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**City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Council Chambers, Room No. 140
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.
Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chair Curt Cochran
Council Vice Chair Meredith Harker
Council Member Anna Barbieri
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Robert Knudsen

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst. City Administrator
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Kris Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, Unified Fire Captain
Stephanie Shelman, Deputy City Attorney
Ben White, City Engineer

Excused: Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney

Others Present: Kenneth Green, Alexis Wilden and Gordon Willardson

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Curt Cochran conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:02 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

1. Review Agenda

Chair Cochran reviewed the agenda and mentioned that Taylorsville High principal Mark Ellermeier was very proud of the THS cross country teams who would be recognized during the regular meeting.

The Chair also explained that students at Eisenhower Jr. High School would be attempting to beat the world record for the longest human conveyor belt the following Friday. Elected officials had been invited to witness the fun event at 12:30 that day.

2. Adjourn

Chair Cochran declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Others Present: Ken Donarski, John E. Gidney, Kenneth Green, Lynn Handy, Karina McLellan, Rosie Ortega, Dean Paynter, Jared Smith, Gus Summers, Gordon Willardson, and Alexis Wilden

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – Council Member Burgess (Opening Ceremonies for November 20, 2024 to be arranged by Chair Cochran)

Council Member Harker directed the Pledge of Allegiance before offering a prayer.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson mentioned how busy city hall had been the previous day as Taylorsville residents cast their ballots on election day. She was grateful that so many people had taken the time to vote.

89 A ribbon-cutting had been held for Ulta Beauty which had opened a new location at 5400 South
90 Redwood Road. Mayor Overson appreciated ChamberWest for their support of Taylorsville
91 businesses and also wished to thank Brittany Kempff for coordinating the event.

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93 Granite School District had recently met to discuss a long-range plan to remodel Taylorsville High
94 School. She appreciated the district reaching out to the city and seeking their input.

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96 The Mayor had recently attended the last Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) meeting to be held
97 before the legislative session began in January. City leaders would soon be meeting with local
98 legislators to discuss priorities for the upcoming session. She stressed how critical it was to foster
99 good working relationships with these individuals and others.

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101 Mayor Overson explained that elected officials, members of the Community Advisory Board and
102 some staff members had recently participated in virtual weapons training thanks to TVPD and the
103 Attorney General's office. She described it as a "very eye-opening experience" which had
104 reaffirmed how important our police officers were to the community.

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106 At a Unified Fire Awards ceremony, she enjoyed seeing Tom Smolka be recognized for his 50-
107 year career with Unified Fire. Additionally, Station No. 118 was awarded a unit citation for its
108 response to a tragic event that had taken place in Taylorsville the previous November.

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110 An Evening of Art event had recently been held featuring local artists Tom Howard and Miles
111 Howell. It was a well-attended event, and she appreciated the artists' time as they described their
112 artistic process and even provided artwork to be raffled off. Associated funds went towards the
113 *Plaza+Art program*.

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115 The ZAP initiative passed after yesterday's election which provided funds for area zoo, arts and
116 parks. Taylorsville was awarded \$22,900 to go towards various artistic events and programs in
117 the city. Taylorsville had also applied for \$2 million in Tourism, Recreation, Culture & Convention
118 (TRCC) grant funds and was awarded \$1.5 million. The application team had worked diligently on
119 these grant proposals which would help fund Taylorsville Park improvements, Centennial Plaza
120 events and many other city projects.

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122 Speaking of Taylorsville Park, Mayor Overson explained that those improvements would not be
123 complete until the following year since the ground material for the playground could not be poured
124 until the spring. However, the skate park and basketball courts were finished but also could not
125 be used until spring since the landscaping would not be in place until then. It was possible that
126 the area might be fenced which would allow it to be used in the meantime.

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128 The green lights in place at city hall were in support of Operation Green Light which
129 commemorated the service of veterans and their families. The Wreaths Across America program
130 would be collecting donations again this year in order to see that a fresh wreath could be placed
131 at the grave of every veteran interred at the Taylorsville Cemetery.

Taylorsville's annual tree lighting event would be held on Monday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. while Saturday with Santa would take place on December 6th at the Taylorsville-Bennion Museum.

1.2.1 Taylorsville High School Cross Country Team Recognition

 Mayor Overson stated she was very excited to help congratulate the Taylorsville High School cross country teams for the following accomplishments:

Girls Cross Country Team Accomplishments

1st region championship in THS history
3rd highest finish in school history at the State meet

Boys Cross Country Team Accomplishments

Winner of the competitive Border Wars
2nd Place at the Bob Firman Invitational
4th consecutive region championship with a perfect score
Took the State championship for the first time in THS history
Ranked 24th best team in the entire nation

The students involved in the State championship were:

- Jonah Andrews
- Cole Jameson
- Kai Makowski
- Madden Moore
- Kyle Nelson
- Andreas Rodriguez
- Edward Stout
- Elliot Stout
- Jack Winward

1.3 Citizen Comments

 Chair Cochran invited any member of the audience to step forward and address the Council on the topic of his/her choice.

Alexis Wilden spoke about an issue her neighborhood was having with rats which she felt was due to construction at the Summit Vista project. She indicated that they were initially able to handle the problem but that it had gotten out of control. The rodents made nightly appearances on their ring cameras and although community members had contacted an extermination company, there were just too many. She also expressed concern about using poison to get rid of the rats since there were pets and children to consider. Ms. Wilden feared the rodents would make their way inside of homes as the weather cooled.

Jody James asked that the city and Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling consider distributing paper leaf bags instead of the plastic ones currently being offered, explaining that they would be better ecologically.

There was no one else who expressed a desire to speak, so Chair Cochran closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments on the agenda.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Unified Fire Authority Report – Captain Richard Rich

 UFA Captain Richard Rich presented his report for Q3 which was typically the busiest quarter of the year. They had a very busy fire season during the summer, with three structure fires in Taylorsville alone. Some Taylorsville statistics of note were:

- 1,297 total incidents, 470 of which (36%) were emergent.
- 1,008 total ambulance responses, 43.5% of which came from Station No. 117 while 35.5% of them came from Station No. 118. 17.2% of the ambulances responded from Kearns Station No. 109 while the remaining 3.9% were from Millcreek, Riverton and Magna stations combined.

Captain Rich displayed a heat map showing various emergency service responses throughout the quarter. He explained that the Wildland team wrapped up their year recently after assisting with fires in California, Oregon and Nevada. UFA was in the process of getting that team qualified as a hot shot crew which was the highest level of training possible.

UFA's recruiting efforts continued. They had a recruit camp currently in session that involved fifteen candidates in their 4th week of training. He anticipated an additional camp being held the following winter and they had been able to fast-track five individuals who had been part-time UFA employees previously.

Captain Matt Hambleton's name was one of 306 from the U.S. and Canada added to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Colorado Springs, Colorado in September. Captain Hambleton had been stationed at Station No. 117 and passed away in 2023.

UFA's Annual Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. Although attendance was down slightly from previous years, there were still over 400 attendees.

Hurricane season made use of Utah Task Force One. What began as a Type 3 deployment (approximately 45 people) was soon upgraded to a full Type 1 team which involved 70 individuals. Rather than pulling each of those people from UFA rosters which became very challenging

staffing-wise, other agencies participated as well so that UFA did not have to bear the entire burden.

Captain Rich concluded his report by asking everyone to be attentive in their cooking during the upcoming holiday season. If deep-frying turkeys, it was critical to ensure that the bird was completely dry before it was placed in oil. He also stressed the importance of cooking on non-combustible surfaces, explaining that some of the worst fires were a result of these errors.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Meeting Minutes of the October 2, 2024 and October 16, 2024 City Council Meetings

MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to approve the minutes from the October 2nd and October 16, 2024 City Council meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbieri.

Council Member Barbieri	Yes
Council Member Knudsen	Yes
Council Member Burgess	Yes
Council Member Harker	Yes
Chair Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters on the agenda.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Public Hearing Receive Public Comment Regarding Needs for the Upcoming 2025-2026 Plan Year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – Ken Donarski

 Consultant Ken Donarski mentioned that this was the 50th year of the CDBG program. Tonight's public hearing was an opportunity for providers that serviced Taylorsville to point out the needs they were seeing in the community. There was an online training that applicants would need to complete by November 18th, with pre-applications due by December 13th. Eligible entities would then submit a full application. The review process would begin in January with Mayor Overson presenting her recommendations to the City Council thereafter.

Chair Cochran opened the public hearing.

Karina McLellan of Ability Inclusion Services explained that the growing demand for housing accessibility was driven by an aging population and a heightened awareness of the needs of people with disabilities. This had produced a significant shortage of ADA-compliant housing in Utah. To help address that gap, her agency had just purchased property near their community day center in West Valley, where they planned to build a 12-unit ADA-compliant residential complex. This would allow them to create more opportunities for disabled people to live independently in a supportive environment. Ms. McLellan hoped that her agency would be prioritized as she indicated that it served the Taylorsville community.

Rosie Ortega of the YMCA LIT (Leaders in Training) program addressed the City Council, explaining that their focus was on youth development, including after school programs which provided a safe and structured space for children to spend their time after school. They focused on positive reinforcement, and the program fostered a welcoming and secure environment supporting both academic and personal growth. The LIT program was designed to cultivate leadership skills in students through group activities, team projects and opportunities to mentor younger children. Program participants gained confidence, developed interpersonal skills and learned the value of responsibility and community involvement.

There was no one else who expressed a desire to speak, so Chair Cochran closed the public hearing.

7. OTHER MATTERS

There were no "other" matters on the agenda

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Council Member Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration

8.2 Council Member Knudsen – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.3 Council Member Barbieri – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 Council Member Harker – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.5 Council Chair Cochran – He reiterated that Eisenhower Jr. High would be attempting to beat the current record for the longest human conveyor belt.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS

9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

- 307 **9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**
308 **9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**
309 **9.5 Planning Commission Special Work Session – Tuesday, December 3, 2024**
310 **– 6:00 p.m.**
311 **9.6 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, December 4, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**
312 **9.7 City Council Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 4, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**
313 **9.8 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – *Canceled***

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315 **10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

316 *(For Details on Events, Visit the City's Website)*

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318 10.1 Taylorville City's Annual Tree Lighting Event: Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6pm;
319 Centennial Plaza.
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321 10.2 Taylorville Orchestra Concert: Friday, December 6, 2024 at the Mid-Valley
322 Performing Arts Center-Bennion Jr. High School
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324 10.3 "Saturday with Santa" sponsored by the Taylorville Historic Preservation
325 Committee; Saturday December 7, 2024, 2pm to 4pm at the Taylorville-Bennion
326 Heritage Museum
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328 10.4 "Wreaths Across America" sponsored by the Taylorville City Youth Council on
329 Saturday, December 14, 2024; 10am ceremony at city hall, wreath-laying at
330 Taylorville Cemetery to follow.
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332 **11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)**

333 *- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*

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335 There was no need for a closed session.
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337 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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339 **MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by**
340 **Council Member Harker.**

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342 **Council Member Burgess Yes**
343 **Council Member Harker Yes**
344 **Chair Cochran Yes**
345 **Council Member Knudsen Yes**
346 **Council Member Barbieri Yes**
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348 **The motion passed 5-0**
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351 The meeting was adjourned 7:32 p.m.

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Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

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