

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council** meeting held Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with participants present at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Clark Wilkinson

Council Members  
Cheylynn Hayman  
Robyn Mecham  
Brian Plummer  
Gina Hirst  
Spencer Summerhays

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brant Hanson, City Manager  
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder  
Nate Plaizier, Finance Director  
Mike Eggett, Community Development Director  
Mike Carlson, Public Works Director  
Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director  
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director  
Haley Turner, Community Services Manager  
Allen Ackerson, Centerville Police Chief  
Sydney DeWees, Planner

**VISITORS**

Logan Taggart, Rocky Mountain Power  
Interested citizens

**PRAYER OR THOUGHT**

Councilmember Brian Plummer

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPEN SESSION**

Roger Barrus, Centerville resident, thanked the Council and staff for responding to a parking and safety issue near his home.

Dale McIntyre, Centerville resident, shared the historical evolution of Centerville's name, and emphasized that he considers the community a village, and would oppose the idea of removing the "ville" from Centerville.

Kyle Green, Centerville resident, expressed concern about safety in a new development off 400 East and Parrish Lane, where drivers are using the road as a shortcut, often bypassing stop signs and ignoring crosswalks. He warned that this could lead to a dangerous incident involving children and called for action, such as traffic calming measures, to improve safety in the area.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER GRANT PRESENTATION**

Logan Taggart from Rocky Mountain Power presented the City with a \$2,500 grant from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation. Community Services Manager Haley Turner shared that the funds will be used to establish an intermediate-level youth archery program.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT – BODY ART  
STUDIO/TATTOO ESTABLISHMENT – CZC 12.12.040 (DEFINITIONS) AND 12.36.040  
(TABLE OF USES FOR COMMERCIAL USES)**

Community Development Director Mike Eggett overviewed the proposed request to amend zoning ordinances concerning body art studios (tattoo establishments). The requested changes involved adding definitions, modifying terminology from 'tattoo establishment' to 'body art studio,' and permitting its operation in all commercial zones.

The applicant, Nicole Hutchins, addressed the council noting the cultural and artistic value of fine-line tattoos, drawing attention to inclusion and diversity aspects. Hutchins articulated the precise request to classify fine-line tattooing under the personal services code, which would find compatibility with existing zoning arrangements.

Mayor Wilkinson opened a public hearing for this item.

Debbie Randall, Centerville resident, expressed gratitude for Centerville's community involvement, historical preservation, and well-planned development, highlighting the importance of public participation and trusting city leaders to maintain a vibrant, healthy city.

Larry Wright, Centerville resident, cautioned that approving the applicant's request could create zoning confusion, set a precedent for ordinance changes based on business needs, and potentially expose youth to unwanted businesses, and recommended that the request be denied.

Dale McIntyre, Centerville resident, shared his memories of the town's small, close-knit atmosphere and expressed concerns about the potential for a tattoo parlor to disrupt the community's hometown feeling. He recalled an unsettling experience in Ogden as a child and emphasized his discomfort with the idea of such businesses becoming part of Centerville's future.

Carrie Montoya, Centerville resident, expressed support for allowing tattoo parlors in Centerville, citing court cases that have ruled tattooing as a form of protected free speech under the First Amendment. While she doesn't personally have or like tattoos, she believes in protecting individual rights and supports permitting tattoo establishments in all commercial zones of the city.

Karen & Dale George, Centerville residents and owners of New Trends Hair Salon in Centerville for over 40 years, expressed support for allowing tattoo parlors in the city, emphasizing that their business has always upheld safety and community standards. They argued that people should be careful not to stigmatize those interested in tattoo services and stated that their salon is committed to providing a valuable service to the community.

Brooke Haag, Centerville resident, shared her personal experience with tattoos, explaining that tattoos do not indicate bad character. She emphasized that tattoos are common at the elementary school she works at, among both staff and parents. She spoke about her own tattoo, which serves as a reminder of her struggle with suicidal thoughts and a symbol of hope.

Brian Coombs, Centerville resident, shared that tattoos can have positive, personal significance, especially for those with mental health struggles. He expressed frustration of focusing on tattoos while overlooking other issues like alcohol and drug use, urging the council to recognize tattoos as legitimate art and approve tattoo businesses.

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1        Nancy Smith, Centerville resident, expressed concern about allowing a tattoo parlor in a  
2 residential area, emphasizing that zoning laws are in place to protect the character of the  
3 community and preserve the intent of Centerville's general plan. She highlighted the historical  
4 evolution of Main Street, the importance of maintaining residential areas, and the potential  
5 conflicts that could arise from placing a tattoo establishment near homes, advocating for the  
6 preservation of current zoning to align with the city's vision.

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8        Shandra Mutchie, Centerville resident, supported allowing a local tattoo business,  
9 highlighting that tattoos can serve practical medical purposes and have personal significance.  
10 She advocated for open dialogue with children about tattoos, stressed the importance of  
11 progressing beyond outdated traditions, and suggested that zoning concerns should be  
12 scrutinized with a forward-looking perspective.

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14        Cindy Garlick, Centerville resident, shared her gratitude for a tattoo artist who helped her  
15 feel whole after losing her hair to chemotherapy. However, she argued that the issue is not about  
16 First Amendment rights but rather about preserving the city's character, expressing concern that  
17 allowing fine line tattoos might lead to further demands that could change the community.

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19        Libby Dibb, Centerville resident, expressed concerns about rezoning for a tattoo business,  
20 referencing past zoning decisions that did not yield the intended outcomes. She argued that the  
21 city's Main Street should remain family-friendly, given its proximity to schools, and that adult-  
22 oriented businesses like tattoo parlors would be better suited to high commercial zones rather  
23 than community-centered areas.

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25        Bonnie McCauley, Centerville resident, appreciated learning about tattoos' significance  
26 but emphasized that the issue is not tattoos themselves. She instead argued the decision should  
27 focus on whether rezoning for a tattoo business aligns with Centerville's Main Street character.

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29        Kyle Green, Centerville resident, argued that allowing a tattoo business on Main Street is  
30 a zoning issue, not about tattoos themselves. He suggested that if such businesses are wanted,  
31 the city should establish designated zones rather than changing existing ones piecemeal.

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33        Todd Light, Bountiful resident, argued that the discussion on fine line tattooing shouldn't  
34 use zoning as an excuse for personal beliefs. He noted that those seeking these tattoos are often  
35 professionals like teachers and role models, not the "riffraff" some may fear. He urged the council  
36 to consider the positive economic impact and be open-minded about allowing this type of business  
37 in Centerville.

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39        Al Harrison, Centerville resident, shared how tattoos today are worn by professionals like  
40 doctors and lawyers, not just stereotypes. He explained that his tattoos tell personal stories,  
41 including tributes to his family and heritage. While not an expert in zoning, he questioned whether  
42 the council was overcomplicating the issue and urged them to consider tattoos as meaningful  
43 forms of expression.

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45        Don McCauley, Centerville resident, questioned the need to change zoning for a tattoo  
46 business when similar services are just 7 minutes away in Bountiful. He suggested reconsidering  
47 the decision since the service is already available nearby.

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49        Paul Gapinski, Centerville resident, opposed a tattoo parlor on Main Street, citing  
50 concerns about its proximity to schools and the potential for other businesses to push zoning  
51 limits. He suggested other areas in Centerville would be more suitable for such businesses.

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1        Susan Larson, Centerville resident, questioned why fine line tattoos, like an initial, aren't  
2 allowed when facial tattoos using the same equipment are. She finds it unreasonable to make  
3 clients drive to a different location for a small tattoo.  
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5        Heather Heely, Centerville resident, expressed that the concern isn't about Nicole or her  
6 fine line tattoos, but about what opening the door could lead to. She worries about future  
7 businesses on Main Street and whether zoning could allow unwanted changes, like a body art  
8 studio in places like Maverik.  
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10       Carrie Smith, Centerville resident, advocated for further discussion before making a  
11 decision. She suggested exploring compromises, such as relocating NuTrends to a less  
12 controversial area, to support local businesses while ensuring fairness and considering the future  
13 impact of zoning changes.  
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15       Chris Plummer, Centerville resident, expressed concern about the long-term impact of  
16 zoning changes. He emphasized the need to consider how future generations might be affected  
17 and urged caution to preserve Centerville's character, avoiding unwanted developments seen in  
18 nearby areas like Bountiful or Salt Lake.  
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20       Kyle Eskelson, Centerville resident, reflected on past zoning decisions and how they  
21 shaped the community. He acknowledged concerns about zoning changes but felt they were  
22 exaggerated, particularly regarding the impact of tattooing. He expressed support for the  
23 proposed change, noting that it could benefit Nicole and her family while having minimal impact  
24 on the community.  
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26       Blair Keddington, Centerville resident, questioned the concern about tattoo parlors, noting  
27 that any future request would still require approval. He emphasized that the current proposal is  
28 only for fine-line tattoos, not a full parlor.  
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30       Debbie Randall, Centerville resident, expressed love for their siblings with tattoos, but  
31 stated that they never expected to get tattoos on Main Street in Centerville. They emphasized  
32 that it is a zoning issue, noting that other cities do not allow tattoos in their historic areas.  
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34       Vickie Hutchins, Centerville resident, supported her daughter-in-law, Nicole, who wants to  
35 continue tattooing in her licensed salon on Main Street. She argued that Nicole, a mother with  
36 local children, shouldn't have to relocate and that large tattoo parlors aren't likely to open in  
37 Centerville. She believes Nicole's small-scale tattooing fits well within her established business.  
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39       Isabelle Wetsel, Centerville resident, spoke in support of Nicole's tattooing in her existing  
40 building on Main Street. She emphasized that the business isn't flashy or disruptive and that  
41 allowing it wouldn't attract large tattoo parlors to Centerville. Isabel shared her personal  
42 perspective, noting that she wouldn't seek a tattoo sleeve in a small town, but still supports  
43 Nicole's business.  
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45       Jenny Shepard, Centerville resident, expressed support for Nicole's business,  
46 emphasizing the private, welcoming setting of the salon. She argued that concerns about  
47 inappropriate visibility were unfounded, as the space is private. Jenny urged the council to allow  
48 Nicole to make minor adjustments to her practice and continue offering valuable services in the  
49 community.  
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51       Rick Bingham, Centerville resident, questioned whether a tattoo parlor on Main Street  
52 aligns with the city's core values. He emphasized the importance of maintaining the community's  
53 family-friendly atmosphere, even though he personally loves family members with tattoos. He

1 urged the council to consider if allowing a tattoo parlor supports or challenges the values that  
2 have shaped Centerville.

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4 Mayor Wilkinson closed the public hearing.

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6 The applicant, Nicole Hutchins responded to some of the comments shared, and  
7 explained that her business already offers permanent makeup services, which involve the same  
8 equipment as fine-line tattoos. She requested that fine-line tattoos be included under the personal  
9 care services code, emphasizing that this wouldn't open the door to traditional tattoo parlors, as  
10 they would still need approval.

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12 The Council and staff engaged in thorough dialogue over zoning intricacies, the public  
13 comments received, and applicable legal constraints revolving around the permissible extent of  
14 modification to current zoning laws. Councilmember Hayman indicated the necessity of properly  
15 understanding the First Amendment ramifications before deciding code amendment changes.

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17 Councilmember Hayman **moved** to table the issue to allow staff to address the questions  
18 asked of the Community Development Director, and that staff bring the issue back for further  
19 discussion, as well as coordinating with the applicant on potential modifications that she may want  
20 the Council to consider. Councilmember Summerhays seconded the motion which passed by a  
21 unanimous vote (5-0).

#### 22 23 **COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AMENDMENTS – STORMWATER COORDINATOR**

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25 Deputy Public Works Director Dave Walker presented a proposed amendment to the  
26 compensation schedule to include a new position, Stormwater Coordinator, meant to strengthen  
27 the staff over the future periods. Mr. Walker highlighted the affirmative collaboration and research  
28 that went into proposing a satisfactory compensation level compared to similar roles in adjacent  
29 areas.

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31 Councilmember Summerhays **moved** to approve Ordinance No. 2024-17 amending the  
32 compensation schedule to add the new position and compensation range for the position of  
33 Stormwater Coordinator. Councilmember Hayman seconded the motion which passed by a  
34 unanimous vote (5-0).

#### 35 36 **SUMMARY ACTION CALENDAR**

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38 1. Parks Department Vehicle Purchase – Dump Truck Bed Attachment in the amount  
39 of \$15,000  
40 2. Bond Reduction #2 and End of Warranty for Summerhill Lane Subdivision  
41 Sidewalk Bond in the amount of \$17,082.80  
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43 Councilmember Hirst **moved** to approve the Summary Action items as listed above.  
44 Councilmember Hayman seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote (5-0).

#### 45 46 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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48 Minutes of the October 15, 2024 City Council regular session and closed sessions were  
49 reviewed. Councilmember Hirst **moved** to approve both sets of minutes, with a suggested edit.  
50 Councilmember Mecham seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

#### 51 52 **APPOINTMENTS**

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Mayor Wilkinson recommended the following appointments:

1. Allen Phelps to the Trails Committee
2. Mark Pearson to the Trails Committee
3. Matthew Layton to the Internal Audit Committee

Councilmember Hirst **moved** to approve the three appointments recommended by the Mayor. Councilmember Summerhays seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote (5-0).

### **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

- Councilmember Summerhays shared the South Davis Recreation Center approved their tentative budget.

### **MAYOR REPORT**

- Mayor Wilkinson reported on his attendance at the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management symposium.
- Mayor Wilkinson shared an invitation to the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management open house celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> year in business, which will be held November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- City Manager Brant Hanson said that the City opened bids for the water tank reservoir, and that bids came in a little higher than anticipated.
- City Manager Brant Hanson reported on efforts to establish quiet zones along the train tracks from North Salt Lake to Ogden, addressing the need for upgrades to crossing infrastructure to reduce train horn noise.

### **ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:53 pm, Councilmember Hirst **moved** to go into closed session in the Council Chambers to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and attorney-client matters privileged under Utah Code 78B-1-137 with no intent to return to open meeting. Councilmember Summerhays seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0). In attendance at the closed session: Mayor Clark Wilkinson; Councilmembers Gina Hirst, Robyn Mecham, Spencer Summerhays, and Brian Plummer; City Manager Brant Hanson; City Recorder Jennifer Robison.

Jennifer Robison  
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

11/21/2024 | 2:21 PM MST  
Date Approved

