

Minutes of the Hurricane City Council meeting held on March 7, 2024, in the Council Chambers at 147 North 870 West, Hurricane, Utah, at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Nanette Billings and **Council Members:** David Hirschi, Kevin Thomas, Clark Fawcett, and Drew Ellerman. Joseph Prete excused.

**Also Present:** City Manager Kaden DeMille, City Attorney Dayton Hall, Police Chief Lynn Excell, Power Superintendent Scott Hughes, Public Works Director Mike Vercimak, City Planner Gary Cupp, Street Superintendent Weston Walker, Recreation Director Tiffani Wright, City Engineer Arthur LeBaron, HR Director Sel Lovell, City Recorder Cindy Beteag, Finance Manager Paige Chapman, Planning Assistant Fred Resch III, Parks Superintendent Darren Barney, and Water Superintendent Ken Richins

## **AGENDA**

### **4:00 p.m. Work Meeting**

1. Discussion on prioritizing roadways for the next five projects.

Mayor Billings explained that the purpose of this work meeting is to prioritize the next five roadway projects. She noted that the intent of the meeting was not to determine a specific time for completion. Arthur LeBaron presented a spreadsheet showing the list of roadway projects and estimated costs for each project. The spreadsheet calculates the cost compared to the funding in the current budget to determine feasibility. Mr. LeBaron reviewed surveys completed by citizens, showing what projects the community considers a priority. He noted that the survey does not accurately reflect all the citizens in Hurricane City. According to the survey results, 650 South, 920 West, the intersection at 700 West and 400 South, a connection on 1150 West to access 900 South and 400 South, 100 North, and 100 East from 400 South up to 300 North were the top priority. Councilman Ellerman suggested installing traffic monitors to calculate the traffic on each roadway. Councilman Fawcett feels that focusing on the current roadways should be prioritized before building new ones. Mr. LeBaron reported that traffic counts and modeling were incorporated into the previous Transportation Master Plan. He noted that rehabilitation of the current roadways is included in the project list. Mayor Billings and the City Council agree that 100 North is an active project because the engineering is complete. Mr. LeBaron has prepared a cost to cure estimate for the 1100 West project. The issue is that many citizens were unwilling to provide a right of way. The estimate includes removing or replacing fences, relocating water infrastructure, widening the west side of the road, and creating a shoulder with a road base. The estimated cost for these improvements is \$400,000.

Kelby Iverson explained the property owners were unwilling to sell the property required for the easement unless improvements were completed to ensure the roadway's safety. He feels that this meets those obligations. Councilman Thomas is in favor of prioritizing 1100 West if the property owners fully agree. The City Council determined that 1100 West is the first priority.

Councilman Thomas feels 100 East should be completed in the next three years. Councilman Fawcett feels it is essential to reduce costs. He expressed concern about the cross-section requirement where landscape strips are included on new roadways.

Councilman Hirschi feels that 100 South from Main Street to 300 West should be the next priority due to its high usage. The City Council agreed that it is the second priority.

Councilman Ellerman feels the intersection of 400 South and 700 West where the roundabout is planned needs to be addressed. Mayor Billings asked if the roadway could be widened for large vehicles. The City Council agreed that the roundabout is the third priority.

Mayor Billings asked if 400 West is on the presented list. Mr. LeBaron explained he separated 400 West and 920 West into sections. He does not think they should focus on 400 West until development increases.

Councilman Fawcett feels 650 South deserves attention. Mr. LeBaron stated 400 West, 650 South, and 920 West were part of the Hurricane Fields Survey and were designed as farm roads. As development progressed, property was acquired to convert those roads into urban roads. However, property owners have not been required to develop infrastructure as homes are built. Mayor Billings confirmed that the City Council wants to add 400 West and 650 South to the list.

Mike Vercimack reported that a developer is pioneering development on 920 West from 1500 South to 2060 South. He feels that 920 West from 400 South to 1500 South should be added to the list, and the City Council agreed.

**5:00 p.m. Pre-meeting** - Discussion of Agenda Items, Department Reports

Tiffani Wright stated State Bank is sponsoring one floor in the new gym. The gym is scheduled for completion on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Spring sports are in progress, and the summer schedule will start soon. Mrs. Wright asked the City Council to schedule a work meeting to prepare a fee schedule for the new gym. The City Council scheduled the work meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Darren Barney mentioned the Parks Department staff attended the Cemetery and Parks conference in St. George this week. In preparation for spring, the department is fertilizing, aerating, and spraying weeds.

Councilman Hirschi reported that the school is asking for the bleachers from the old rodeo grounds. Kaden DeMille would like to use them at the skate park, and Mrs. Wright would like to keep them for City use.

Chief Excell stated Anthony Gonzalez will graduate from the Police Academy tomorrow. A conditional offer has been issued for a full-time Records Clerk. However, two officers are resigning. The department has started reprogramming the radios to the system. They are preparing for Matt's Off-Road Recovery event, which will be held next week.

Scott Hughes commented that the Power Department is setting up the flags for the Easter Car Show and making progress on the Substation. Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) will meet with the City Council on April 4<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged the City Council to attend the UAMPS Toolkit meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ken Richins explained the pressurized irrigation project will be finished in late April. Interviews are underway for the open position.

Sel Lovell explained that a committee needs to be formed before the City can submit the Healthy Utah application letter. He asked if any Council Members would like to serve on the committee. Mayor Billings suggested Councilman Prete so the Youth City Council could be involved.

Mayor Billings noted the winners of the employee step a thon.

Paige Chapman asked the City Council and Department Heads to prepare for the budget meeting. The City Council set the meeting for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. A second meeting will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> to address any concerns if needed. Mrs. Chapman encouraged the City Council to attend the Utah League of Cities and Towns Spring Conference in April.

Mike Vercimack mentioned that TDS, Infowest, and Dominion Gas are installing infrastructure throughout the City.

Weston Walker reported that the Street Department has cleaned up the tumbleweeds at the utility facilities. The pre-construction meeting with the slurry company is next week. There is one open position in the department.

Arthur LeBaron stated the Engineering Department is extensively working on roadway issues. He attended the first team meeting for the Northern Corridor Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. He noted that the Springdale Line Transit buses have been received, and there will be bus service in Hurricane this summer.

Gary Cupp reported that the ten business license applications were submitted this week, and the agenda for next week's Planning Commission meeting is full. Mr. Cupp continued the General Plan Training from the previous City Council meeting. He explained that the General Plan is the City's blueprint for development. The plan includes land use, housing and economics, open space and trails, natural resources, water, and cultural and heritage elements. The land use element shows that seventy percent of Hurricane City is undeveloped. Of the remaining thirty percent of developed land, forty-three percent is agricultural residential, and thirty-five percent is single-family; the remaining percent comprises multifamily, agriculture, commercial, industrial, open space, and public uses. The land use goal is to efficiently manage growth with policies and strategies.

Fred Resch III mentioned the cleanup at Dixie Springs Park is on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The annual SR-9 cleanup is on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. The Cemetery cleanup is on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Dumpster Days are May 20<sup>th</sup>—22<sup>nd</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>—23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Billings encouraged Department Heads to attend the State of Hurricane Address on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**6:00 p.m. - Call to Order –**

Mayor Nanette Billings welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Prayer, Thought, and Pledge led by Christine

Declaration of any conflicts of interest

None declared.

Approval of Minutes for regular City Council meeting February 1, 2024

Drew Ellerman motioned to approve the Minutes for the regular City Council meeting on February 1, 2024. Seconded by David Hirschi. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Billings recognized the Parks and Streets Departments for cleaning up the City.

Introduction of 2024 Hurricane City Royalty and presentation of scholarships received.

The 2023 and 2024 Hurricane City Royalty introduced themselves. Mayor Billings presented the awards and scholarships and thanked them for their service to the community.

**Public Forum – Comments From Public**

Dan Zaleski thanked the City Council for prioritizing 100 North and asked the City to communicate with the residents regarding community projects and zone changes. Mr. Zaleski stated that the community asked for diagonal parking as opposed to landscape strips on 100 North. There are many businesses in his neighborhood, and he does not know how the parking will work.

Andrea Kaz met with rescue partners, and they feel a work meeting with the City Council is a productive way to continue the discussion on preventing retail sales of puppies and kittens. Councilman Thomas asked if the City forbids other types of businesses. Cindy Beteag reported that there are restrictions for specific business types but no business bans. Ms. Kaz reported that other cities have passed similar ordinances. Mayor Billings does not think this is the role of the government. Councilman Fawcett agrees with Mayor Billings. Ms. Kaz noted that the City Council has stated that it intends to protect citizens. These businesses undermine that protection. Councilman Fawcett supports regulating unethical business practices. Councilman

Ellerman agrees with Ms. Kaz's concerns. However, he does not think this is the role of government. Mayor Billings directed Ms. Kaz to prepare a document to bring before the City Council at the next meeting.

Stephen Lemmon reported that his website is active. He advised Mayor Billings that the Federal Aviation Association (FAA) is seeking repayment for the airport lighting grant money. Mr. Lemmon reminded the City Council that he advised the Council several times that the FAA would seek repayment of the grant funds. He obtained an audio recording in which Jason Campbell said he would pay back the funds if necessary. Mr. Lemmon stated the transcript and audio recordings of the meetings he has referenced are available on his website. Mayor Billings explained the City is required to respond to all GRAMA requests. The funds from the FAA were Covid grant money and will not be paid back.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Discussion and possible approval of a City partnership with D1 Prospects Softball league - Shawna Weaver**

Mayor Billings read the following summary:

D1 prospects is asking for us to waive or reduce our fee on our softball fields for them to hold 2 tournaments in the Spring (1 in April 1 in May) as well as for an 8 week accelerated softball league held during June and July.

We typically don't rent the fields during our baseball/softball season as it kicks our recreation teams off of the fields during the only time, they are able to practice. But I told Matt Hirschi we could try 2 tournaments this Spring and see what kind of an impact we will have on our local participants. We did not talk about waiving the field fee for these 2 tournaments. I was under the impression that they were still paying a regular fee of \$150 per day per field.

I have asked for field rental fees from St. George, Washington, and Santa Clara. Both St. George and Washington charge \$500 per field per day. Santa Clara has a field rental fee of \$350 for a full day and \$250 for a half day.

I feel our fee of \$150 per day per field is very reasonable. Darren went back over his numbers and feels like our fee is barely covering the cost of employee time spent, materials, light use, and maintenance from the wear and tear on the field.

I am very much for them coming and utilizing our fields. I am sure Shawna with D1 will do a great job and be great to work with, but I don't think it should be at the City's expense that these tournaments and leagues come in and use the space. -Tiffani Wright

End of summary.

Shawna Weaver is the President of D1 Prospects, a 501C3 group whose mission is to promote female athletics in communities. Ms. Weaver agreed that \$150 is a reasonable rate for tournaments but they only need the field for a few hours to practice and can't afford to pay amount twice a week. D1 Prospects worked to bring softball into the Utah Summer Games and

is the top youth umpire program in the State. However, D1 Prospects cannot support the league's cost without a partnership with Hurricane City.

Councilman Hirschi commented that tournament weekends boost revenue for businesses within the City. He asked why D1 Prospects has not petitioned businesses to help cover the cost. Ms. Weaver agrees that businesses could contribute to the tournament. However, she does not have the time to petition support from each business in Hurricane City. Mayor Billings feels this program benefits the youth and community as a whole. Councilman Fawcett struggles paying for employee's time when they are not getting anything in return. Ms. Weaver explained that the group will continue to host the tournaments in Hurricane City. However, without support from Hurricane City, the league will be moved to a different city. Councilman Hirschi supports taking a leap of faith to help the youth in the community.

David Hirschi motioned to approve supporting a City partnership with the D1 Prospects Softball League by reducing the league rental fee from \$11,000 to \$2,100. Seconded by Drew Ellerman. Nanette Billings, David Hirschi, and Drew Ellerman – aye. Kevin Thomas and Clark Fawcett – nay. Motion carried.

**2. Consideration and possible approval of a new Private Hangar Lease Agreement for hangar pad 12S 1E for Brent Huddleston. - Dave Houston/Brent Huddleston.**

Mayor Billings read the following summary:

Brent Huddleston is purchasing the hangar improvements at hangar pad 12S 1E from Jason Campbell. The existing lease is reaching the end of its term. Mr. Huddleston is requesting a new Private Hangar Lease Agreement for the hangar pad. The proposed agreement conforms to the template previously approved by the City Council.

Applicable City Ordinances:

The Airport Board "shall function in an advisory capacity to the City Council on all issues regarding the operation" of the airport. HCC 2-1-1(A). The Airport Board "shall operate solely as an advisory board to the City Council and shall have no power or authority to take any action or make any decision which would, or which may have the effect of creating a liability for the City." HCC 2-1-1(B). "It shall be the duty of the Board to review and recommend approval or disapproval of any agreement for the lease of property at the airport and the proposed use of each parcel of leased land." HCC 2-1-1. After a recommendation from the Airport Board, the proposal is forwarded to the Council for a final decision.

Recommendation:

The Airport Board discussed this item on February 20, 2024, and unanimously recommended approval. At the time the Board discussed the new lease, the proposal was in the name of Jason Campbell. The name on the lease has now been updated to Brent Huddleston at the request of the parties.

Attachments in the Packet:

- Proposed Private Hangar Lease Agreement. Legal Review:

The City Attorney approves the form of the proposed lease.

-This summary was drafted by Dayton Hall, City Attorney.

End of summary.

Kevin Thomas motioned to approve Private Hangar Lease Agreement for hangar pad 12S 1E. Seconded by David Hirschi. Clark Fawcett, Drew Ellerman Kevin Thomas, and David Hirschi – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Consideration and possible approval of a new hangar pad located at 2N 2E at the City Airport, together with a new Private Hangar Lease Agreement for Sunnie, LLC. - Dave Houston/Scott Stratton**

Mayor Billings read the following summary:

Scott Stratton is requesting that a new hangar pad be created at the City Airport and that he be given a new Private Hangar Lease Agreement authorizing him to develop the pad and construct a hangar. The location of the proposed hangar pad is consistent with the Airport Layout Plan.

Mr. Stratton's proposed lease agreement deviates from the lease template previously approved by the City Council in one way. The approved template requires that construction drawings for the hangar be submitted within eight months and that the hangar be completed within two years, but Mr. Stratton is requesting that the construction timeline in the lease be extended.

Mr. Stratton is requesting that his deadline to submit construction plans be four years, with construction being completed within eight months of the building permit being issued.

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Recommendation:

The Airport Board discussed this item on February 20, 2024, and unanimously recommended approval. The Airport Board specifically recommended that the construction timeline in the lease template be modified and extended as requested by Mr. Stratton.

Attachments in the Packet:

- Airport Layout Plan
- Proposed Private Hangar Lease Agreement Legal Review:

The City Attorney approves the form of the proposed lease.

-This summary was drafted by Dayton Hall, City Attorney.

End of summary.

Dave Houston reported that the existing hangar lease template allows two years to submit construction plans and one year to build the hangar. The applicant has requested an extension due to the increased wait time for materials. Mr. Houston recommends updating the lease to update the terms to allow four years to submit construction plans and one year to build the hangar. Mayor Billings noted that this agenda item pertains to Mr. Stratton's lease. The Airport Board can recommend updating the lease template moving forward. Councilman Fawcett asked if a provision is in place to prevent transferring lease ownership. Dayton Hall stated the lease template can be amended in the future.

Kevin Thomas motioned to approve a new hangar pad located at 2N 2E at the City Airport together, with a new Private Hangar Lease Agreement for Sunnie, LLC., with an amendment that it cannot be reassigned until the hangar is constructed. Seconded by Clark Fawcett. Drew Ellerman David Hirschi, Kevin Thomas, and Clark Fawcett – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**4.** Consideration and possible approval of an **FAA grant application for AWOS** at the City Airport. -Mike Vercimak/Dave Houston

Mayor Billings read the following summary:

This agenda item is to consider authorizing the City to apply for federal assistance to fund the engineering and installation of an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) at the City Airport. The AWOS has been on the Airport's Capital Improvement Plan for some time. The facility would be installed between the existing runway and 1100 West, with the monitoring system installed in the City's hangar. It is estimated that federal funding would contribute \$346,206, state funding would contribute \$17,897, and City funding would contribute \$17,897, for a total estimated cost of \$382,000. The Airport Board has recommended that the City Council proceed with the AWOS funding and installation.

The complete 68-page grant application is included in the packet.

The grant application requires certain assurances from the City, including the following: The City has sufficient funds available for the portion of the project not paid by the United States. The City will operate the AWOS in a safe and serviceable condition.

The City is capable of commencing work on the AWOS within six months after the grant is made.

If the Council chooses to proceed, the application requires a motion by the Council authorizing the filing of the grant application, including all understandings and assurances contained in the application, and directing Mayor Billings and Mike Vercimack to proceed with the application, including providing such additional material as may be required by the FAA. -Dayton Hall  
End of summary.

Mayor Billings reviewed the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) grant application criteria. The estimated Federal funding is \$346,206; the State will contribute \$17,897, and the



City will contribute \$17,897. Dave Houston estimates that the maintenance fee will be \$3,000. He noted that the previous City Council approved that annual cost.

Clark Fawcett motioned to approve the FAA grant application for AWOS and commit \$17,897. Seconded by Kevin Thomas. Roll call vote. David Hirschi, Drew Ellerman Clark Fawcett, and Kevin Thomas – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Consideration and possible approval of adjusting the lot line along lot 28 and hole 18 at Sky Mountain Golf Course - Jeff Beteag**

Mayor Billings read the following summary:

The property owner of lot 28 at Sky Mountain Golf Estates had their lot staked because they are getting ready to start a retaining wall and swimming pool. After the stakes were placed, they could see their lot encroached onto the golf course grass and there was a sprinkler head on their property that waters the golf course. They contacted me to walk the property and find a solution. After looking at the layout of the lot and the course, I thought the best remedy would be a boundary line (lot line) adjustment. Doing this would move the northwest pin five feet back towards the house but then move the northeast pin seven feet out further. This adjustment squares up the back of the lot and would help us avoid moving multiple sprinkler heads. It appears to be a pretty even trade of land, and it will make it better for both parties. The lot owner is willing to have their surveyor create a boundary line agreement that can be recorded to adjust the line.

- Jeff Beteag

End of summary.

Kevin Thomas motioned to approve adjusting the lot line along lot 28 and hole 18 at Sky Mountain Golf Course. Dayton Hall clarified that there is not a lot line agreement in place. He suggests authorizing the execution of the agreement with the survey as presented. Seconded by David Hirschi. Clark Fawcett, Drew Ellerman, Kevin Thomas, and David Hirschi – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Consideration and possible approval of meeting times and the process of public engagement in planning the City Campus and Civic Center**

Summary:

FFKR + Desert Edge Architecture has collaborated with Hurricane City to provide a comprehensive study of existing conditions for select city buildings and departments for the City and plan for future use of land owned by the City. The design team has conducted an assessment of existing conditions of Hurricane City Administration, Public Services (Planning, Engineering, Public Works), Police, and Courts. They are working to organize the data and document information for current and future needs that respond to the growth of the population and the government resources needed to support the public.

In addition, the team is studying existing cities within Utah, how they have expanded, and the actions and response to growth. Due to the large size of the land that is under City Ownership, there may be an opportunity to develop a stronger 'City Center' to celebrate the historic qualities of the town, the unique and beautiful landscape and provide an active zone for daily activities for city residents and local business. Research shows that strong city centers result in thriving communities.

To realize this vision, it will be important to analyze public + private partnerships and other capital opportunities to minimize the tax burden to develop the property. The design team is working with Zions Securities and NAI real estate to help inform the City of the appropriate types of development that can be sustained on the site and will help energize and activate this new City Center. - Jessica Hoffman  
End of summary.

Mayor Billings introduced Susi Becker, Wes Davis, Scott Gilbert, and Jessica Hoffman. Scott Gilbert reported that Desert Edge has teamed up with Jessica Hoffman and Dave Giles to design the campus. He explained the City currently needs a larger City Hall, Police Station, Courts, and additional open space. Ms. Hoffman has been meeting with staff to go over the pros and cons of their current working situations. She reported that the common remarks mentioned in the employee survey are a desire for adequate restrooms, break areas, proximity to other departments, and secure parking at the Police Station. A visioning session and community involvement is the next step in the process.

Wes Davis stated finding a way to support businesses in the community is essential. At this time there is a lack of available commercial spaces, and the vacancy for retail is even lower. It is important to be forward-thinking and aware that this will be a 50-60 year build-out. Mr. Davis reviewed the statistics gathered to create the vision for the "City Center". Susi Becker reviewed the funding analysis tool which will project revenue stream and potential funding options.

Mr. Giles reported that a full report including the information gathered will be provided. They plan to create an online platform for citizen outreach. The deadline for community engagement is April 12<sup>th</sup> and the deadline for the final document is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Billings asked the City Council to identify their objectives to add to the survey questions. She confirmed that a survey will be sent to the City Council to gather feedback and questions.

**7. Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 2024-04 adopting Ash Creek Special Service District's monthly sewer service fee. - Dayton Hall**

Mayor Billings read the following summary:

The three cities that make up the Ash Creek Special Service District (Hurricane, LaVerkin, Toquerville) have previously agreed to collect Ash Creek's monthly sewer fees. Hurricane City is currently collecting the fees as agreed. This ordinance formalizes the City's authority to collect the fee. Staff recommend approval. -Dayton Hall

End of summary.

Kevin Thomas motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-04. Seconded by Clark Fawcett. David Hirschi, Drew Ellerman Kevin Thomas, and Clark Fawcett – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 2024-05 approving and adopting Ash Creek Special Service District's Development Procedures Design Standards and Construction Specifications. -Dayton Hall**

Mayor Billings read the following summary:

Hurricane City, as a member of Ash Creek Special Service District, has previously adopted development standards for sewer installation within the City. Ash Creek has now adopted updated standards. The proposed ordinance adopts Ash Creek's updated standards. Ash Creek sits on the City's Joint Utility Committee and reviews development plans in conjunction with City staff. The City's adoption of Ash Creek's standards confirms that development in the City is required to comply with Ash Creek's standards. Ash Creek's standards, which are 172 pages long, are included in the packet. Staff recommend approval. -Dayton Hall

End of summary.

Clark Fawcett motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-05. Seconded by Kevin Thomas. Drew Ellerman David Hirschi, Clark Fawcett, and Kevin Thomas – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Discussion and possible approval of a Boot Stompin Square Dance fundraiser for the Veterans Park - Patti Nation**

Patti Nation with the Rotary Club explained the club is seeking permission and support from the City to host the fundraiser at a city facility. She suggested using the new gym space or the common space at the High School. Tiffani Wright will reach out to the school to request the common space.

**10. Consideration and possible approval of the contract for the City Prosecutor. - Kaden DeMille**

Summary:

As directed by the Council in last year's budget meetings, Hurricane City posted a Request for Proposals for the City Prosecutor on January 5, 2024, with a submission deadline of January 22, 2024. Only one proposal was received, which was from Cowdell Law. With only one proposal, the submission deadline was extended to February 9, 2024. After the deadline extension, Cowdell Law remained the only applicant. Due to some personnel matters that required an interim prosecutor for the City Court to continue to function, Cowdell Law agreed to a 90-day temporary contract that started on February 1, 2024. Cowdell Law provides prosecuting services in several other Utah Justice Courts, and the references from those jurisdictions have been very positive. Having an interim/temporary prosecutor has been problematic because of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation compliance requirements that govern access to the protected records necessary for prosecution, so staff recommend that the Council appoint a

permanent prosecutor. The proposal by Cowdell Law is to provide full-service prosecuting services, including all support staff, for a flat fee of \$8,500 per month. The contract is for two years, but the City may terminate the contract at any time with proper notice. Staff recommend that the Council approve and accept the proposal by Cowdell Law. -Dayton Hall

End of summary.

Kevin Thomas motioned to approve acceptance of the proposal presented by Cowdell Law. Seconded by David Hirschi. Roll call vote. Drew Ellerman Clark Fawcett, Kevin Thomas, and David Hirschi – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Discussion about our City Vision, Mission Statement, and Motto.**

Mayor Billings read the following summary:

VISION:

Small town charm allowing families to thrive, with desirable open space we protect and cherish.

MISSION:

Hurricane City is committed to maintaining its unique small-town charm, recognizing new growth and development will occur, and emphasizes the need to guide such development to help families thrive in business, recreation and the home.

MOTO:

Built by pioneers, who In God they Trusted.

- Mayor Billings

End of summary.

Mayor Billings attended the Washington State of the City address. During the address, she felt it was essential to establish Hurricane City's vision and mission. This country is founded on faith, family, and freedom, and she believes the City and City Council must continue with that vision.

Councilman Thomas likes the vision, mission, and motto presented. Councilman Hirschi also likes the motto. Councilman Fawcett asked about the purpose of the motto. Kaden DeMille read the definition of "motto." A motto is a brief statement that summarizes the purpose or beliefs of a person or group. Councilman Thomas would like to add the wording in God we Trust to the motto.

**12. Mayor, Council, and Staff reports**

Kaden DeMille mentioned the two-court gym will be completed by April 18<sup>th</sup>, and the drawings for the four-court gym are nearly complete.

David Hirschi reported that the golf course's new cash register can create a detailed financial report. They are also installing AstroTurf on the driving range.

Councilman Fawcett attended the Fire District meeting this week. He mentioned the Sales Tax proposal did not pass. The District will meet with the County Commissioners to determine how to proceed.

**13.** Closed Meeting held pursuant to Utah Code section 52-4-205, upon request

David Hirschi motioned to go into a closed meeting for litigation, a business decision of a project entity, and a proposed development agreement. Seconded by Drew Ellerman. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment: 9:53 p.m.**