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MINUTES
KAMAS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

7:00 p.m.
Kamas City Hall,
170 N. Main
Kamas, UT 84036

10 Mayor Marchant opened the meeting welcoming those in attendance:

11 **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Councilor Kevan Todd, Rod Smith, Mike Crystal and Monica
12 Blazzard. Councilor Diane Atkinson was excused.

13 **STAFF:** City Planner, Jackie Blazzard; City Recorder, Kim Peacock; and Public Works
14 Director, Gary Siddoway.

15 **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Scott Kettle, Heber Steed, Kim Steed, Tom Smart, Howard
16 Sorensen, Lisa Sorensen, Pete Gillwald, Carolyn Simkins, Robert McPherson, Tom
17 Noaker, Joe Santos, Les England, Mike Cummings, Tom Grimmer, Bob Radke, Mark
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21 **OPENING CEREMONY, INVOCATION/READING/THOUGHT**

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23 Invocation/Reading/Thought by Mayor Lewis P. Marchant
24 Mayor Marchant led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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26 Councilor Smith congratulated Mayor Marchant on him and his wife's 50th wedding
27 anniversary they celebrated last week.

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30 **610 SOUTH CDBG WATER IMPROVEMENTS – DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY**
31 **AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 610 SOUTH CDBG WATER**
32 **IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**

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34 Mayor Marchant welcomed Scott Kettle. Scott Kettle explained there were 6 bidders.
35 MC Contractors was the lowest bid. The State has approved the contractor. The bid was
36 accepted at \$144,165.00.

37 Mayor Marchant asked Scott Kettle what the amount of our CDGB Grant was for this
38 project. Scott Kettle replied we were awarded \$180,000. Between the construction and
39 engineering we are within budget for what we said we would contribute and the amount
40 of the grant. Mayor Marchant asked who the owners are. Scott Kettle replied Mike
41 Leavitt and Chris Waters are the owners.

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43 **MOTION:** Councilor Kevan Todd moved to award the 610 South Water Improvement
44 Project to MC Contractors for \$144,165.
45 Councilor Rod Smith seconded the motion.

1 Councilors Kevan Todd, Rod Smith, Mike Crystal, and Monica Blazzard
2 voted aye. Motion passed.
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5 **TOM NOAKER TO INTRODUCE THE SOUTH SUMMIT TRAILS**
6 **FOUNDATION**
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8 Mayor Marchant welcomed Tom Noaker from the South Summit Trails Foundation. Tom
9 Noaker thanked the council for their time. Mr. Noaker explained he had talked to the
10 Mayor of Oakley and he didn't know what the South Summit Trails Foundation was.
11 This prompted Mr. Noaker to spread the word by talking to the communities. The website
12 is www.southsummittrails.org. The Foundation is a homegrown foundation. Almost all
13 the members live in the community. Mr. Noaker stated he is the president. They want to
14 promote trails in the community. They want connectivity in the valley. There are a
15 number of projects in the valley they have written grants for. August of 2015 is when the
16 foundation started. This is a South Summit Organization. There are roughly 250
17 members. They have one corporate sponsor, New West Country Store. They have had
18 one large donation from a land owner. There have been 24 small donations from
19 individuals. The first trail to come to fruition will be at High Star. The foundation is here
20 also tonight to support the High Star Ranch Trails Master Plan.

21 Councilor Todd asked what the City Council or Planning Commission should anticipate
22 or look for. He has a lot of people who have come to him and asked for trails.

23 Mr. Noaker stated creating trails is the easy part. It's finding easements, grants, or
24 conservancies that can join existing trails through private property or city property. It's a
25 negotiation process. There are a lot of trails around, but they don't go anywhere and they
26 don't connect. Ultimately it would be great to have a non-motorized method to travel to
27 all the different communities.
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30 **HIGH STAR RANCH TRAILS MASTER PLAN**
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32 Mayor Marchant welcomed Tom Grimmatt from High Star Ranch. Mr. Grimmatt
33 explained they are here for permission to create a trail system at High Star Ranch on the
34 easement. Plans have been submitted to the City. They hope to build the trail system, 16
35 miles, this summer. High Star is going to fund this project completely and maintain the
36 trails themselves. These trails will be open to the public free of charge. They have
37 researched the law and feel they are protected.
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39 Bob Radke from Sagebrush Trails and Services introduced himself. He has been hired by
40 High Star Ranch to design the trail system. The land the trail system will be on is in the
41 conservation easement. The trails they design have minimal visual impact. This will be a
42 great public amenity. The trails are only 3-4 feet wide.
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44 Councilor Smith asked where the public will access the trails. Mr. Radke stated there is a
45 road by the canal that will be the access. All the trails will be tied in to this road.

1 Councilor Smith feels they need input from Provo River Water Users Association. High
2 Star is willing to have another access on their property.

3 Mr. Radke explained the trails are not motorized trails. There will be hiking, biking, and
4 equestrian. There are existing equestrian trails they are working with also. Tom Grimm
5 stated the motorized trails already in place will stay; they are just adding the mountain
6 bike trails to them and trying to blend them all in.

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8 Councilor Todd asked Pete Gillwald where the system is going to be in relationship to the
9 rest of the project. Mr. Gillwald showed the council the location on a site plan. Councilor
10 Todd would like to see the trail system map overlaid on the project site plan to see the
11 actual placement. Councilor Todd is in favor of the trails, but would like to see a plan
12 showing what they have now with what is being proposed. Mr. Radke presented a larger
13 scale concept plan showing the different trails.

14 Councilor Todd would like to see where cabin 1, 2, and 3 are in relationship to the trail
15 system. Councilor Todd reminded High Star the reason for the conservation easement is
16 to protect our view shed. Councilor Todd explained he is in favor for the trails, he just
17 wants to know where the system is compared to the rest of the project.

18 Tom Grimm
19 stated the concept is to let the public access the trails either along the
20 canal or for convenience they'll access from High Star Ranch property. It gives High Star
21 Ranch the ability to offer recreational facilities on their property.

22 Councilor Crystal asked if they have done enough homework that if there were any
23 problems with being sued, would High Star shut the trails off to the public. Tom
24 Grimm
25 replied no we can't. As long as the public has access to the trail, according to
26 State Law, High Star is not liable. Because of the conservation easement the only way
27 this would be shut off is if Kamas gave back the easement.

28 Mayor Marchant stated in the Development Agreement it identifies 4 specific public
29 trails. It also states in item 18.2 "All trails shown on the trails master plan other than the
30 public trails easement shall be private". Mayor Marchant stated this may be another
31 change in the Development Agreement. Mr. Grimm
32 stated they don't want any private
33 trails. This should be addressed.

34 Councilor Todd asked where the parking will be. Can the public park anywhere to unload
35 bikes and access trails?

36 Mr. Grimm
37 stated they have talked about this and if they come on their private
38 property and would like to use the public trail they would want them to register. They
39 want them to park at the Country Store and register before and after using them.

40 Mayor Marchant stated one of the trails identified is on the east side of the Provo River
41 canal. Mr. Gillwald stated the public trails identified in the master plan are recorded as a
42 public easement. The trails being presented tonight are not recorded as a public easement.

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44 Mr. Grimm
45 would like to get started right away. The construction season is here and
would like a decision.

1 Councilor Todd would like to see a Master Plan with a trailhead, all three cabin lots
2 plotted on the plan, and the horse trails labeled as a different color. He would like to see
3 what has already been approved and what is being presented to be approved. Councilor
4 Todd is in favor of the trails, the public will use these trails. He would just like to be able
5 to see what is going in the conservation easement. The view shed is his top priority.
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7 Mr. Gillwald and Mr. Radke agreed to have a plan ready at the next City Council
8 meeting. Councilor Todd feels like they can start flagging the trail, but no construction
9 until they can look at the plan. Mr. Grimmatt stated he will wait for the final answer.
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11 **HIGH STAR RANCH DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DISCUSSION**

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14 Mr. Grimmatt stated last fall he thought the Development Agreement was completed. He
15 found out recently that this was not complete. There are issues that he has concerns with.
16 Mr. Grimmatt has had their attorney contact Kamas City's attorney. They have talked on
17 the phone, but have not yet met. Mr. Grimmatt is asking to address the issues with the
18 Development Agreement directly with the City Council without the attorney's.
19 Mayor Marchant explained this is the preferred action all along. This has always been the
20 way we have handled this. The City prefers not to have the attorney's involved. The
21 council agreed. Mr. Grimmatt will get a draft of his response to the City within 10 days
22 for the council to start reviewing.
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24 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

25 **PUBLIC WORKS**

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28 Scott Kettle stated we have a contract with Geneva Rock to start the road on 100 South,
29 and finish up Center Street. They plan to start May 9.
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31 Jack Clegg is finished with the pavilion at the park. They will start working on the
32 landscaping and get the project finished up.
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34 Gary Siddoway explained he got the graffiti on the bridge painted.
35 The dumpster has also been delivered to the Sweatfield's. Gary Siddoway asked if the
36 City wants to give them another one once the first dumpster is full. The council agreed to
37 give them another on as long as they are filling it.

38 Robert McPherson stated it looks like they are trying to comply.
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40 **OTHER**

41 Jackie Blazzard stated the Sweatfield's had their Administrative Law Judge hearing last
42 week. The judge has given the ruling to Jackie Blazzard, now Jackie needs to meet with
43 Chief Smith to have it delivered to the Sweatfield's.
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45 Robert McPherson stated the motorhome is now in the back yard along the fence.

1 This is Kenny's motorhome. Tracy McNeil's motorhome parks across the street or
2 wherever there's a space.

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4 Jackie Blazzard has written a few more letters of compliance currently being delivered by
5 our police department.

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7 **POLICE**

8 Mayor Marchant asked Chief Smith to give major information as far as crime and law
9 enforcement in our City.

10 Chief Smith stated he pulled the statistics from the last 6 years for some of the offenses
11 reported every quarter to the FBI. The grand total for each year for serious crimes, which
12 include robbery, homicide, rape, assault, burglary, and theft are:

13 2009 – 80 total
14 2010 – 52 total
15 2011 – 35 total
16 2012 – 32 total
17 2013 – 22 total
18 2014 – 29 total
19 2015 – 25 total

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21 Chief Smith stated by being more proactive in their approach there has been a decrease in
22 crime. There has been a decline in threatening calls also. These are the crimes that are not
23 reported to the FBI, they are not as serious. They have also had a decline.

24 Councilor Todd commented 80 to 25 is a huge decline.

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26 Councilor Smith asked if Tracy McNeil pulled his motorhome across the street can the
27 police do anything. Chief Smith stated it's licensed and legal. He was parked there for a
28 short time. Our ordinance states it needs to be moved every 48 hours. He has been in
29 compliance.

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31 Councilor Smith asked why we have one of our police trucks unmarked.

32 Chief Smith stated a lot of agencies are using this approach, it helps with traffic
33 enforcement. It makes people not know where the police are so they obey traffic laws.

34 Chief Smith personally feels this has been successful.

35 Councilor Smith asked about crime, theft, and burglary. Chief Smith stated it works both
36 ways. They don't see the police coming so it gives them less time to get away. They
37 don't realize it's a police truck until it's too late.

38 A lot of agencies are moving to subdued markings. They have another unmarked car they
39 like to use for undercover work.

40 Councilor Todd asked Chief Smith to elaborate on what he and Casidi are doing,
41 especially every Friday at the High School.

42 Chief Smith reported that they respond to the High School all the time because the deputy
43 can't be there all the time. All the principals have their cell numbers and they call them
44 directly. They don't call dispatch anymore because they know they'll get a quicker
45 response from them. They respond at the school all the time. Every day is different. Some

1 days they can get out and patrol more, some days they have to spend more time in the
2 office investigating.

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4 Officer Kirkham reported it important for people to understand this is a small
5 organization. The big organizations have different departments that handle different parts
6 of their jobs. It's really easy to be out patrolling with all the different departments.
7 With the smaller agency they are doing all the work themselves. The work is a lot more
8 extensive than the public realizes. Our calls take more effort than the bigger agencies.

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10 Mike Cummings asked when they started using unmarked trucks. He didn't realize they
11 were doing this now. Chief Smith explained they have had the new trucks for four years.

12 Mike Cummings asked what the increase to the statistics last year were attributed to.

13 Chief Smith stated it was the previous year, and it was only four calls which was still a
14 decrease from previous years. They work their shifts to cover 70% of the City calls for
15 service in Kamas and the Sheriff's office covers 30% of the calls. The Kamas police also
16 assist the County in their area 4, which is Woodland to Peoa. Their agencies work
17 together. Those stats are not included in his report. Chief Smith reported on Kamas City
18 calls only.

19 Mike Cummings disagrees. He stated he has not seen police presence on his street.
20 Sunday he saw the Sheriff up and down his street once. Mike Cummings feels having
21 police presence driving up and down the street stops the criminals. Mike Cummings
22 stated he has talked to many people in town that agree with him, the City needs more
23 police presence in the community.

24 Chief Smith asked Mr. Cummings what is going on. What is different when the police are
25 there and when they're not?

26 Mr. Cummings replied there are cars coming at all times day and night; there are people
27 out front hollering and screaming, and loud music. Mr. Cummings asked Chief Smith
28 why he doesn't know what's going on. Chief Smith replied if people don't call they don't
29 know. Cars coming and going isn't a crime.

30 Chief Smith asked Mr. Cummings why he isn't calling when there is loud music. Mr.
31 Cummings doesn't feel like he should be put in the position to have to call if there was a
32 police presence in the city.

33 Councilor Todd stated he lives on the busiest street in the City. When our police
34 department patrols it is the best street in the City. When they are not there the kids speed
35 all the time. Brad and Casidi cannot cover every street in the City 24 hours a day.

36 Mike Cummings feels the unmarked cars are unnecessary. Mike Cummings and his
37 family have not noticed the police presence on his street.

38 Councilor Todd stated the only way to have more police presence is to have a bigger
39 police force.

40 Councilor Crystal asked Mike Cummings to call our police when there is a problem.

41 Mike Cummings stated he is not ready to put his family in danger. Councilor Blazzard
42 asked if the caller is identified when there is a call. Chief Smith told her no.

43 Chief Smith asked Mr. Cummings what is going on that they should know about. Mr.
44 Cummings did not want to discuss this. Chief Smith agreed to drive past Mr. Cummings
45 house more often.

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1 Carolyn Simkins stated there are 4 drug houses in her neighborhood. There are many in
2 Kamas. This is a serious issue. Mayor Marchant asked how do we know that. There needs
3 to be proof.

4 Carolyn Simkins feels this is an issue. We need to address these issues or we're going to
5 lose our town. Mayor Marchant stated the problem is proof. Councilor Todd stated this
6 takes time.

7 Mrs. Simkins said she has tried calling the police. Even dispatch doesn't answer.

8 Councilor Todd stated that's not true, someone will answer at dispatch. Mrs. Simkins
9 stated the drug houses are all over the place. Mr. McPherson stated they are using
10 elementary kids to carry the drugs for them.

11 Mrs. Simkins feels this is more serious than patrolling a street and is heartsick to see her
12 neighborhood turn in to drug houses. They all communicate with each other. Mayor
13 Marchant asked if she knows it is drugs. Simkins state no. Councilor Todd stated this
14 takes time and police work.

15 Chief Smith explained recently the Sweatfield's invited them in their house and the
16 trailers and there was no evidence of drugs. Normally if there were drugs they wouldn't
17 be invited in. Chief Smith understands there are a lot of cars coming and going, but they
18 don't have enough evidence to even have a judge sign a search warrant.

19 Mr. McPherson is installing a camera on his house and offered the footage to Chief Smith
20 anytime.

21 Mayor Marchant stated the city is concerned, just struggling on how to deal with it.
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24 **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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26 **MOTION:** Councilor Monica Blizzard moved to approve the City Council meeting
27 minutes dated April 12, 2016 with one correction.

28 Councilor Mike Crystal seconded the motion.

29 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Kevan Todd, Rod Smith, Mike Crystal,
30 and Monica Blizzard voted aye. Motion passed.
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33 **APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE REGISTER DATED APRIL 25, 2016**

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35 **MOTION:** Councilor Mike Crystal moved to approve the invoice register dated April 25,
36 2016 with the addition of the invoice from Crafcro for \$9,450.

37 Councilor Rod Smith seconded the motion.

38 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Kevan Todd, Rod Smith, Mike Crystal,
39 and Monica Blizzard voted aye. Motion passed.
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42 Councilor Blizzard asked if the building with graffiti by Beaver Creek is going to be
43 painted. Gary Siddoway said it belongs to Provo River Water. He's not sure if they're
44 going to, but will check in to it.
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1 **ADJOURN**

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3 **MOTION:** Councilor Kevan Todd moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

4 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Kevan Todd, Rod Smith, Mike Crystal,
5 and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion passed.

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8 *The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim*
9 *transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at*
10 *the meeting.*

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12 Approved on the 10th day of May 2016.

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Lewis P. Marchant

18 Mayor

Kim Peacock

City Recorder