

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 28, 2015**

The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Maile Wilson; Councilmembers: Ron Adams; John Black; Paul Cozzens; Don Marchant; Fred Rowley.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Rick Holman; City Attorney Paul Bittmenn; City Engineer Kit Wareham; City Recorder, Renon Savage; Finance Director Jason Norris; Police Lt. Keith Millett; Fire Chief Mike Phillips.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Al Matheson, Terry Chivers, Brent Drew, Corey Baumgartner, Sonja Black, Barbara Imlay, Robin Haight, Wade Grimm, Craig Isom, Thad Jackson, Katherine Hiatt, Candice Taylor, Abby Allen, Dixie Leavitt, Chris McCormick, Tom Jett, Treyson Esplin, Jessica Sury, Dude Benson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Father Bob Bussen of Christ the King Catholic Church gave the invocation; the pledge was led by Boy Scouts.

**AGENDA ORDER APPROVAL:** Councilmember Cozzens moved to approve the agenda order for Council and RDA meetings; second by Councilmember Adams; vote unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS; STAFF COMMENTS:** ■Black – I had a meeting with the Mayor and Rick and have asked for us to review our bonding requirements on the road break projects. ■Rowley – any progress on meeting with the County Commissioners? Mayor – Barbara called them today and they said they are busy with the budget. She has called many times. ■Cozzens – we had Griffols grand opening, will add \$4.5 million in the economy, \$4 million building and employ about 40 people, they are booked out 4 weeks in donations of plasma. It is touching to hear the stories of people that get their medicine. They are a great company; we welcome them to the City. They gave the Happy Factory \$500. The Happy Factory Gala tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. ■Rowley – our visit from the Mayor of Gapyeong, Korea was exceptional. They have an appreciation for the men of our area. Marchant – they don't have sheep or horses in Korea, they were terrific to be with. Rowley – they gave an award to all those that were in Korea from our area. Black – the respect has been passed down through the generations, it was a great feeling. Mayor – they enjoyed their visit, we took them to the Diamond Z to the festivities. They took a lot of pictures. They also got to pet and see the horses of Ree Zaphiropoulos. Marchant – they visited the Korean War Memorial, it was a reverent, spiritual event for them, they also took a bouquet of flowers. We have a right to be proud and humble, because they are. ■Mayor – November 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. at Cedar High is the City Birthday. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students will do a program and awards for those that participated in the “What Makes Me Happy About Cedar City” contest. Also, this weekend is Halloween, be careful. There is

also a SUU Football game that afternoon. Out by the agenda's there is a new piece of art, the Heritage Festival Grand Marshal reception they gave it to the City. It is all the registered brands for the livestock that people in the community have had, they date back to 1851. Black – the Grand Marshall said in his lifetime he earned two awards, Mr. Touchdown in High School and the Grand Marshall.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** ■Leon Matheson - I am asked to represent a coalition, the only thing wrong with the Korean visitors is we didn't get them on a tractor during the tractor pull. Southern Utah and Cedar City has the distinction to be most involved in patriotism, and the highest per capita in the nation for Korea. Also the LDS Officer ship in Viet Nam is the highest in the nation. We have sterling reputation, a beautiful Veteran's Park and Freedom Blvd. Twenty years ago we had what we thought was the recognition of Viet Nam, we didn't realize the government changed to make this year 50 year end of Viet Nam, we want to make this year's Veterans Day justice to those that did not receive that when they came home. At the Veteran's Park at 10 a.m. we will be presenting a wreath, a 6.5 year POW beside her, the individual is Ed Hubbard, I invited him to come, he will be here from Ireland. He has spoken to over 6 million people and his intent is to talk about the power and creativity of the human mind, it will be an upbeat operation. The unit will be dismissed and travel to the Adams Theatre on SUU at 11 a.m., several in the community will be recognized. At the conclusion the Elks will provide a lunch for the Veterans and then they will be dismissed until 6 PM. SUU is hosting the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Viet Nam, President Wyatt will be key note speaker in the grand hall, dinner to 200 people, veterans will receive a free dinner, spouses or sponsors will be asked to donate \$20. It will be more than the value of the ticket. There will be a Tablo, a scared event, directed toward the Veterans and their guests, President Wyatt will talk, Ron Adams will be a Silver Star veteran, Triple Wiskey a Silver Star recipient will also speak. I don't think there will be a dry eye. We have a distinction in this town that we are the birth place of a little known group of the Piano Guys, they can't come to Cedar under the Piano Guys, but they will be the entertainment. The students at SUU created a poster; I would like to have it where City Employees and the public can see. The City can participate in any way possible. The only ticket ever given is going to the Mayor. Black – what is the price of a table? Col Matheson \$200, contact me directly for the tables. 586-9762. I am working in concert with the University. Mayor – I will provide this information in the newsletter. This is why we moved our Birthday. ■Craig Isom – I want to set the record straight on something I tried to do on social media, in reference to the wrap up comments at the debate. In talking about putting people first I made reference to insurance coverage to Chief Phillips people, I spoke on workers comp versus additional insurance. I know that the Mayor, Staff and Council know the legality to provide the workers comp. I hope that especially the Chief will forgive me for trying to stand up for his people and causing ax to some of you. I appreciate what you do for the people and the people that serve us our first priority. Black – it speaks volumes that you will stand up and do that. The council doesn't know everything. Craig – we can all take ourselves too seriously at times. ■Robin Haight – here as a concerned citizen to voice ideas, I want to show respect for the Benson Family, one to the Benson Family for providing Dutch Oven at the Heritage Festival. Dude – Robin makes that Dutch Oven event happen. Another thing, yesterday my daughter called me and said there are 4

police officers at the end of the street, what is going on, and apparently there was a pistol packing grandma, one of the construction guys were intimidated by her, she was packing her cell phone and her home phone. This lady has been persecuted in all kinds of ways and we haven't done all we could do to help her and people like Paul should do? Paul – what do you think I would have to do with the day to day operations of the Police Department. Robin – I am talking about the community, she has been overlooked by those that have more influence. I have been watching for 54 years how people treat widows because my mother was one. A gentlemen came to shovel her walks and no one but he and I knew he did it. I am annoyed that in our town we show respect for some widows and not others. I challenge you to pay attention to the rights of all citizens so you can feel good about yourself for representing all, not just a few. ■Chris McCormick, Chamber of Commerce – we have been working on a program to get Cedar City on the map, this is in concert with Google, Google Map is a way to find a business. The Chamber has teamed up with Danny in Economic Development, Applied Tech College, PTAC, SWATC, SUU Business Center to put together with GIBO, get your business on line. One thing that Google is doing with us, they understand the economic benefit to small business is the backbone of America and we need to get them to grow and prosper. We have neat partners, Econ Dev. Tourism all helping to do the event at SWATC, it will happen in February and free to every business owner in Iron County whether a member of the Chamber or not. You can put reviews, menus, etc. Search Engine opportunity, SEO. We have a good working relationship with Danny. Economic Summit, Chris Stewart coming, Ex Director Val Hale of Governors office and Leavitt Group putting on seminars throughout the day, \$25 if a chamber member \$35 if not. We tip our hat off to the Leavitt Group. We have been involved with Economic Development, Chamber will contribute up to \$1,500 to attract new businesses. We appreciate being a partner, it is a joint venture. ■Wade Grimm – same boat as Robin, we represent a lot of citizens. I had someone ask me in Maverick if the city is to protect the rights of the residents and want to know why they are not protected. These people cannot be here at 5:30. Marchant – we don't know if you won't tell us a name. Rick – could you give them an email address, they can send me a comment and I will research it. Also, two people behind them asked why the vicinity plan was eliminated, they want to know who it helps and hurts. Rick – direct them to send me an email. Wade – they will come back and ask me. I have questions about who is looking at the contractors doing the work, to meet standards and specifications, all of it, not two or three times a week. I see a lot of things that don't meet the standard. Black – give us a list.

**CONSENT AGENDA: (1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 7 & 14, 2015; (2) APPROVAL OF BILLS DATED OCTOBER 26, 2015 ; (3) APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF A ROAD DEDICATION FROM THE SOUTHWEST APPLIED TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE IN THE VICINITY OF 880 SOUTH 555 WEST – BOB PLATT/PAUL BITTMENN ; (4) APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT TRUMAN TO THE AIRPORT BOARD AND JOE SANDERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS – MAYOR WILSON;** Councilmember Rowley moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 4 as written above; second by

Councilmember Black; vote unanimous.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BID FROM TURF EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,775.58 FOR CENTRAL CONTROL IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT THE GOLF COURSE – STEVE CARTER:**

Terry Shivers, Sprinkler Supply Company, we had a few items we wanted to review with City Council and Mayor. After viewing last week's work meeting, I represent Hunter Industries, realize we need to further address the poor performance of the existing Hunter rotors. The evaluation and emphasis of the RFP was placed on the rotors and not the total package and central control system. The rotors were installed 10-15 years ago and did have problems. It is 4<sup>th</sup> generation from the head we used to use. Over the last 7 years Hunter has invested several million dollars to develop the heads proposed in the RFP, specifically for golf course with little or no issues. The central control and heads are state of the art equipment. We are not a rookie at Golf Course installation; they have the Carnoustie Golf Course in England, British Open. I brought a list of those using the central control, Texas A&M, there is a good following of the product. We are confident of the Hunter product at Sprinkler Supply. As low bid we would hate to see the City spend additional funds based on the poor performance of the old heads. Hunter would add additional 54GA85 we would provide 54 at no charge so that we could establish a relationship with the City to show that we can do a good job with Hunter Golf. We want a long term relationship. Rowley – how long have the updated heads been in use? Terry – they have been in progress for 7 years, and been used for 5 years. Rowley – all 3 bids were the same control system, the heads are different? Steve – all 3 bids are for a central control system provided by each. Rowley -- are some easier to use than others? Steve – yes, I don't know a golf course in the State that uses Hunter, TORO has a long reputation of being dependable, reliable and it is easy to use. Marchant – have you used Toro? Steve – at the Country Club I worked at prior to here and they were easy. Terry – the closest is in San Diego, and we offered to take Steve there to see the product. I sell a lot to Mesquite. Steve – holes 13, 14, 15 have Hunter heads, the GA series heads and we replace 10-12 a year put in 12 years ago. That is the experience we have had. Cozzens – what is the warranty – Terry – 5 years. Rowley – the mess of replacing it is the problem. I would be interested in field use data from modern heads. Mayor – have you talked to anyone? Steve – no, I based to go with Toro because service and reliability has been better with Toro than Hunter, and that is a huge roll if we have a partnership and move forward with the irrigation. Terry – we are in St. George, for 32 years. The support would be from me and the engineers. The Hunter support is free of charge for the lifetime of the product; I don't know what Toro does. Rowley – are any of the courses in St. George using your system? Terry – the heads but none of the systems. Cozzens – Steve, the service is a concern to you? Steve – the Toro service there is a cost with the MSN trouble shooting with Toro, I call them and they have a new computer to me the next day downloaded with the system we use. Turf Equipment in Salt Lake we have never had a problem. Cozzens – I have a CNC router from Germany, I could have bought it in Italy, the service is worth as much as the machine that is a huge concern to me.

Councilmember Rowley moved to table until the next meeting to get information from the Hunter system. Steve – Toro has a cost increase on November 1<sup>st</sup>, they are holding the price for us. I can ask them to see if they will hold the price; Black – can we have a special action meeting next week? Mayor – yes. Jason – is Steve doing the additional

research or the Council? Rowley – he would be the best one to do this. Address the heads and the system and the service. Terry – our price is fixed.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cozzens; vote unanimous.

Black – being on the P&R Board, I would like to be involved also.

Doug Hall – I have a few comments to make. We are looking at this as a first step of spending upwards of \$2.4 million dollars to update the Golf Course. I feel confident that we could at the very least eliminate 100,000 square feet of irrigation on grass that is not playable or useable. We have no real plan that I have found other than preliminary and I think we need a vision of what we want the Golf Course to look like. There are a lot of golf courses, and if we took a couple in the St. George area like the Bloomington Golf Course, if you look at what is green and what is not, there is considerably less grass than what we have. They realize water is a big issue and will become a bigger issue. Everyone running and all members have water as one of their platform. I think we have a great to not only refurbish but make it as efficient as possible and use less water. The direction will have to come from the City Council. The assumption is that we want the course to look like it does not only better and more efficient. We need a paradigm shift on what we do. The Course and the Bloomington Course, golfers may not like it, but the driving range does not have any grass. Our driving range covers 6 acres of ground and around 10 million gallons of water per year to keep green. If we are hitting golf balls, do we need green grass, those are questions that you as a council need to deal with and provide to staff to come up with a plan to make it meaningful and viable as possible. Courses have seen the light and are doing things different. You are talking grass we don't have to mow or fertilize. They have bare dirt and have raised area with artificial turf. There are lots of areas to reduce irrigation. If you look at the tee box there is dirt below it and you could do this and save also. It would cut water usage by a third and electric bill by the same amount. I would challenge us to come up with a specific plan to use these ideas. Another idea is what parts of the course players' use. Some courses provide foursome or twosome a tracker of where they went on the course. You get 500 samples and you know what is used and what is not so you know what you can eliminate. I think staff is anxious to make it the best course. I think direction from the council on what the course should look like is appropriate. We need a dialog of the golfers and the citizens on what we think the course should look like. The first step is needed regardless and will get us forward, but before we go any further, a master plan needs to be done and questions answered. We will never be able to come up with \$2.4 million in any given year do modify, but phases that are reasonable we would have a clear road map to follow.

Steve Carter – this picture was taken during an over seed, it is in the winter, the yellow is the Bermuda grass, in the summer it turns green and they irrigate it all summer. The rye grass seeded for the winter so they can have turf year round. It is not left out of play all year, only during the winter. St. George Golf Club is the same. They don't over seed in the winter, and that is why it is dry. In one area they have taken grass out and planted with plants that they rake every week. I don't think I am ready to recommend we stop

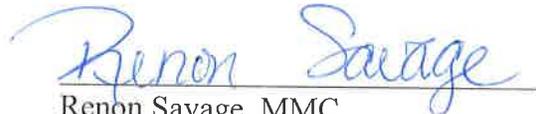
watering the driving range. Right now we should look at the central system. We are in the process of working on our master plan.

**CONSIDER FY 2016 DONATION REQUESTS – JASON NORRIS:** we had 4 applicants after \$5,000, and \$9,500 in request. \$1,500 to Lion's, \$300 to Parade, \$1,700 to Search & Rescue and \$1,500 to the Paiute Tribe

Public hearing was opened, there were no comments.

Councilmember Rowley moved to approve the 2016 donation requests as follows: Lion's Club \$1,500, Storybook Parade \$300.00 Search & Rescue \$1,500; and the Paiute Tribe \$1,500; second by Councilmember Cozzens; vote unanimous.

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Marchant moved to adjourn and move into the RDA meeting at 6:47 p.m.; second by Councilmember Rowley; vote unanimous.

  
Renon Savage, MMC  
City Recorder