

COUNCIL MINUTES
August 26, 2026

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Steve Nelson; Councilmembers: Robert Cox; Waldo D. Galan; R. Scott Phillips; Phil E. Schmidt; Carter Wilkey.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Randall McUne; City Recorder Amber Ray; City Engineer Kent Fugal; Senior Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Jeff Lennert

OTHERS PRESENT: Wesley Curtis, Ann Clark, Jennifer Hunter, Tom Jett, Tonya Payne, Bill Payne, Bruce Johnson, Brandon DeHart, Olivia DeHart

CALL TO ORDER: Councilmember Wilkey gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Amber Ray.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the agenda order; Councilmember Cox seconds; vote unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA: (1) APPROVE MINUTES DATED AUGUST 5TH AND 12TH, 2026 (2) RATIFY BILLS DATED AUGUST 12TH AND 13TH, 2026 (3) APPROVE BID FROM BRADSHAW CHEVROLET FOR \$54,590.25 FOR WORK TRUCK. RANDY CLOVE (4)APPROVE BID FROM BRADSHAW CHEVROLET FOR \$111,776.75 FOR 2 WORK TRUCKS. MATT BAKER (5) APPROVE BID FROM DITCH WITCH OF THE ROCKIES FOR \$53,323.55 FOR HYDRO EXCAVATION TRAILER. MATT BAKER (6) APPROVE GSA LEASE AMENDMENT #DFC26. TYLER GALETKA (7) APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE BIKE PARK AND PUMP TRACK PROJECT. SHANE JOHNSON

Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the consent agenda as written above, seconded by Councilmember Cox; vote unanimous.

(8) CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR WATER METERS. MATT BAKER Matt: No changes.

Councilmember Cox moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Councilmember Schmidt; vote as follows:

AYE: 5

NAY: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

(9)CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR A BID FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION STUDY. JONATHAN STATHIS Jonathan: Statement on behalf of review committee: *The review committee for the proposals consisted of 5 City staff members. The proposals were reviewed and scored according to the criteria set forth in the Request for Proposals. Stantec's proposal contained the full scope of work including the required sampling, data collection, model calibration, and alternatives analysis. Carollo's proposal included a lower cost approach with a reduced scope of work by proposing to use available data, an existing model,*

and previous experience in evaluating alternatives. The City's proposal process includes an opportunity to ask questions and get clarification prior to the proposal deadline. When questions are asked, the City can then issue an Addendum, if needed, to all of the consultants. There was one Addendum issued, but it didn't address scope changes regarding eliminating the sampling and foregoing the model calibration. The Addendum process is important because it ensures that all consultants are submitting a proposal that allows the City to do an "apples to apples" comparison. Based on the results of the committee's review, one of the reasons Stantec received a higher score was because their proposal included all of the tasks needed to perform the required scope of work. Stantec's proposed number of work hours appeared to match the required effort to complete the study based on the scope. In addition, the plant operations staff feel that it is important to obtain current sampling information to make sure that the most complete and current set of data is being used to calibrate the model and complete the study. The results of this study will guide the implementation of new infrastructure projects at the plant for years to come which could cost tens of millions of dollars. Even with Stantec's higher fee, the cost of this study is a very small percentage of the costs that will be needed in the future. The City's standard agreement states that the fee is a "not-to-exceed" amount with the City only paying for invoiced costs expended. We appreciate the City Council's consideration of the committee's scoring of the proposals. I wanted to read that and just reiterate that the committee's recommendation was to award the proposal to Stantec.

Cox: Carollo responded to some of the concerns that were expressed last council meeting, did that response alleviate some of your original concerns? **Jonathan:** We're still concerned about getting the current sampling. **Cox:** Don't you have the samples, and we provide that data? **Jonathan:** We do have some of the data. I'd defer to the plant operators to address that. Based on discussions with the plant operators, there is some data that we don't currently have that we would need to get during the process. **Cox:** Is it a two-and-a-half, three-month turnaround like they suggested in the email response? **Jonathan:** I don't know the answer to that. **Wilkey:** When we say samples, are we talking volume samples? Parts per million samples? **Jeff Lennert:** It depends on what samples they want, and how frequent they want them. Mr. Ashcroft is here. **Phillips:** Didn't we specify that in our RFP of what samples we were looking for as we look to expand the treatment plant? **Jeff:** We didn't. I don't recall anything about specific samples. They're generally going to tell us what samples they want for their plan. **Cox:** We're saying that we're concerned about samples and we didn't include that in the RFP of what sample? Help me understand this. **Jeff:** You have to use the samples to profile the current plant and its operation. You can't use data from 10 years ago to build the model of how the plant is running now. **Phillips:** But we do know how much went through the plant 10 years ago and the amount of solid waste and all that stuff. We take a log every single day, do we not, of what goes through the plant? So that information is current, it's up to date, correct? **Jeff:** Our information is current and up to date. But they may ask for samples that we don't run, like phosphorus or maybe more frequently, metals. I don't know what they would ask for. **Cox:** How long do those take to obtain? **Jeff:** Within weeks. It depends. If you wanted a three-month set of samples, it would take you three months. There's a number of samples we can't do in our lab because we're not certified to do them. We send them to ChemTech Ford. When we do that, you're looking at one to two weeks return time. Usually a week. **Phillips:** Does this study allow us to look at new technology, new methods? There was a discussion about satellite wastewater treatment facilities. If we're looking to expand over the next 50 years, we need to look at all technologies. **Jeff:** My understanding was, yes, they are going to look at all of those options. Is that correct? **Schmidt:** The volume is really not a sample that really matters a whole lot. It's the makeup of what is in the fluids that are coming in and out of the plant. We can't test all of them. **Jeff:** Honestly, we don't know what they're going to need. We have the basics: biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, chlorine residual, things like that. We have that. Generally,

there are things outside of our normal samples that they will ask for. **Mayor:** If the RFP just said, "You're going to tell us what samples you need," why would we believe that both of them would not do that? **Jeff:** I don't know. **Mayor:** We're basing a lot on that question. **Schmidt:** I was reading Carollo's statements that they put out. On number one, it said the points we were making in the proposal were that first, we have a model for the city's process already developed, so we do not have to do this again. And secondly, it generally takes a long time to collect a meaningful set of samples, say a month's worth, and have those sent to the lab and get the results. This can take up to one and a half to two months when we only have three months to do the whole plan. We believe there is not time to do meaningful new sampling, so we propose to use your most recent plant process data the city already has in our modeling and analysis. This will reduce cost and, more importantly, allow us to meet the schedule. So right now, it seems to me like Carollo's basing on what the plant was when Carollo was last at our plant. **Jeff:** 2015 is when the upgrade finished. That data was probably from 2013 or 2014. **Schmidt:** They haven't been to the plant in quite a few years. When was Stantec at our plant last? **Jeff:** Six weeks ago. They just wanted to walk around and have a look at where we were now and ask us what kind of problems we were having and things like that. **Schmidt:** I think that that's pretty important, the relationship that you guys have. Nothing against Carollo, but if we're going to do this, we need to have current information. **Cox:** I don't think they're suggesting they're going to use old information to have a new study. I think what they're saying is they're going to use the knowledge they have and then implement it with new information. I'm getting that from the email that was sent in response to last council meeting. **Jeff:** We have to go back to the very beginning in this. We have a request for proposal. We have two proposals. One of the proposals that was given to us meets all the requirements in our request for proposal. The other one did not. That's why they were scored that way. **Cox:** Going to the rubric on the proposals, do we ever only use 10% on the cost? That's my biggest concern here is it's three times the amount. 10%, I don't know if I have ever seen one that low on a rubric for the weighting of the cost. Usually, they're 70, 80 percent, and that one was around 10. There's something different in that, maybe that's normal. **Kent:** I would say that when we're evaluating proposals for professional services, having that cost be a relatively small portion of the overall scoring is pretty typical. In fact, I would say what is more typical outside of our organization is that cost isn't a factor when you're selecting professional services. Then you negotiate the final scope and cost after you have selected the consultant. Our current process that requires that we request the cost. The cost while important, isn't as important as, "Is this consultant qualified to do the work?" All of the other categories are really getting to that issue of, "Is this someone that we can be confident can come in and accomplish this work?" That's why the cost is as low as it is. **Cox:** I understand cost not being a factor if there's life and the quality. But they've both done this same work, so I don't understand the huge disparity in the price, to be completely honest. **Wilkey:** Can you shed some light on this? It sounds like at this point in time, neither company has updated data. You've got older data. They have no data. What we're hearing is that some people are interpreting what you've said as, you're going to use the old data, and we know the other people are going to have to get new data. What's really going in your opinion? **Craig Ashcroft:** We know your plant. We designed your plant. We helped the startup and training of your operators with the plant. We know the data that you are collecting. Our proposal was not to use old data. It was to use your current data. I mentioned in my email, we really need to see the seasonal variations in your data. We need to see how much it varies seasonally, how much the concentrations vary, and how much the flows vary. We proposed to look at the last one to two years of your existing data that you have and then use that in our model for evaluating the expansion. We feel that that's adequate data. There may be more data that we want to collect going forward, like PFAS, forever chemicals. Maybe you've heard of PFAS. It's an emerging contaminant. Maybe we want to start collecting

PFAS data, but we really don't have time in three months to collect a meaningful amount of PFAS data. It can be something that can start being collected and can aid us in the future, but for the three-month study, it really won't be very meaningful. **Wilkey:** Thank you. Another question I have is a concern that was brought up. We see this across the board with all of ours when we bid things out, when there's a large price difference between the two. We always have a little bit of a worry about change orders. What are your thoughts? Are you confident in the scope of work?

Craig: We are confident, I addressed that in my email a little bit as well. We've designed several other facilities in Utah that are very similar to yours. Recently, we've done significant master plans for these agencies that have evaluated the same things that you're looking at. How can we expand? How can we use innovative new technology to maybe reduce expansion costs to get more out of the facility that we have? The fact that we've done literally three different studies for other clients that are looking at the same things that you're interested in allowed us to reduce our cost to you. As far as change orders, a fee is given for a specific scope of work. If we add to that scope of work, there needs to be consideration of, is there additional fee that's justified, or can we reduce our scope here to evaluate this over here? If there's an addition to the scope, it can result in a change order, but it's a change order that's justified. We have never gone to a client and asked for additional money when there's been no additional scope of work increase. That's not something that we ever do. We're not going to come back to you and say, "Oh, we underestimated this. We need more money to do what we told you we were going to do." We're very confident that we can do what we told you we were going to do and get it done in your schedule, which is very aggressive. **Phillips:** You've been in this business for 37 years, so in your expert opinion, what other data would we need to be looking at, do you think, if we look to expand? What is it that you think Stantec might be doing and getting that maybe you're not or vice versa? **Craig:** It really depends on if you're going to be varying your disposal alternatives. Not that long ago, we did a study for the city looking at how you could utilize your effluent. If you're looking at groundwater recharge, for example, the state of Utah has very stringent anti-degradation rules when it comes to groundwater. If you're going to put water into the ground that can contaminate the groundwater, they have very stringent regulations on that. There may be a whole different set of samples that we need to really start collecting and evaluating to design the treatment for something like that. But if you're just expanding to get additional capacity, we don't really think that there's a lot of additional sampling you need. **Phillips:** I think there is some value in looking at data collection, summer is very different than wintertime in terms of what happens at the wastewater treatment plant. I think there's some value in looking at it over a long period of time. My question is, what is the urgency in having this completed in such a short time frame? This is going to be millions of dollars to expand. We are not going to be going out to redo this expansion in the next six months. I'm just trying to understand what the urgency is on the time frame. **Jonathan:** The time frame was set forth to try to meet the budget timeline coming up in the next fiscal year. There's one project specifically that we need to find out fairly soon whether we need to move forward with it, and that's at the headworks of the plant. We also wanted to see if there's any other projects that we'd like to budget for in the upcoming fiscal year. Also, we're in the process of a rate study, and that plays into it as well, if there's some things that we need to include in the rates. **Schmidt:** Right now, it's my understanding that we are looking quite closely at utilizing this excess water that's coming off, to go to farmers' fields, to be put in ponds, to be pumped out. This is not just a plant expansion. That's not really even why we're doing this. We're doing this because, one, we have to expand, but two, we've had several conversations about piping, about putting pumps in, about getting it out, putting it on irrigation fields. I think this project entails a lot more than just plant expansion. It's to utilize and get the other building that we have on track going. **Mayor:** There's actually quite a bit that's coming down the road to this expansion. A lot of the expansion pieces for

the secondary is already being planned through the conservancy and a different process. **Schmidt:** They're planning on where it goes, but they don't have the plant. We have the plant. They're taking care of maybe pumps, maybe piping, different areas, but we have to make sure what we're sending out of the plant. **Mayor:** That's already in process with the UV equipment being added to the secondary. **Cox:** Was that included in the RFP, that we were going to do that? If it's not, then it's not comparing apples to apples. **Jonathan:** Yes there was one section to look at the Type I reuse. **Wilkey:** Did they both include they both mentioned it and said that was going to be part of their thing? **Jonathan:** I can't remember for sure. I'm pretty sure Stantec did, but I can't remember about Carollo. **Craig:** We plan on evaluating Type I reuse. **Jeff:** Stantec tied in with the firm that is doing the reuse study right now. You talked about Stantec and the data. They actually did the sewer line master plan, so they have data that's within three years, which they took from the plant and multiple places around town. **Schmidt:** Stantec does all our sewer modeling. They did our master flow plan. There hasn't been any complaints. I checked with Randy. He said everything's been going really well. Stantec's very familiar with us. The thing that I like to pay attention to is the four people that gave the points the way they did, all have a pretty close working relationship with the plant. They know the plant. They know those things, they're professionals. They've been here a long time. I think we need to listen to them. **Jeff:** They have to tie this study in with the reuse, and they have to be separate. Right now, we have a phosphorus problem where we have this continuous phosphorus loop. That needs to be taken into account because that's going to affect the reuse part of it. It all has to come together. Some changes to the plant will happen because of one study, and some will happen because of the other one. **Cox:** I don't want to discount you guys working firsthand with it, but I still think they're both similarly qualified, and one's for three times the price. It's a study. We spend so much on those. I know they need to be good, but I think based on both of their experience, they can both get the job done. Then I go back to the price. That's the big catching point for me. There's a huge difference. If we were talking about a much smaller difference, then we could have this conversation about preference or whatever. Just a few weeks ago, we gave the other contract a low bid because they were the low bid. **Schmidt:** Jonathan, on this contract, how were the contract documents written? Was it written that this would be a point-based award, or this would be a low bid award, or is this either one? What was their direction in the contract documents? **Jonathan:** In the RFP, there's a section titled Proposal Evaluation Procedures. It says the proposal shall be evaluated by Cedar City staff in accordance with the criteria described in the guidelines for preparing proposals. That's where we go through the points and review it based on the guidelines. It says final selection and approval of a consultant shall be by the city council. It's not real clear exactly other than just saying that the staff will review the proposals based on the guidelines. **Wilkey:** They have access to those guidelines, they were given the rubric? **Jonathan:** Yes. **Galan:** I understand the elephant in the room. It's the big gap between one price and the other. I'm having a really hard time reconciling the pushback from the staff that is involved in the processing and managing and the future of the plant in spite of that big delta between the two companies. This is where I'm stuck. I've had some conversations with Kent. You and I have one while we were up north last week. I've read all the documents, and I still am uncomfortable with the explanations from staff as to why they voted that way. Maybe because I don't understand it. I'm very impressed with the way you manage it to begin with, but there is this disconnect that is incredibly difficult to reconcile. **Kent:** I think this particular proposal is a good illustration of why we should be looking at the procurement of professional services differently than how we look at procurement of widgets or construction services. I think that it really should be more of a qualification-based selection, which is what the vast majority of states in this country require. Utah does not. Utah gives us the option of doing essentially a bid for professional services. Most states don't. I think this is a good illustration of where that's problematic. What I'm used to

seeing on a professional services contract is that the agency puts out a draft scope to show what it is the agency is hoping to accomplish with that. The proposers end up giving their approach to the work, what they think needs to be done, whatever innovations they feel like they can bring to the table on that, and what experience they have. A consultant is selected on that basis. Then we look at, is this the right scope? And we negotiate that scope, come up with a good scope. Once there's a scope that's agreed to, then that selected consultant can go ahead and put their hour estimates to it, and we can put our own independent estimate to it, and we negotiate that. If we can come to terms, then that's who we recommend get the job. That's the process I'm accustomed to when you're procuring professional services. In my consulting days, any client that asked for a price, we weren't interested. We did not want to be bidding our professional services. Those were proposals we would just pass on because we wanted to compete based on qualifications and then negotiate from there. Is it always something that brings about an issue like we're dealing with on this one where there's this big conflict between price and some other issues? No, it doesn't always happen, but this is a good example of how it can happen. And one reason why I think our process needs to change for acquiring professional services. That's one point I want to make. The other point I want to make is when I reviewed this, I was one of the five that reviewed these proposals. I looked at these somewhat differently, I'm finding, as we as a committee ended up meeting. As we've met subsequent to that initial meeting, I realized I had a little bit different view on some of this than some of the others did. In my scoring, when you look at all of the other lines in the matrix, I had one firm a little higher on one line, the other on another. But you take out the cost line, I had them dead even, essentially, that I felt like both of these firms are well qualified to do the work. The difference to me was that cost line. That's why my bottom line score had Carollo ahead of Stantec. The other four reviewers saw it differently. The other four reviewers saw the scope of work that was included from the city in the RFP as being more absolute than I did. I looked at it. I took what Carollo had presented, in my mind, that was very valid, what they were saying. I could see when Craig sent his email with his explanations on those different points, that's exactly how I read the proposal. That wasn't anything new to me. That was exactly how I read the proposal, and I scored it accordingly. However, I will say I'm one of five reviewers. I have a lot of respect for the process of the evaluation team doing what they do. I have a lot of respect for the opinions of the other reviewers. As I told Councilmember Galan, I can certainly support the overall recommendation. I was part of the team. The team did make a recommendation to go with Stantec. I can support that. My own review would have gone the other way. **Galan:** I appreciate the explanation again of how the process should work. I think as a team, we ought to consider that seriously and begin to take steps to change how we contract on the professional services. Having said that, there was a portion of the evaluation that measured the qualifications of both parties, if I understand it correctly. While the process is different, the evaluation took place. I think your proposal in terms of how we should go forward will provide even more clarity to the process and probably more sanity at the end. It's a different discussion. It's a different process to evaluate. It's much more robust and focused on critical skills and knowledge and experience and so forth, which is what we want. I'm still at a loss. **Mayor:** Are we able to pivot to that process in this situation? **Randall:** You need to stick with the process that you put the bids out for. **Paul:** Whether you're going to change your overall purchasing process to move to a different system shouldn't be a consideration now. There's a whole other side of the conversation that needs to be interjected besides the engineer's opinion that we just look at qualifications and forget about cost. The FAA does that. And every time they bring a contract in here, we think they're nuts. That has to be part of broader conversation. To award this contract, please don't venture off into that.

Councilmember Wilkey moved to approve the bid for Carollo, seconded by Councilmember Cox; Councilmember Phillips, yea; Councilmember Galan and Schmidt, nay.

(10) CONSIDER DISPOSAL OF CITY PROPERTY AND EASEMENT TO UDOT FOR THE SOUTH INTERCHANGE PROJECT. PAUL BITTMENN **Paul:** No changes. The offers are still the same. The piece by Costa Vida, and Maverik on South Main

Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the disposal of city property and easement with the provision that the funds of that sale be set aside to cover any unanticipated costs associated with the south interchange project that the city would be responsible for; seconded by Councilmember Galan; vote unanimous.

(11) CONSIDER AN UPSIZING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BZI INNOVATION PARK FOR THE 30" SEWER MAIN. DRAKE HOWELL/ PAUL BITTMENN **Paul:** Last week some edits were made last minute. I emailed them Friday. Blue is new, some was struck out, it spells out that we will reimburse over 5 years at \$145,830.63 a year. **Phillips:** Have BZI and the county agreed? **Paul:** The county has paid in full. I don't know if the county approves it or not. **Mayor:** We left their meeting with this agreement. I'm fairly confident, at least from the staff perspective, that they were in line with this.

Councilmember Schmidt moved to approve the reimbursement agreement, seconded by Councilmember Galan; vote unanimous.

Public Comment:

Mayor: Because it's not a publicly noticed agenda item, the council can't engage with you on resolving a concern that you have. It's an opportunity for your voice to be heard to council. If it's an issue council wants to take up, we can work on getting it on an agenda to have it then be publicly noticed so anybody can come and be a part of that discussion to make sure it's a fair and open process.

Wesley Curtis: I noticed this thing in my neighborhood. It's the Iron Hive Project. It's an industrial-sized, I think, plastic factory, but it's right in the midst of residential. It's out towards Enoch right past the roundabout. **Mayor:** That is not our jurisdiction.

Will Smith: I would like to share one of my poems with you and let you know that I would like to be a part of anything that you can include me in to make it, hopefully, better. *This Poetry Thing* "I like to see people's eyes light up and enjoy the beauty of their smile when I am doing my poetry thing. It makes me feel so good to share my words, which come from God knows where. It is not enough anymore to just create, but to share my words with others is my glad fate. This is year number 54 since my mistress poetry came to my door. When she first came, I was in an angry mood. I grasped her as a drowning man would. I punished her, wrote bad, negative verse. Yet she, like a true mistress, has always been there for me. When misfortune came my way, she absorbed it and left me able to plot on, hopefully. And with the dawning of each new day, some of my misery would wash away till I, like a true Christian, was born again, thankful for all that has been and looking forward to all that is to come. Thank you, God." **Mayor:** You did bring a smile to our faces tonight.

Steph Nehrenz: I'm here to talk about West Canyon Park, which I know is probably like a sore thumb at this point. On Friday evening, I had just finished a shift at the hospital, I was picking up my older two kids, and my four-year-old jumped out of the car and wanted to play. It was not 10 minutes before she ended up cutting her chin open and getting five stitches. While she was getting

injured, we were helping a mom who had fallen flat on her back while she was holding her tiny baby. My older kids were falling on their butts. It's a slippery park, and I know that we all know that. The next day, a kid had the same injury and also got stitches as my four-year-old. I think it's a more eminent problem than we're giving it credit. I know that people don't want it shut down, and I don't want it shut down either. It's a fun water feature. I think St. George has been able to figure it out pretty well. I know it's Rotary Club, and I know that it's not all on you guys. Do we fundraise? Do I throw a birthday party tomorrow and they show up with boulders and sand? We are willing as parents to do anything to make it safer. I work at the hospital, and I see so many kids who have problems where we can't do something about it, but this is something we can do something about. I think it is an immediate danger. I don't want to see a fatality before it has to be shut down or fixed immediately. **Cox:** Thank you for trying to bring solutions to a problem. That is very refreshing, and we appreciate that. We're aware, and will make changes as soon as we can. **Steph:** I know you're working on it, but do you know how soon? **Cox:** Can it go on the agenda for next week? **Paul:** We're not aware that we've gathered the information that you requested last week. We would bring that back to you as soon as we get it. **Mayor:** We'll put it back on staff to tell us when we should have it on the agenda as soon as we have the data. **Steph:** What if in the next four days, someone does die or a bigger injury does happen? I'm not scared of fencing it off. I know that's a really unpopular opinion, but it was left and right and every parent falling down, every kid falling down. It felt safer before the renovation with the concrete, it's just not working. I know that I'm the naysayer, and a lot of moms and parents are really mad at me, but I've seen the worst, and I don't want to see it happen. I really don't. We're not St. George, but we're the best city, I think we're smart. We're smart enough to not let such a huge liability sit there like this just because we love crops, we love our water, we love this. **Galan:** We are working on that, and we are conscious of the dangers that are there. We're trying to get some data to make the final decision, but we're going to correct it. **Steph:** We'd rather be safe and have you shut it down because we know we can do better, and we trust that you're going to make us happy as moms than have something horrible happen.

Jennifer Hunter: I've lived in Iron County for 25 years, all of the cities. I've only been back in Cedar this last year. I have a couple of questions just because I haven't read through all the laws and ordinances. Is there a leash law? Dogs have to be on leashes if they're on city streets and parks? **Randall:** Anytime they're off your own property, they need to be leashed or inside of some type of six-sided container. **Jennifer:** If I see one not on a leash, who do I call? **Randall:** Animal Control with the police department. Non-emergency dispatch can assist you and get you there. **Jennifer:** It's been a while since I got my Utah driver's license. But I swear last time I took the test, it's parking 30 feet from a curb. Is that true? From a corner? **Randall:** It's 30 feet on the approach to a stop sign or stoplight. It's 20 feet from the intersection any other direction. **Jennifer:** Can we have the police patrol and watch for that? There are a number of cars by the schools that are at the corner. Their front tire's touching the crosswalk. You can't see kids and school's back in session. **Mayor:** So noted. **Jennifer:** I've been told there are irrigation ditches that run in our normal sidewalk gutters on the north side of Cedar High School and the west side of the post office. Is that true? **Randall:** They're all over town. **Jennifer:** Is it the city's job or the owner's job to keep it clear so that crap's not going in? **Paul:** The irrigation companies own them. **Jennifer:** When do they come out and clean those? **Paul:** It's the irrigation company. I don't know. **Jennifer:** When can we get that cleaned? **Phillips:** It depends on where you live. We'll tell you which irrigation company it is, they all have a water master, that's who you need to contact. **Jennifer:** I do a lot of walking, so it's not in front of my house. I just am seeing things that are blocking. There's one house behind the post office that almost flooded recently. I think part of that's because they poured cement to make a driveway, and they lessened the flow right away. The street behind the post

office, and it's a house directly behind the post office. **Paul:** Our crews go out and do some maintenance in those ditches as well. **Mayor:** We'll put a note on that one too to go look at it.

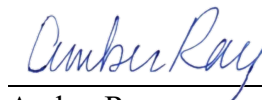
Jennifer: Is it the city or the homeowner that's responsible for the sidewalks? **Randall:**

Homeowner. **Jennifer:** If I've talked to a homeowner about cleaning it, and you can't walk on the sidewalk, you have to go into the street. **Randall:** Code Enforcement, that same non-emergency number. **Jennifer:** I heard recently that city offered \$3 million for the Lunt building, I'm just wondering what the plans are for that. **Mayor:** There are currently not any. Right now, it's a rumor. **Cox:** Property negotiations, just for your information, are in closed session, and rightfully so, so that there's a competitive process. If we were to do that, you wouldn't hear until it was public.

Melissa Gilmore: I am the mom that signed the petition for Canyon View Middle School for the crossing guards. After briefly speaking with the mayor, it seems like it got some attention. I am here to put a face with the name, and get it on the agenda to talk about it and keep kids safe. **Paul:** We employ the crossing guards. We've never put crossing guards by secondary educational institutions. They're always by the elementary schools. **Melissa:** What about a light, like a red light, like a little traffic light right there at the middle and high schools and not just school kids, it's parents as well. It's everybody. **Mayor:** We had a meeting last week with the chief and the school district to start talking through the solution. It's already in process. **Paul:** One thing so you guys know, the police have been out there every morning. We've had at least two officers out by Canyon View High School and Middle School in the area of either the driveways going into the parking lots and/or that crosswalk going across mid-block. They've helped a lot with the traffic flow. **Mayor:** That was a short-term, quick thing to try to help. **Melissa:** They are doing more than what I guess there was. But however, the officers sometimes are just sitting in the car or talking to each other sideways. When I spoke to the principal about it, she said, "What do you want them to do? Stand out there?" My response was, "Yeah, a kid got hit right there first day of school. That could have killed him." My son watched it. It's a big deal. I think it should be not just officers sitting in a car and just saying that they're helping. They're sitting in a car. It needs to be a light or something or officers standing out there. Just a police presence isn't enough, not just a car because you are still going through it regardless. How do I know it gets on the agenda? **Mayor:** It will only come as an agenda item if there's action that the city council has to take on it. Right now, the discussions are being had between the school district and the police chief because they're the ones that would facilitate between the two organizations. You have my number, you're welcome to reach out to me anytime, and I can update you or get you involved in those discussions as we need to. **Wilkey:** If you want to follow the agendas, they're on the city's website under the agenda center. They usually get published to the agenda center on Mondays.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn and moved to go into closed session at 6:28 p.m.; second by Councilmember Cox; roll call as follows:

Robert Cox - aye
Waldo Galan - aye
Scott Phillips - aye
Phil Schmidt - aye
Carter Wilkey - aye



Amber Ray
City Recorder

Bill "The Poet" *Smith*
Will



I have poetry, will travel!

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The Parowan Wave

*There are lots of things I like about Parowan
but the wave tops the list.*

*Every other place you travel,
people do not wave at you.*

*But when you enter Parowan someone will
smile and wave at you.*

*And you will smile and wave back. Now
this might be a small thing to you.*

*But to me it makes my heart swell and
I think it sure is good to be home.*

*Then the other day there was a pair of
gloves someone had put
on a bench in front of the Post Office.*

*And come to think about it,
aren't we lucky to have a bench?*

*To put things on, and
sit and socialize.*

*Where else do they do and have
these kind of things?*

*Nowhere that I know of. That's why
I'm glad I live in Parowan.*

Bill Smith Feb.23, 2024

Living On A Dream

(Song)

I'm half past sixty and living on a dream,
my life will be better than any I have seen.
If I feel like dying, I'll just keep on trying,
and I will make it someday

For me there is tomorrow,
then there is this song,
I'll look at yesterday
and know what I did wrong.

This time for me is golden,
and for me it's true,
it's like a new dimension,
I have just stepped through.

And my belt is ok, but my buckle is bent,
Legs are alright, just a little bit spent,
Heart it does pump but not too loud,
I think I am standing next to a cloud.

And if I can I'll make it,
if I can't I can take it.
For I've lived life with a smile,
Enjoyed each and every mile

Bill Smith
September 8, 2025
Napa, CA

MY GOD

Now God I do reach out to you
and know I need your help to make it through.
When adversities have come my way
God, you helped me through that day.
There were so many times I could have died
were you not by my side.
For I drove a line truck for Wells Cargo
to wherever out of Reno.
There was the time I got in between
the canyon and the bridge and
that flash flood came rip-roaring down.
It tore up the canyon, it tore up the ground.
Had I been little faster I would
have been swept away,
slower and that wall of water
could have hit me like a ton of
bricks taking me away
the way it took the bridge.
God, you put me where I was high and dry.
I stood watching parts of the road fly by.
Then there was that time in the fog.
I was driving slower than a dog.
the next thing I did see was
a bunch of wrecks in front of me.
And God thanks for I do know
that you sent me safely through the snow.
For I ran Donner Pass come rain or shine.
I was driving off three mile when I blew a front tire
that drop was about as far as you could find.
I slowed though I was nearly out of my mind.
Another night my engine quit the lights went out
it was dark as pitch no stars about.
I was in a turn at Cisco Grove doing sixty-five
I would be lucky to make that turn alive.
It happened so fast there was nothing to do
except to guess where the road went to.
I turned where I thought the road should be
but my guess was filled with uncertainty.
Then my left turn signal came on
I missed the guardrail as its blink shone.
That light saved that truck and me.
I believe most decidedly
that more than once God, you protected me.
Thank you, God.

Bill Smith Mar 12, 1995
Napa CA, Reworked June 1, 2023
Recited June 18, 23 Parowan UT

Walking with Jesus

Song

I went walking with Jesus one sunshiny day,
that's when my troubles just melted away.
I found myself just skipping along,
Jesus said I think you like my song.

With every step, the beat went on.
But my fears and worries were all gone.
I wish I could feel like this everyday,
Jesus said "Follow me for I am the way"

The wind and flowers, the creeks and the trees,
joined in the chorus and put my mind at ease.
all goodness and light comes from above.
then Jesus said, "It's all about love."

So come all you sinners,
if you will come unto me,
repent and I will set you free.
For I am the Lord God almighty.

Bill Smith and Liz Woolsey,
Written in Baker Nevada
and Parowan Utah,
August 30, 2023.

If I can I'll make it

Song

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legs are alright, just a little bit spent.
heart it does pump, but not too loud,
I think I am standing right next to a cloud.

If I can I'll make it,
if I can't I can take it,
For I've lived my life with a smile,
I enjoyed each and every mile.

And when the cherries are picking,
down the road I will quicken,
to that old place of mine,
I miss it and you all the time.

Many a road I have taken,
many a deed I have done.
I'm working in the rain,
wishing for the sun.

And I'm half past sixty,
and living on. A dream.
My life will be better,
Than any I have seen.
And if I feel like dying,
I'll just keep on trying,
and hey, I will make it someday.

Bill Smith,
September 30, 2025
Parowan Utah