schedule

Increasing the business license fee was discussed last month.

COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-2023; 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 – AYE.

Agenda Item 10. Discussion on Zoning Violations fine schedule

After talking to our attorney, they said we need to get a uniform fine schedule. One written warning will be given. First offence will be \$100.00, second offence will be \$500.00 and third offence will be \$1000.00 for the same offence. This will be for any kind of ordinance offence. The animal control fines will be set according to the State of Utah. We will need to have a public hearing and do a resolution to complete the process.

Agenda Item 11. Mayor's Report

Mayor Norton thanked all city employees and those that helped at the City Christmas party as it was a big success. A special recognition and thank you was given to outgoing Council Member Jerry Livingston who has served for 13 years.

Agenda Item 12. Departmental Reports (Fire department, Maintenance department)

Fire Dept.: Hunter Winch/training officer reported that at the November Fire Department business meeting, six volunteer fireman re-elected Chase Majors as the Fire Chief for the next four years.

Fire Chief Chase Majors reported that the department is continuing with monthly trainings. Tylan Sherman has completed the training requirements and was voted in as a new volunteer fireman. Four volunteer fire fighters will be going to Winter Fire School. We are pushing for a CDBG grant to purchase a water tender truck; a new truck would allow more water so that if we are called out of the city for a fire there will be enough water.

Agenda Item 13. Youth City Council report

YCC helped deliver Thanksgiving meals for those in need and they also helped at the Christmas party.

Agenda Item 14. Council's Reports

Council member Kay thanked the Fire Department for all they do. In Planning & Zoning, Todd Thorne from Carbon County talked to us about the Auxiliary Dwelling Units in Carbon County. **Council member Miller** reported that she attended the Affordable housing meeting. This is Entry level homes; it is not subsidized housing or low income. We need to make sure that our zones allow for the affordable housing regulations. Five steps developers want in order to work with the city are strength of market, utilities on site, is the city welcoming, cost of land and cost of construction. Rodeo entertainment for Heritage days was booked but now he is not available. **Council member Wilson** reported that there were three burials this month. There was a plot that had to be probed to verify placement of a cremation from years ago. **Council member Beagley** reported that the ball fields and parks are winterized. **Council member Livingston** reported that the Christmas party was well organized and the best ever.

Agenda Item 15. Zoning Administrator Report

Mayor Norton reported for **Zoning Administrator Gary Arrington (excused)**, the walk through for the 2024 sidewalk project was done. Gary has been working on dirt out by the rodeo grounds, there is no public dumping allowed out there. Violation letters have been sent to property owners on Mainstreet telling them to clean up their properties, we have had good response.

Agenda Item 16. Adjournment

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

Jenene Hansen, Huntington City Recorder