

COUNCIL WORK MINUTES
September 2, 2026

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 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; Finance Director Terri Marsh; City Recorder Amber Ray; City Engineer Kent Fugal; Fire Chief Mike Phillips; Public Works Ryan Marshall, Streets Eric W. Police Jimmy Roden,

OTHERS PRESENT: Scotty Harville, Doug Hall, Ann Clark, Tom Jett

CALL TO ORDER: David Fiddament, Church of Christ gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Mayor Nelson.

AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL: Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the agenda order; second by Councilmember Galan vote unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF COMMENTS: ■ **Mayor:** Constitution Week Proclamation.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF POLICE K9 VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,090. JIMMY RODEN/ DARIN ADAMS **Jimmy Roden:** This is just over the policy limit. It was already approved. **Waldo:** Is this everything you need for this vehicle, or will there be further expense? **Jimmy:** Further expenses of about \$25,000. This is a K-9 unit, so it needs the bigger platform. It will have a kennel, regulates temp, remote for the door. It is the expedition, and the other ones are the explorer.

Councilmember Wilkey moved to put this item on the consent agenda; seconded by Councilmember Cox; vote unanimous.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF SERVICE BODY FOR 2027 CHEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,266.88. MIKE PHILLIPS

Councilmember Schmidt moved to put this item on the consent agenda; seconded by Councilmember Wilkey; vote unanimous.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF MASTICATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,850.04. MIKE PHILLIPS **Chief Phillips:** The state bid is \$99,000. We went to John Deere, and they gave us a better price. **Galan:** Is the tractor ours? **Chief Phillips:** It is streets. This is for preventative maintenance. **Cox:** Get free seed from NRCS.

Councilmember Phillips moved to put this item on the consent agenda; seconded by Councilmember Galan; vote unanimous.

**FIDDLERS CANYON TRAIL EXTENSION UDOT AGREEMENT. BILL MAXWELL/
KENT FUGAL**

Kent: This is for where we're taking the trail underneath Main Street through the large box culvert there that handles that fiddler's drainage channel. There were some issues we needed to work through with UDOT on this. The big sticking point was they wanted us to put gates in. That's what the AG's office wanted. I appreciate the phone calls that were made that helped us overcome that. This final version of the agreement does not include that language. That used to be another bullet point in here. We would recommend that this agreement with UDOT be approved so we can move that forward.

Councilmember Schmidt moved to put this item on the consent agenda; seconded by Councilmember Wilkey; vote unanimous.

**CONSIDER PURCHASE OF BUDGETED BROOM SWEEPER IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$372,005. ERIC WITZKE/RYAN MARSHALL**

Eric Witzke: We have this in hand. It was purchased on the government contract. Most of our vehicles go through Source Well. The sweeper we are replacing is older. We have had issues with it overheating and things like that; we travel long distances. The airport would like to acquire it to use on airport property. They can't use their big broom around the hangers. **Paul:** Was the old one purchased out of streets or storm drain funds? **Eric:** Streets

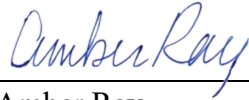
Councilmember Cox moved to put this item on the consent agenda; seconded by Councilmember Schmidt; vote unanimous.

CONSIDER BYLAWS FOR NEW COMMITTEE. MAYOR NELSON **Mayor:** I used AI to create the first draft. And then Randall and Paul both given some edits to it. **Galan:** Why the need for change on the language? **Mayor:** I don't really care. If it's whatever they say is good. As long as the committee gets formed, I'm good. This is the one where during campaign and soon after, if you remember Cleve Weaver, rather than just whine and complain, wanted to talk about how do we do something to help with our cleaning up weeds and intersections of the freeway and those kinds of things. This was the idea that we came up with as we talked. It was, let's start a committee that has committee members that help facilitate and organize those projects with the support of the Public Works Department. When you have somebody call you and complain "Why are there weeds here?" you can say, "Hey, there's a committee you can join. Here's the information." There's people that want to be a part of, and help, and not just complain. I think this will give an avenue that we can support our street department and potentially be able to use it in parks at times and create a good community. **Schmidt:** I had a guy call the other day that some of his crew got a little out of hand and they served time in jail. He said they had to do community service and they talked about the weeds and that. They were told that they were not allowed to do that. **Mayor:** This would be an opportunity that we could connect them with and be part of our project. **Schmidt:** Somebody could do service time through this organization? **Mayor:** We don't have a structure for it now. It would give a structure for it. I kind of thought to get it going, we'd tap some of the larger institutions in town and get them to buy in and help recruit from their organizations. I've just got one of the four that I thought of that I'm waiting to hear back from. Once we approve this, then we'll subsequently appoint the board members.

Councilmember Wilkey moved to put this item on the action agenda; seconded by Councilmember Cox; vote unanimous.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Phillips moved to adjourn and go into closed session at 5:48 p.m.; second by Councilmember Wilkey; roll call as follows:

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



Amber Ray
City Recorder

Cedar City, Utah

Proclamation Constitution Week in Cedar City

Whereas, The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

Whereas, September 17, 2026, marks the two hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and

Whereas, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, I, Steven Nelson by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of Cedar City, Utah, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

Signed on this 2nd day of September,
In the Year of our Lord 2026.

Steven Nelson
Mayor of Cedar City

