

CLEARFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM POLICY SESSION
October 8, 2024

City Building
55 South State Street
Clearfield City, Utah

PRESIDING: Mayor Mark Shepherd

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Shepherd, Councilmember Nike Peterson, Councilmember Tim Roper, Councilmember Karece Thompson, Councilmember Megan Ratchford, Councilmember Dakota Wurth

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager JJ Allen, City Attorney Stuart Williams, Police Chief Kelly Bennett, Community Development Director Spencer Brimley, City Clerk Nancy Dean, Public Works Director Adam Favero, Communications Manager Shaundra Rushton

VISITORS: Vern Phipps

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Councilmember Ratchford led the opening ceremonies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 23, 2024 – work retreat minutes

Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the August 23, 2024 work retreat minutes, seconded by Councilmember Wurth.

RESULT: **Passed [5 TO 0]**

YES: Councilmember Peterson, Councilmember Roper, Councilmember Thompson, Councilmember Ratchford, Councilmember Wurth

NO: None

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION, AQUATICS AND/OR TRAILS (PARAT) TAX

Mayor Shepherd declared the public hearing open at 7:13 p.m.

ARGUMENT FOR

Vern Phipps, resident, spoke in favor of the PARAT Tax. He pointed out that it was not a tax increase and that a typical resident would not be impacted. He said it was one penny on one dollar. He stated that it was not only paid by residents but others buying in Clearfield as well. He said his new understanding was that the tax did not apply to unprocessed foods which

lessened the impact. He believed the benefit was substantial and that the City had been able to do amazing things for the residents of Clearfield over the last ten years with PARAT Tax revenue. He gave an example of the pickleball courts that would not have been constructed without PARAT Tax revenues. He said he anticipated there would be other great opportunities to make an impact on the lifestyle and culture for the residents of the City.

ARGUMENTS OPPOSED

No arguments against the proposition were offered.

Councilmember Thompson moved to close the public hearing at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Peterson.

RESULT: Passed [5 TO 0]

YES: Councilmember Peterson, Councilmember Roper, Councilmember Thompson, Councilmember Ratchford, Councilmember Wurth

NO: None

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shepherd

- He spoke in Salt Lake County about housing for the aging and offered information about senior income and housing challenges.
- Informed the Council that on October 12, 2024 at the American Legion 11:00 a.m. there would be a Flag Retirement Ceremony.
- He announced the need for a volunteer to be at the American Legion on November 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. for their Veterans Day Commemoration.
- He announced he would be out of town October 22, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL'S REPORTS

Councilmember Peterson

- She expressed her appreciation to North Davis Fire District for the Fire Safety Open House.
- She shouted out to the NDFD Board members and mentioned the amount of appreciation expressed by the employees for the new building in Clearfield.
- She announced that Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Clearfield High School, "Community Show Some Love" to blitz the weeds in the area by the stadium.
- She announced she would be out of town at WasteCon in Dallas, Texas on October 22, 2024

Councilmember Thompson

- Nothing to report

Councilmember Ratchford

- She attended an Open House at North Davis Fire District Station #41 in West Point and was impressed with all the displays and activities.
- She attended an event at Hill Air Force Base where information about funding and operations was discussed.

Councilmember Wurth

- He was commemorating the opening of the Utah Hockey Club and was proud to see the ownership engage with Hill Air Force Base in having the Jazz host a scrimmage at the base and the Air Force Fly Over for the game.

Councilmember Roper

- With the upcoming holiday season Open Doors was anticipating there would be a lot of people in need. Open Doors was currently about 300 turkeys short. They would hold some events to receive collections. Upcoming Thankful Tuesday events: Beto's October 22, 2024 and Texas Roadhouse November 12, 2024.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

JJ Allen, City Manager

- Spencer Brimley and he attended the ICMA conference and appreciated the support of the Council for professional development.
- Tomorrow was the second round of interviews to fill the Community Development Director vacancy.
- He announced a couple of Fall events
 - Monday, October 14, 2024 Pumpkin Float 6:00 p.m. at Steed Pond
 - Saturday, October 19, 2024 Howl-oween at the Dog Park
 - Friday, October 25, 2024 Boonanza at the Aquatic Center.

STAFF REPORTS

Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder

- No meeting next week
- Next meeting October 22, 2024

Councilmember Wurth moved to adjourn and reconvene in the work session at 7:29 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

RESULT: Passed [5 TO 0]

YES: Councilmember Peterson, Councilmember Roper, Councilmember Thompson, Councilmember Ratchford, Councilmember Wurth

NO: None

APPROVED AND ADOPTED
This 26th day of November 2024

/s/ Mark R. Shepherd, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder

I hereby certify that the forgoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Clearfield City Council meeting held Tuesday, October 08, 2024.

/s/ Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder