

Minutes of the City Council Meeting
City Hall
Price, Utah
October 23, 2024

Present:

Mayor Kourianos

Jaci Adams, City Recorder

Councilmembers:

Miles Nelson, Public Works Director

Joe Christman

Amy Knott-Jespersen

Layne Miller

Tanner Richardson

Terry Willis

Excused: Nick Tatton, Administrative Director, Lisa Richens, Finance Director

Staff/Others: See Public Meeting Sign-In Sheet

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kourianos called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Jimmy Darter, Liberty Faith Fellowship offered a word. Mayor Kourianos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called with the above Councilmembers and staff in attendance.

3. SAFETY SECONDS

Councilmember Willis reminded everyone to not leave candles unattended and pay attention where you run extension cords.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

a. PLANNING COMMISSION (RE) APPOINTMENTS. Consideration and possible approval of the (re)appointment of Kyle Heffernan, Renee Swinburne and Richard Root to the Price City Planning and Zoning Commission for a three (3) year term each beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

MOTION.

Councilmember Christman moved to approve the (re)appointments of Kyle Heffernan, Renee Swinburne, and Richard Root to the Price City Planning and Zoning Commission for a three (3) year term each beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. Councilmember Knott-Jespersen seconded and motion carried.

b. SWEARING IN. Jaci Adams, City Recorder will be swearing in the reappointments of Kyle Heffernan, Richard Root, and Renee Swinburne to the Price City Planning and Zoning Commission.

Kyle Heffernan, being the only reappointed Planning and Zoning Commissioner in attendance, was sworn in by Jaci Adams, City Recorder.

c. PUBLIC HEARING WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES PROJECT: DESIGN PHASE. A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Project: Design Phase. The system upgrades are needed to meet the latest state and federal requirements for water quality, as well as to be able to meet future system demand. Estimated design engineering cost = \$4,269,000.00. Potential funding sources include grants and loans from the Permanent Community Impact Board (CIB) and the State Division of Drinking Water.

MOTION.

Mayor Kourianos asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing. Councilmember Willis moved to open the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m. Councilmember Richardson seconded and motion carried. Miles Nelson, Public Works Director reviewed the anticipated Water Treatment Plant upgrade project and the reasons it is needed.

Price City recently utilized two professional engineering firms to conduct studies of two components of the City's water system. One study analysed the potential need to replace the City's aging and outdated Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The other study analyzed the condition of the City's spring water transmission line. The two studies were jointly funded by the Permanent Community Impact Board (CIB) and the Division of Drinking Water (DDW), along with a local match from Price City. The results of the study of the spring water transmission line concluded that the oldest sections of the transmission line are currently leaking and are at risk of a more catastrophic failure within the next 1-2 years. The WTP study determined that a complete overhaul of the facility is needed. This facility is critical infrastructure and is the primary means to deliver a sufficient quantity of clean, safe drinking water to the residents of Price City. In order to address the replacement of the failing sections of the transmission line, the line will need to be taken off line for an extended period in order to replace them. The problem with taking the transmission line off line is that it provides more than half of the City's drinking water supply.

The proposed solution to taking the spring water transmission pipe offline is to proceed with the upgrade to the WTP. The project cost has initially been estimated at over \$42 Million. Price City has made the decision to move forward with the design phase in order to obtain a more detailed estimate for the project before seeking funding for construction.

The estimated cost of the design engineering phase is \$4,269,000.00 or approximately 10% of the construction cost. Price City has applied for funding assistance with the design portion of

the project from both the DDW and the CIB at \$2 Million each. Although grant funding has been requested for the project, it is likely that a significant portion of the potential funding could be in the form of interest bearing loans. The City is also reviewing its current water rates with assistance from Rural Water Association of Utah and will likely need to raise these rates in order to service the debt payments on the loans.

Price City and the surrounding communities in Carbon County have seen a significant shift downward in total employment in the energy industry in recent years. With a local tax base that continues to be fairly stagnant as compared to the average for the State of Utah. Local resources are limited for funding the cost of the design and construction phases of the project. Securing the City's water supply for the future is vital to the City's efforts to grow local capacity and to become a more self-reliant community.

MOTION.

Since no further public comment was discussed or reported, Mayor Kourianos asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Willis moved to close the Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Miller seconded and motion carried.

d. WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES: DESIGN PHASE. Consideration and possible approval of the design phase of the project, including seeking grant and loan funding from the Permanent Community Impact Board (CIB) and the Division of Drinking Water. Estimated design engineering cost = 4,269,000.00.

MOTION.

Councilmember Willis moved to approve the design phase of the project, including seeking grant and loan funding from the Permanent Community Impact Board (CIB) and the Division of Drinking Water. Councilmember Christman seconded and motion carried.

e. QUALITY LIBRARY MONTH. Mayor Kourianos to declare the month of November as Quality Library month, Layne Miller.

Councilmember Miller reported that for the first time ever, the Price City Library received status from the State of Utah as being a quality library. Councilmember Miller would like to recognize November as Quality Library month and recognize the library staff next month.

MOTION.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve Mayor Kourianos to declare the month of November as Quality Library. Councilmember Christman seconded and motion carried.

f. CARBON TICKET SERVICE AGREEMENT. Consideration and possible approval to outline the arrangement under which Carbon Ticket will provide a platform and associated services for the Client beginning with the December Christmas Concert and including any events Price City will host that will require paid tickets.

MOTION.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the arrangement under which Carbon Ticket will provide a platform and associated services for the Client beginning with the December Christmas Concert and include any events Price City will host that will require paid tickets. Councilmember Knott-Jespersen seconded and motion carried.

g. PROCLAMATION/ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM. Consideration and possible approval for Mayor Kourianos to proclaim October 23-31, 2024 as Red Ribbon Week for the Elks Drug Awareness Program.

MOTION.

Councilmember Christman moved to approve Mayor Kourianos to proclaim October 23-31, 2024 as Red Ribbon Week for the Elks Drug Awareness Program. Councilmember Richardson seconded and motion carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA**MOTION.**

Councilmember Christman moved to approve consent agenda items a. thru e. Councilmember Miller seconded and motion carried.

a. MINUTES for 10-09-2024 City Council Workshop & City Council.

b. APPOINTMENT OF CITY TREASURER. Consideration and possible approval of ratification of the appointment of Nick Tatton as interim City Treasurer until such time as a permanent City Treasurer is recruited and appointed.

c. COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH MAVERICK: ROSE AVE RECONSTRUCT. Consideration and possible approval of a cost share agreement to reconstruct one block of Rose Avenue below 600 South. Cost of project will be split 50-50 between the two parties at a cost of 22,848.13 each.

d. TRAVEL REQUEST. Miles Nelson, Joint Highway Committee, November 11-12, 2024, Bryce Canyon, UT.

e. BUSINESS LICENSES. Utah Foster Care Foundation at 475 W Price River Dr. for Utah Foster Care. Mindful Pathway Therapy and Counseling at 595 E Main St. for Donna Motte.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brandon Ratcliffe, Price City employee, had concerns regarding consent agenda item 5.b. and Nick Tatton, Price City Administrative Director serving as interim City Treasurer until filled. His concern being "he already wears too many hats" and has too many responsibilities on his plate. Yvonne Davis, Price City resident has concerns with a clogged ditch behind her property. Reverend Dr. Connie Hillenbrand, Price resident and business owner introduced herself and

services she offers as a Metaphysical Counselor located at the Business Technical Assistance Center (BTAC).

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed or reported.

Mayor Kourianos asked for a motion to close the regular City Council meeting.

Councilmember Willis moved to close the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Christman seconded and motion carried.

The regular City Council meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Michael Kourianos, Mayor

Jaci Adams, City Recorder