Minutes of the Hurricane City Council meeting held on September 17, 2026, in the Council Chambers at 147 North 870 West, Hurricane, Utah at 5 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Clark Fawcett and **Council Members**: Dave Imlay, Amy Werrett, and Merlin Spendlove.

Members Excused: Joseph Prete and Lynn Excell

Also Present: City Manager Kaden DeMille, City Attorney Dayton Hall, Police Chief Kurt Yates, Public Works Director Mike Vercimak, Streets Superintendent Hayden Roberts, Water Superintendent Kory Wright, City Planner Gary Cupp, Assistant Planner Fred Resch III, Power Director Mike Johns, City Engineer Arthur LeBaron, Finance Manager Brenden Angus, HR Director Sel Lovell, and City Recorder Cindy Beteag.

AGENDA

5:00 p.m. Pre-meeting - Discussion of Agenda Items, Department Reports

Arthur LeBaron stated they have been working with SiteWorks/Interstate Rock on the design of the roundabout at 700 West and 400 South. Lazelle Preator and Kyson Spendlove presented three design options. The recommended option is two roundabouts, with the larger roundabout on the south side. Mr. Preator stated a full-length semi would be able to navigate through the roundabouts in both directions. He added that this is also the least expensive option and has the shortest box culvert. He stated traffic monitoring has been completed, but they have not received the results yet. Mayor Fawcett asked if the northern roundabout could be made slightly larger. Mr. Preator explained that it could not be made larger due to the existing house. Concept 2 was presented, which would make the intersection a T intersection. Mr. Preator stated this option would cost over $2 million, not including the cost to move utilities, and would require a longer box culvert over the wash. Mr. Preator then presented Option 3, which would slightly shift 400 South on the west side to create a four-way intersection. He stated this option would have a shorter box culvert but would require two boxes. He also stated this option could create pedestrian and debris issues. The estimated cost for this option is approximately $1.6 million. Mr. Preator stated Option 1 is their recommendation based on cost effectiveness and long-term traffic flow. Councilman Imlay stated he likes roundabouts because they slow traffic and stated he prefers Option 1. Councilwoman Werrett asked if it would be clear where pedestrians should cross. Mr. Preator stated they will work with City staff on the color to be used for the pedestrian path. Mr. LeBaron stated that after the recent flooding, he does not like the options that would extend the box culverts. Mayor Fawcett asked if the wash could be widened and made deeper while the project is being completed. Mr. LeBaron stated that would be his recommendation. He also pointed out that roundabouts can be a political issue and the Council will hear about the project. He stated he is concerned about the northbound and southbound left turns but believes the roundabout will increase pedestrian safety. Mr. Preator stated there will most

likely be a raised wall separating the two roundabouts. Councilman Spendlove recommended showing a video of the normal traffic pattern to help educate the public. Mr. LeBaron asked for direction from the Council members that were present at the meeting before moving forward with planning for the potential project. Mayor Fawcett stated he prefers Option 1. Councilman Imlay and Councilwoman Werrett agreed. Councilwoman Werrett recommended installing the project during the summer when there are not school children walking in the area.

Arthur LeBaron stated there was a public meeting in St. George conducted by FEMA regarding flood mapping throughout the County. He stated staff made a significant effort to notify and encourage citizens to attend. Some residents expressed concerns that the meeting was not held in Hurricane. Mr. LeBaron agreed and told them the City would like to have a meeting in Hurricane. He stated a representative from the State subsequently reached out to him, and he reiterated that the City would like to have a meeting held in Hurricane. Mr. LeBaron stated a few Hurricane residents attended the meeting in St. George. He added that everyone involved is working toward a solution to mitigate flood hazards.

Hayden Roberts stated they held an open house for 650 South last week and had a good turnout. He stated that since the flood, he has been looking into devices that could be placed in Gould Wash upstream of the City until the dam is completed. The devices would monitor thresholds and send notifications when they are reached. He stated there were some trees blown down on State Street. He also stated there was water flowing across 1150 West last night due to the rainstorm, but not enough to require closing the road. Councilman Imlay added that there was a lot of opposition to the planter strips on 650 South and anticipates the City will receive many comments regarding them. Mr. LeBaron stated that once the purpose of the planter strips was explained, most people understood why they are being used. Councilwoman Werrett stated she received comments at one of the town hall meetings from citizens requesting a line be painted down the middle of 3700 West. She also stated there are concerns about the sidewalk ending abruptly at the end of the road near Park View. She added that people speed on Park View and asked if anything could be done to address the speeding. Councilman Spendlove mentioned a resident who is trying to get in contact with Mr. Roberts regarding painting the curb in front of his house. Mayor Fawcett stated there is a speed limit sign on 200 South near 760 West for westbound traffic, but there is not a sign for eastbound traffic. He asked Mr. Roberts to install an additional speed limit sign.

Mike Johns stated that the Wheeler luncheon will be held on the 30th and Council will receive an invitation. He also stated that October 14th will be Public Power Day, which will be held at the Community Center. Councilman Spendlove stated that many citizens have been commenting about tumbleweeds. Mayor Fawcett stated he would like letters sent to all property owners who are in violation. Mr. Resch III stated he will send the letters next week.

Mike Vercimak stated Weston Walker was unable to attend, but he wanted to mention that the City will file its MS4 report with the State next week. He also stated they have received a large number of projects for final approval. Councilwoman Werrett stated she has also received complaints about flooding in the Grandpa Ponds subdivision. She has received several pictures

from residents and will forward them. Councilman Spendlove stated some citizens have asked if a hydrant could be installed at the dog park at Dixie Springs so they can provide water for their dogs. He also stated there are some large cracks in the pickleball courts at Sky Ridge. Mr. Vercimak stated he will pass both concerns along to the Parks Department.

Sel Lovell stated he placed the employment report in front of each Council member's seat. He stated the Police Clerk and Grill Assistant positions have recently been opened. The policy manual has been distributed to all employees. He also stated the employee golf tournament will be held tomorrow.

Kory Wright stated they had a water main break on 600 North below Peregrine Pointe. He also stated there have been several service leaks on State Street. He stated the Goulds Wash Well has reached 800 feet. He explained they are waiting for the screen to be installed, after which they will place a pump to determine the flow rates. He thanked the Streets Department for getting their parking lot repaved.

Chief Yates stated they located the first drowning victim today, but the other individual is still missing. He stated it was a tragic accident that could have been prevented. He explained that the search area is quite large and the search has been time consuming. He stated that National Night Out will be held on September 26th at the Community Center from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. He stated many of the surrounding law enforcement units will be participating. Councilman Spendlove mentioned that there will be Black Hawks staged at the Airport for training at Sand Hollow over the next week.

Gary Cupp stated the Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for next week, and the site plan for the City Hall and Police Station will be on the agenda.

Fred Resch III stated he attended the Planning Conference last week. He plans to work on the weed problems in subdivisions next week. He also filed a small claims suit regarding an illegal vacation rental in Dixie Springs and stated he has been dealing with this particular property since he started.

Cindy Beteag reminded the Council they won't get the packet for the next meeting until Monday, September 28th.

Mayor Fawcett stated he wants to compile a list of questions from all of the town hall meetings. He asked the Council to send them to Cindy Beteag.

Councilwoman Werrett stated a citizen asked about holding a family bike ride and closing the roads used for the Peach Days parade for an evening. She also mentioned another citizen had concerns about turning left at 300 North and State Street and asked if anything could be done to improve the intersection. She stated she has received a lot of positive feedback regarding the town hall meetings.

Councilman Spendlove stated on September 26th the Young Eagles will be the at the airport.

6:00 p.m. - **Call to Order** –

Mayor Fawcett welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order

Prayer: Sel Lovell

Pledge: Steve Nation

Swearing in of Officer Seth Rodgers and Animal Control Officer Braylee Edmunds

Chief Yates introduced Officer Rodgers who started on August 31st. He stated he was working for Cedar City, but he lives in Southern Utah. He was in the Marine Corp. He introduced his wife and kids. He stated his father is Captain Rodgers who works in Ivins, but he started in Hurricane. He then introduced Braylee Edmunds who started last year as an attendant and has done a great job. She graduated from Hurricane High. Officer Rodgers and Animal Control Officer Edmunds were sworn in by the City Recorder Cindy Beteag.

Declaration of any conflicts of interest

Merlin Spendlove stated he is working part-time for Interstate Rock who is the lowest bidder on old business item 1, but he will be voting still.

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting for September 3, 2026

Merlin Spendlove motioned to approve the September 3, 2026, minutes as written. Seconded by Amy Werrett. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Fawcett stated they held the ribbon cutting today for the second section of self-help homes. He stated six of the seven families who received homes have had babies this year. He also stated a representative from the State attended the ribbon cutting and will send him information that may help address affordability concerns in the area. Mayor Fawcett stated this is a great program for families.

Public Forum – Comments From Public

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and possible approval of awarding the bid for the next phase of the irrigation expansion project– Kory Wright

Kory Wright thanked staff for all the work that has gone into the project. He stated he answered some of the questions from the last meeting in the packet and that staff met since the last meeting to discuss the numbers. Councilman Imlay asked how much the rate would increase if someone connected to the secondary water system. Mr. Wright stated he believes there would be a unified rate for both systems of $19. Councilman Imlay asked what the culinary water rate would be. Mr. Wright explained that if someone connects now or during the first year, there would be no connection fee. If they do not connect during that time, the connection will be locked and a connection fee will need to be paid before they can connect.

Mayor Fawcett stated he thought the rate would be double. Mr. Wright stated he does not believe it would be double, but it would be a higher tier. He stated he can provide that number to the Council at a future time. Mayor Fawcett stated there are still questions regarding when the rate will go into effect and when the year for the no connection fee will begin. He stated those questions will still need to be decided. Councilman Imlay asked if customers will be able to use unlimited water. Mr. Wright stated they will not. He then reviewed the comparison in the packet with St. George and LaVerkin, stating their systems are all structured similarly. He stated they are trying to keep the rate low while still being able to properly maintain the system. Kaden DeMille stated it has taken years to get the fund out of the red and that it was not truly covering the expenses associated with the north side of the system. He stated they have tried to incorporate the actual costs associated with operating the system. He explained that the proposed rate is where the old system should be anyway. He also stated the fund will look poor during the audit and will continue to do so for a while, and it will take a few years to get the fund back into a good position. Mayor Fawcett stated one positive aspect is that a large portion of the area has not yet been developed, and as it builds out, the City will receive additional connections. Mr. Wright stated that during the week of the 28th, they will be here to test the water for the irrigation ponds.

Dave Imlay motioned to approve to award the bid for the next phase of the irrigation expansion project to $6,568,824.50 to Interstate Rock. Seconded by Amy Werrett. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and possible approval to award the Sky Mountain Golf Course Clubhouse Remodel and Expansion bid – Cam Hamill

Cam Hamill introduced himself and explained that the Golf Course Clubhouse was built in 1994 and has not had any updates or remodeling since then. He stated this project has been in the works for approximately two years. On September 10th, they received fifteen bids and were pleased with the bids received. After internal discussion and a recommendation from the engineer, they recommend awarding the project to the low bidder, Bonneville Builders. Mayor Fawcett asked about the proposed timeline. Mr. Hamill stated the estimated construction time is 220 days, which they feel is realistic. He stated temporary mobile buildings will be used for the clubhouse and grill during construction. He explained how the three lowest bids were compared and reviewed the totals for each bid. Kaden DeMille added that the golf course has been doing very well and has been able to set money aside for several years, so the City will not need to bond for the project. Mr. Hamill stated Sky Mountain is the only municipal golf course in the County that has remained in the black and has not needed to use General Fund money. He stated the property deserves a facility that matches it.

Merlin Spendlove motioned to award the Sky Mountain Golf Course Clubhouse Remodel and Expansion bid to Bonneville Builders in the amount of $2,621,036. Seconded by Dave Imlay. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Consideration and possible approval of a new lease agreement with Intermountain Golf Cars – Cam Hamill

Cam Hamill explained that they signed a six-year lease in January 2022 and that he often sees golf courses trade their carts back during the fourth year. He stated the carts have more mileage than originally projected and they are now experiencing more breakdowns, increased repair costs, and a reduced customer experience. He stated the rate in the lease does not include the GPS service, but they will extend the same rate the City currently pays of $30 per month per cart. The new payment would be $178 per cart per month, bringing the total monthly payment to $13,369.50, which will require a budget amendment. He stated he reviewed the numbers and golf cart revenue has been $627,416.47 since January, averaging approximately $78,427 per month, making it a good return on investment. He added that St. George and Washington recently updated their golf carts, and he wants to provide the same experience for Hurricane golfers. Councilwoman Werrett asked if there were any concerns with the increase in the monthly cost. Mr. Hamill stated there were not and that he does not believe the City will need to increase its rates.

Dave Imlay motioned to approve new lease agreement with Intermountain Golf Cars in the amount of $13,369.50 per month. Seconded by Amy Werrett. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

3. Consideration and possible approval of a Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation – DOVE Center

Donna Hamberg thanked the Council for considering the proclamation. She stated this is a critical message for the community. She explained that the Dove Center has been providing services in Washington County for 30 years. They have increased their emergency shelter capacity by 5% each year and plan to break ground on an additional facility next year. She expressed appreciation to the Council for considering the proclamation. Councilman Imlay recommended changing the last sentence of the proclamation from “provide for” to “protect the health, safety, and welfare.” Ms. Hamberg stated she had no concerns with the proposed change.

Amy Werrett motioned to approve the Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation subject to Councilman Imlay’s changes. Seconded by Merlin Spendlove. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible approval of a hangar lease agreement for hangar 13S – Dave Houston

Mike Vercimak explained that Dave Houston currently has the lease for the hangar pad, which is expiring, and has requested to renew it. He stated the City Attorney has reviewed the proposed lease and the Airport Board recommended approval. Mayor Fawcett confirmed the approved lease template was used.

Amy Werrett motioned to approve the hangar lease agreement for hangar 13S . Seconded by Merlin Spendlove. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible approval of updates to the Pole Attachment Agreement – Alex Farnsworth

Alex Farnsworth explained that they are proposing to update the current agreement and add standards for attaching equipment to City power poles. He stated they have been working with City Attorney Dayton Hall to put the agreement together and that it is similar to agreements used by surrounding communities. He explained that the changes will make the agreement easier to enforce and ensure everyone understands what is expected. Councilman Imlay stated the Power Board discussed this issue extensively. He noted that St. George has three full-time employees who handle these agreements and stated this is a significant amount of work for the Power Department, but the Board believes it is important to enforce the requirements. He stated the City needs to collect the appropriate revenue and ensure attachments meet City standards. Mayor Fawcett asked if a new employee would be needed specifically to handle the agreements. Mike Johns stated no, but explained that it will be difficult to enforce the requirements on existing attachments. Moving forward, the agreement will provide a way for the City to address attachments that do not meet the requirements. He stated the City is currently losing revenue and does not know who some of the existing attachments belong to. In the future, all attachments will be required to be tagged. Councilman Imlay stated Infowest attended the Power Board meeting and agreed with the proposed agreement.

Dave Imlay motioned to approve the updates to the Pole Attachment Agreement. Seconded by Amy Werrett. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Mayor, Council, and staff reports

No additional reports.

7. Closed Meeting held pursuant to Utah Code section 52-4-205, upon request

A closed meeting was not held.

Adjournment: Dave Imlay motioned to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Seconded by Amy Werrett. Motion carried unanimously.