

**Minutes of the North Logan City  
City Council  
Held on April 10, 2024  
At the North Logan City Library, North Logan, Utah**

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**Motion**

*Emily Schmidt made a motion to appoint Buzzy Mullahkhel as Mayor pro tempore for this meeting. Joni Kartchner seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor.*

**Item #1 - Opening Business**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Buzzy Mullahkhel at 6:30 p.m.

Council members present were: Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey. (Mayor Lyndsay Peterson was excused.)

Others present were: Sherry Gill, Jaxon Bowden, Russell Goodwin, Linda Young, Cathy Larsen, Kara Tim, Jordan Oldham, Trent Bateman, Scott Bennett, Scott Perkes, Police Chief Kent Goodrich, Fire Chief Nate Thompson, Alan Luce and Marie Power.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Hancey.

An invocation was given by Kenny Reese.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Buzzy Mullahkhel explained that Agenda item #4 needed to be removed from the agenda, as more information is needed before it can be discussed.

**Motion**

*Mark Hancey made a motion to adopt the agenda, as amended, removing Item #4, as explained. Kenny Reese seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor.*

**Approval and Follow-up of Minutes of the March 20, 2024 City Council Meeting and Executive (Closed) Session Meeting.**

**Motion**

*Emily Schmidt made a motion to approve the two sets of the above-referenced minutes, as presented. Kenny Reese seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor.*

**Review of Action Items**

Alan Luce reviewed the list with the council.

**Recognition of Exemplary Staff Member**

Mayor Pro Tem Buzzy Mullahkhel recognized Alan Luce, City Administrator, for his outstanding efforts, in handling and bringing to fruition, the project for the new City offices, along with the Civic Center project in general; and Jordan Oldham, Public Works Director, for his exemplary efforts with his handling of various aspects of the project, including managing the construction elements. Alan and Jordan were nominated by Debbie Bond, City Treasurer.

**Presentation from CAPSA (Kara Tim) regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April).**

Kara Tim from CAPSA gave a presentation explaining the reasons behind Sexual Assault Awareness Month taking place in April; and explained various stats, as well as what CAPSA does to support victims of abuse and sexual assault.

**New Business**

**Current Action Items**

Item #2 - 6:35 Public Hearing regarding a resolution authorizing the dissolution of the North Logan City Justice Court. Following the public hearing, approval of a resolution may be considered authorizing the dissolution of the North Logan City Justice Court.

Alan Luce explained the situation, and the meetings and discussions that were held regarding this issue; and gave a presentation regarding the pros and cons of having a local Justice Court, including items related to the convenience for residents, budget trends, and issues with the changes in state intervention.

Alan addressed various questions throughout the presentation.

Alan explained the pros and cons for moving to a District Court situation, including the cutting of costs; a higher percentage of cases being handled in person; and, on the negative side, having to pay out the Judge's remaining term if we dissolve the court; and, the City having to retain a prosecuting attorney (which Alan explained would be required with either option.)

He explained various particulars further; including the process for moving forward, if they decide to close the justice court.

*Mayor Pro Tem Buzzy Mullahkhel read aloud the guidelines for speaking at a public hearing, and opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m., and then closed it, as there were no public comments forthcoming.*

Kenny Reese asked about the deficit and asked why, as Alan had commented, that it is one of the highest costing courts in the state; which Alan addressed, and said it is based on the fact that our case load is higher than other cities; as well as the City having to pay a facility fee, and the judge's fees, and explained further.

Emily Schmidt discussed some of the information she obtained in her discussions on this with other cities; and said most cities' cases are non-resident cases; and commented further that she does not feel that it is worth having the court, based on our annual costs.

The council discussed this further, and Alan continued to address questions and comments. Per a question from the council, Alan said that Hyde Park is having their meeting this evening as well, and said they feel similarly to North Logan.

Alan and the council continued their discussion.

Kenny said there is compelling evidence to close this; but that it was obviously a good idea when it began, and asked Alan what the idea was at that time for having the justice court, which Alan addressed and explained.

**Motion**

*Emily Schmidt made a motion to approve Resolution 24-11, authorizing the dissolution of the North Logan City Justice Court, as presented. Joni Kartchner seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor.*

Item #3 - Consider authorizing incentives for prospective businesses.

Alan Luce mentioned that most cities don't bring incentives before their City Councils for review.

He explained the process of offering incentives to businesses potentially coming into the City. He reviewed the information for two businesses considering coming in to North Logan, and referred to the information on these businesses that he had given to the City Council; and explained what some of the new businesses in general have asked for, in order to help them get started.

Alan and the council discussed various, related items further. He discussed what we could offer, particularly in relation to the free market; and explained that if we do not do what other local cities are doing to "be in the game," we lose out considerably financially, which he said is very unfortunate.

Kenny Reese expressed his feelings about not wanting to participate in this "game" and that it goes against his principles, and commented that this is not something North Logan City should be

part of.

Mayor Pro Tem Buzzy Mullahkhel commented on this, and said that until the state comes in and possibly "levels the playing field," North Logan is losing out tremendously in terms of a tax base and income, if we do not offer incentives to prospective new businesses.

Emily Schmidt agreed with Buzzy, and said she has watched cities completely fail because they "stood on principle" and did not participate in the incentives process; and explained that she would rather have a city that thrives and does well.

The discussion continued.

#### **Motion**

*Emily Schmidt made a motion to approve authorizing incentives for the businesses listed, as presented. Joni Kartchner seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt and Mark Hancey voting in favor of the motion, and Kenny Reese voting against the motion.*

Joni Kartchner commented that the way we do incentives is not "immoral" and that we cannot afford *not* doing it. She said we have a good administration who manages it, and that we can trust that. She commented further.

Alan said the only incentive that was offered when the North Logan Walmart came in, was that we agreed to help put a road in on the north side of it; and, said it would take ten-million dollars to get them in now, and explained further.

~~Item #4 – Consider authorizing the signing of an agreement with Brent Dahle regarding real property.~~

~~(This item was removed from the agenda, as noted when the agenda was approved at the beginning of the meeting.)~~

#### **City Council Work Session Items**

Item #5 - Draft FY2025 Budget proposal from the Library Department.

Trent Bateman presented the budget for the library. He explained the large cost savings from previous budgets compared to this year, and also discussed the grants they are going to receive this year. He continued to review the various items in his budget.

Item #6 - Draft FY2025 Budget proposal from the North Park Police Agency.

Police Chief Kent Goodrich presented the budget for the North Park Police Agency.

As Chief Goodrich was going to have to immediately leave for the Hyde Park City Council meeting following his budget presentation, he gave his departmental report at this point, rather than when they are typically given during "Reports," at the end of the council meeting. He discussed training that his officers will be having; and also gave the recent stats for the department. He also discussed a presentation he will be giving on the issue of sextortion.

Joni Kartchner expressed her appreciation to the Police Department for their budget, and for all that they do.

Item #7 - Draft FY2025 Budget proposal from the Facilities Department.

Dathon Robinson presented the budget for the Facilities Department. Alan Luce also explained some of the items, particularly in relation to the work Dathon does for other departments, and how that amount is managed within the facilities budget in sharing those costs with other departments that he does work for, as well as the associated process.

Item #8 - Draft FY2025 Budget proposal from the General Governmental, Executive, Administrative, Non-Departmental, and Public Works Departments.

Alan Luce presented the budget for these areas, and explained various items in detail.

Alan addressed various questions from the council.

Item #9 - Draft FY2025 Budget proposal from the Capital Budget.

Alan Luce presented the budget for this area, and also explained that this budget will soon be "revamped," which he detailed further.

Item #10 - Convene as the Local Building Authority to discuss a draft FY2025 LBA Budget proposal.

**Motion**

*Emily Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting and convene as the North Logan Local Building Authority (LBA). Mark Hancey seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor. This occurred at 8:14 p.m.*

Minutes for this portion of the meeting are under separate cover.

**Motion**

*Emily Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the North Logan Local Building Authority (LBA) meeting and return to the regular portion of the City Council meeting. Mark Hancey seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor. This occurred at 8:16 p.m.*

Item #11 - Convene as the Redevelopment Agency to discuss a draft FY2025 RDA Budget proposal.

**Motion**

*Mark Hancey made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting and convene as the Redevelopment Agency (RDA). Kenny Reese seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor. This occurred at 8:17 p.m.*

Minutes for this portion of the meeting are written under separate cover.

**Motion**

*Emily Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) meeting and return to the regular portion of the City Council meeting. Joni Kartchner seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor. This occurred at 8:24 p.m.*

Item #12 - Updates regarding the North Logan City General Plan.

Scott Perkes discussed the Planning Commission meeting that would be held the next evening, as well as the workshop that will be held with the City Council and Planning Commission on the General Plan rewrite, following the Planning Commission portion of the meeting. He also discussed the responses the City received from the recent surveys sent out.

Item #13 - Updates regarding North Logan's water capital improvement projects.

Jordan Oldham gave an update on the status of items for the City's water capital improvement projects. He also discussed the efforts they're making to obtain grants.

Item #14 - Updates on Civic Center.

Alan Luce gave an update on the most recent items completed on the new City offices construction project.

He also said that the ribbon cutting for the new offices is scheduled for Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at approximately noon that day. This was discussed further.

Alan also discussed the status on the timeline for the Civic Center project.

**Item #15 - Reports from City officers, boards, and committees**

Fire Chief Nate Thompson discussed upcoming events for the department. He also discussed grants they're working on obtaining, as well as the recent stats on service calls. Chief Thompson addressed questions from the council regarding the types of calls they've been getting.

Marie Power reminded Mark Hancey that she needed his submission for the Mayor's Message for the May North Logan City newsletter.

Alan Luce reviewed the list of upcoming events with the council, and explained various related items.

Item #16 - Closed session to discuss real property and pending litigation.

**Motion**

*Emily Schmidt made a motion to close the regular City Council meeting and move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing real property and pending litigation. Mark Hancey seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor. This took place at 8:41 p.m.*

Minutes for this portion of the meeting are written under separate cover.

**Motion**

*Mark Hancey made a motion to move out of Executive Session and return to the regular City Council meeting. Emily Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor. This occurred at 9:26 p.m.*

**Motion**

*Kenny Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Emily Schmidt seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Buzzy Mullahkhel, Joni Kartchner, Emily Schmidt, Kenny Reese and Mark Hancey voting in favor.*

The meeting adjourned at: 9:26 p.m.

Approved by City Council:

May 1, 2024

Transcribed by Marie Power

Recorded by:

  
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Scott Bennett/City Recorder