

**IVINS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2024**

NOTICE: This meeting was held electronically and in person. City Hall was the anchor location for the electronic meeting. You may watch the audio and video feed by going to www.ivinsutah.gov under “City Council” on the right of the home page and selecting “Audio”.

1) WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. and announced there was a quorum present. **Mayor Pro Tem Scott** called the meeting to order.

All present included Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Council Member Smith, Council Member Barton, and Council Member Gillespie.

STAFF: City Manager Dale Coulam, Police Chief Jaron Studley, Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Haycock, City Attorney Bryan Pack, and City Recorder Kari D. Jimenez.

EXCUSED: Council Member Anderson

A. Acknowledgement of Quorum

Mayor Pro Tem Scott acknowledged there was a Quorum present. Mayor Hart was in attendance at a Colorado River Water Users Conference in Las Vegas and excused tonight. Council Member Anderson was also excused.

B. Flag Salute

Council Member Smith led the Flag Salute

C. Invocation

Council Member Smith gave the Invocation

D. Disclosures

There were no disclosures or conflicts of interest with items on this meeting's agenda.

2) REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. * REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA: Santa Clara Ivins Public Safety and Fire Departments Life Saving Award for Officers and EMTs

B. Report by Washington County Solid Waste District

Cheyne McDonald reported that he has served as Ivins voice on the Solid Waste District for the past 15 years. There is ongoing construction and the upcoming opening of the first two phases of upgrades, which will improve traffic flow and scale systems, with plans to complete a third-phase that includes a convenience center. He noted a contractual increase in waste removal costs starting next year but emphasized that Ivins residents benefit from the lowest rates in the State. There was a question regarding why recycling is more expensive. Cheyne McDonald indicated that is more expensive because it generates no direct revenue, involves costly labor, and requires transporting materials to Las Vegas. However, recycling extends the landfill's lifespan, which offsets costs since landfills must be maintained for 50 years after closure. Regarding recycling opt-out options, residents were automatically opted into recycling after the City decided to proceed without offering further opportunities to opt out due to the cost savings when making that decision. He invited anyone to tour the landfill and recycling facility to better understand the labor-intensive recycling process.

C. Presentation of a Proclamation regarding Wreaths Across America

Mayor Pro Tem Scott read the Proclamation, a copy of which is available as an attachment to this agenda. The proclamation urge Ivins residents to remember honor and teach for those that

sacrifice to protect our freedoms. Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at Ivins City Cemetery.

MOTION: Council Member Gillespie moved to approve the Proclamation regarding Wreaths Across America

SECOND: Council Member Smith

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott	AYE
Council Member Smith	AYE
Council Member Barton	AYE
Council Member Gillespie	AYE
Council Member Anderson	ABSENT

D. Department Reports: Parks and Recreation and Public Safety

Parks and Recreation Director Marc Christensen was excused, attending to Ivins Christmas Light Parade and Santa in the Park for Ivins residents in Ivins Heritage Park. An electronic report was provided and is available as an attachment to this agenda.

Chief Jaron Studley provided an electronic report, a copy of which is available as an attachment to this agenda. There have been a number of activities and achievements within the police department and community, including a burglary in Santa Clara, where the suspect entered homes while residents were present but was resolved when the individual was apprehended in St. George after attempting similar crimes. Training highlights included firearms practice, advanced field training certification for Officer Pikyavit, and leadership and active shooter management courses for supervisors. They have ongoing professional development, with supervisors attending leadership schools and plans for staff to share impactful lessons during upcoming training sessions. Officer Brown and Officer Heath completed emergency vehicle operations training, and the Chief participated in a mid-year conference for police chiefs, sharing valuable insights with local jurisdictions. Community engagement was strong, with officers supporting events like the Halloween bash, concerts, and Red Ribbon Week. Sergeant Bate was commended for her impactful presentation at the Women's Leadership Conference, where she inspired attendees by sharing her journey in law enforcement. The department handled 435 calls, with 251 occurring in Ivins City. The chief expressed gratitude for the team's hard work.

E. Planning Commission Report

The Planning Commission discussed the Hidden Springs RV Conditional Use Permit and approval the Planning Commission Meeting Schedule Dates for Calendar Year 2025. There will be Public Hearings before the Planning Commission at the next Planning Commission meeting regarding the Hidden Springs RV Resort as well as the Moderate Income Housing Plan, both of which will move forward to the City Council after the Planning Commission meeting.

3) CITIZEN COMMENT & REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

4) PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS - None

5) DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion regarding the Moderate Income Housing Plan/Report

The Planning Commission and City Council will hold back-to-back public hearings on upcoming ordinance updates to the Moderate Income Housing Plan. The most notable changes involve the accessory structure and ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units) ordinance, adjustments to the land use plan dates, and clarifications requested by the State. A significant update includes specifying that impact fees for detached ADUs will not be charged, which aligns with recent impact fee reports. Efforts were made to align ordinance language with the Moderate Income Housing Plan by

mirroring the State's terminology and goals. This clarity allows for the preparation of a final detailed report that addresses State feedback, emphasizing actionable specifics such as timelines and methods. These revisions should satisfy state requirements. The process, although lengthy, reflects thorough collaboration and a commitment to meeting state expectations.

6) CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of City Council Work Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2024

B. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2024

MOTION: Council Member Gillespie moved to approve the Consent Agenda

SECOND: Council Member Barton

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott	AYE
Council Member Smith	AYE
Council Member Barton	AYE
Council Member Gillespie	AYE
Council Member Anderson	ABSENT

7) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

8) REPORTS

A. Council

Council Member Gillespie and Marc Christensen met with SHAC (Sand Hollow Aquatic Center) members from the City of St. George, Santa Clara, and Ivins to discuss the SHAC invoice of \$48,000, which is consistent with previous years. While she has not been a strong supporter of SHAC in the past, she was impressed with St. George's plans to reduce their operating expenses and annual deficit, which is fairly divided among the cities based on usage. The City of St. George also absorbs all capital improvement costs, which is a significant benefit. They discussed improving marketing strategies to increase awareness and usage by Ivins residents. Currently, schools are not charged for access due to a reciprocal arrangement for gym use, but that may be revisited in the future. She also advocated for Ivins City employees to have free access to SHAC, as St. George employees currently do. She and Marc Christensen also discussed moving Ivins' free swim day from Heritage Days to another date to better promote resident participation. We proposed making it a community event, potentially involving the Youth Council and Parks and Recreation, with activities like a citywide barbecue to boost engagement. The SHAC agreement is in perpetuity and unlikely to change, so Ivins City is looking to maximize its benefits over the next year while closely monitoring progress and re-evaluating its effectiveness in the future. She reminded the City Council Wreaths Across America will be held on Saturday, December 14th at the Ivins City Cemetery.

Council Member Barton reported that Tuesday, December 17th will be an appreciation luncheon for City Staff that will start at noon in the City Council Chambers.

There were no other reports.

B. Mayor

Excused - no report

C. City Attorney Bryan Pack

No report

D. City Manager Dale Coulam

Dale Coulam thanked the Council for recognizing and remembering staff.

E. Items to be placed on future agendas

9) CLOSED MEETING - None

10) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Barton moved to adjourn

SECOND: Council Member Smith

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott	AYE
Council Member Smith	AYE
Council Member Barton	AYE
Council Member Gillespie	AYE
Council Member Anderson	ABSENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully,

Kari D. Jimenez, MMC
Ivins City Recorder