



**TOQUERVILLE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm
212 N. Toquer Blvd, Toquerville Utah**

Present: Mayor Justin Sip; Councilman: Gary Chaves, Chuck Williams, Joey Campbell, Todd Sands, Wayne Olsen; Staff: City Manager Ben Billingsley, Assistant City Manager Darrin LeFevre, City Attorney Matt Ekins, Recorder/Planning & Zoning Administrator Emily Teaters, Planning Commission Chair Valerie Preslar

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sip called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Olsen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was led by Councilman Chaves.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. The Council reviewed the agenda. Councilman Olsen requested an item be added to the agenda for discussion only: a letter of possible recommendation for the Hurricane Valley Fire District Truth in Taxation.

Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the order of the agenda with the addition to add the Fire District discussion on Business Item G5. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0. Gary Chaves – aye, Joey Campbell – aye, Chuck Williams – aye, Todd Sands – aye, Wayne Olsen – aye.

2. There were no declarations of conflicts from the Council.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from September 18, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Councilman Campbell motioned to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024, City Council Meeting. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0. Gary Chaves – aye, Joey Campbell – aye, Chuck Williams – aye, Todd Sands – aye, Wayne Olsen – aye.

2. Review and possible approval of City Expenditures from August 2024.

Councilman Chaves motioned to move this to the next meeting, table it. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0. Gary Chaves – aye, Joey Campbell – aye, Chuck Williams – aye, Todd Sands – aye, Wayne Olsen – aye;

D. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

https://www.youtube.com/live/evg6KFy6jTg?si=XJVbxD4da-HJY_5K

1. Washington County Sheriff's Office – Nate Brooksby
Sheriff Brooksby gave an update on the jail's medical wing expansion, community events and the upcoming election for Sheriff.



Ash Creek Special Services District Representative

Mike Chandler reported on current projects in Toquerville. Darrin reported on construction plans for Firelight with this report.

3. Hurricane Valley Fire District Representative – Merlin Spendlove
Merlin reported on upcoming events in the Hurricane Valley and surrounding areas served by the district, noting that some stations may wear pink uniforms this month for cancer awareness.
4. Toquerville Bypass Road Update – Bob Lamoreaux, Stanley Consultants
Bob reported via Zoom and gave an update on the bypass road and showed a video from JP Excavating.
5. Planning & Zoning Administrator – Emily Teaters
Emily reported on the subdivision ordinance updates currently under attorney review, while Darrin provided an update on ordinances being brought to the Planning Commission for comment.
6. Assistant City Manager – Darrin LeFevre
Darrin gave a report on city projects, grading permits and Rocky Mountain Power's project coming through LaVerkin to Toquerville.
7. City Manager – Ben Billingsley
Ben reported on current city audits, the Appeals Authority, cases settled by the City Prosecutor and the transition with the City Recorder. The council asked questions of Public Safety Director Jason Leavitt, who was in the audience.

The Council moved on to item F.

E. CITY APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

<https://www.youtube.com/live/evg6KFy6jTg?si=m2rJjcbGiqZWXKcz&t=1320>

1. Mayor Sip – Hurricane Valley Fire District/Ash Creek Sewer SSD/DTEC/DTAC/MPO Rep.
Mayor Sip reported on DTAC's Safe Streets 4 All updates.
2. Joey Campbell – Ash Creek Sewer SSD Representative
Councilman Campbell reported that Confluence Park is back open, and construction is underway adding that December 2025 is the estimated completion date for those projects.
3. Todd Sands – Wash. Co. Solid Waste & Southwest Mosquito Abatement Representative
Councilman Sands reported on upcoming meetings for each board.

The Council moved on to item G.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/evg6KFy6jTg?si=wowfm5DGBbsa9WM0&t=1292>

Mayor Sip opened the public forum. No comments from the public. Mayor Sip closed the public forum.

The Council moved on to item E.

G. BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion** on the Toquerville Bypass Road.
https://www.youtube.com/live/evg6KFy6jTg?si=FYo3d7_LJI74Q5tb&t=1510
Darrin LeFevre introduced this item and answered questions from the council.
2. **Discussion** on the FY 24-25 Budget.
<https://www.youtube.com/live/evg6KFy6jTg?si=UkIAIAIzAJSF7Lnw&t=1758>
Ben Billingsley presented on the FY 24-25 budget and answered questions from the Council.



Discussion and possible appointment of a Toquerville City Recorder.

https://www.youtube.com/live/evg6KFy6jTg?si=-HSSBe--_t95Px9N&t=2536

Mayor Sip introduced this item to the public. The Council and staff discussed this item. Darrin added that he is still overseeing the Planning and Zoning Department.

Councilman Olsen made a motion to approve Emily Teaters as the new City Recorder.

Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0. Gary Chaves – aye, Joey Campbell – aye, Chuck Williams – aye, Todd Sands – aye, Wayne Olsen – aye;

4. **Discussion and possible action** on refunding a Zone Change Application Fee for Jerry Eves.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/evg6KFy6jTg?si=gL9QsrssQxI2xGC3&t=2798>

Ben Billingsley and Darrin LeFevre introduced this item to the public. The Council and staff discussed this item.

Councilman Chaves made a motion to refund the zone change application fee for the Jerry Eves Boulder Ridge project. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Gary Chaves – aye, Joey Campbell – aye, Chuck Williams – aye, Todd Sands – aye, Wayne Olsen – aye.

5. **Discussion** on a letter of possible recommendation for the Hurricane Valley Fire District Truth in Taxation.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/evg6KFy6jTg?si=My-h-pExjqIUInl0&t=3001>

Mayor Sip introduced this item. The Council, staff and Merlin Spendlove discussed this item.

H. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/evg6KFy6jTg?si=qSl2jt0ISSdI6vCZ&t=5136>

Mayor Sip reviewed the calendar of events and reminded the public that the Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 26th and not the 25th which is what was printed on the utility bills.

I. CLOSED SESSION:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/evg6KFy6jTg?si=nylxc7T1mCbJ7ucv&t=5249>

Councilman Campbell made a motion to go into a closed session for a strategy session to discuss collective bargaining and to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares. Councilman Chaves seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0. Gary Chaves – aye, Joey Campbell – aye, Chuck Williams – aye, Todd Sands – aye, Wayne Olsen – aye.

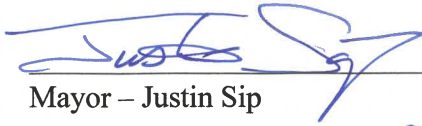
Minutes of the Closed Session were recorded and are now on file as a Protected Record.

Councilman Williams motioned to move out of a closed session. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0. Gary Chaves – aye, Joey Campbell – aye, Chuck Williams – aye, Todd Sands – aye, Wayne Olsen – aye.

The Council moved back into the open meeting.

J. ADJOURN:

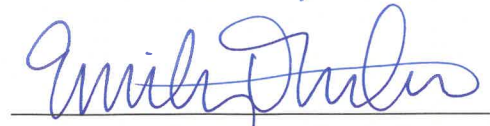
Mayor Sip adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm



Mayor – Justin Sip

10/17/24

Date



Attest: City Recorder – Emily Teaters

