

**NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

March 19, 2019

The North Ogden City Council convened in an open meeting on March 19, 2019 at 3:03 p.m. at the North Ogden City Office at 505 East 2600 North. Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on March 14, 2019. Notice of the annual meeting schedule was published in the Standard-Examiner on December 28, 2018.

PRESENT:	M. Brent Chugg	Mayor	
	Ryan Barker	Council Member	
	Blake Cevering	Council Member	
	Cheryl Stoker	Council Member	arrived at 5:31 p.m.
	Phillip Swanson	Council Member	
	Carl Turner	Council Member	

STAFF PRESENT:	Jon Call	City Administrator/Attorney
	Annette Spendlove	City Recorder/HR Director
	Dave Espinoza	Public Works Director
	Evan Nelson	Finance Director
	Dirk Quinney	Chief of Police
	Tiffany Staheli	Parks & Recreation Director
	Jami Jones	City Treasurer

VISITORS:	Loren Jepsen	Brett Hamblin	Kevin Burns
	Stefanie Casey	Terry Bexell	Ryan Hadley
	Janis Christensen	Kyrene Gibb	Brent Broom

Mayor Chugg called the meeting to order. Council Member Cevering offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER FEBRUARY 12, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
2. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER FEBRUARY 19, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Member Turner motioned to approve February 12, 2019 and February 19, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Cevering seconded the motion.**

**Voting on the motion:**

<b>Council Member Barker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Cevering</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Swanson</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Turner</b>	<b>aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTIVE AGENDA**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Loren Jepsen, 2665 N. 250 E., stated he is present representing a group that he is very proud of; one year ago, he met with the City Council seeking help in creating a community band. With the blessings of the Council, he proceeded in assembling the band and it is now a thriving group with approximately 52 members, 42 of which are regularly active. They meet each Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Senior Center. He stated he is thankful to Parks and Recreation Director Staheli for her support and for assisting him in applying for and receiving a Recreation, Arts, Museum, Parks (RAMP) grant; he plans to apply for another RAMP grant in this grant cycle. One of the few problems he has encountered relates to the availability of storage space for band equipment and the group is working to address that issue. He then provided a report of upcoming events through the months of April, June, and July and he concluded by again thanking the Council and City staff for their support.

Ryan Hadley, 1922 N. 520 E., stated each member of his family plays a musical instrument and it has been so great for he, his wife, and his children to be members of the community band. They recently played at Emeritus Estates and one resident there approached him afterward to communicate to him how important the performance was to her and how wonderful it made her feel. He stated that he knows the band feels that they are emissaries of the City in some way and the understand the importance of representing the City appropriately.

Brent Broom, 3266 N. 1050 W., Pleasant View, stated that he is the treasurer for the community band and the group carefully considers all expenditures. He carefully manages grant funds and understands the importance of transparency and wise oversight. He stated that there is always a need for music for the band to play and it can be very

expensive to purchase certain pieces of music. He concluded the band is a great group of individuals and he invited the Council to attend an upcoming concert.

Council Member Turner stated the North Ogden Chalk It Up Festival is scheduled for August 23 and 24 this year and he encouraged the band to look into any opportunities for them to be part of that event.

#### 4. **DISCUSSION ON BUDGET**

A staff memo from Finance Director Nelson explained this is the first budget retreat for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget. The focus of this meeting will be the General Fund, the Aquatic Center Fund, the Capital Improvement Fund, the Motor Pool Funds, and the Redevelopment Funds. The memo referenced an attached budget report and noted it includes many of the requests submitted by various City departments. (Column, titled 2019-20 Proposed Budget). Rather than providing a fully balanced budget to the City Council at this initial meeting, Department Heads would like to discuss requests with the Council and seek input on priorities. The current version of the General Fund budget has a deficit of \$686,239. As priorities are identified, adjustments will be made to bring the budget into balance.

Mr. Nelson reviewed his staff memo as well as the draft calendar for the entire budget process. Most important is acceptance of the tentative budget at the first meeting in May, a public hearing regarding the budget on May 28, and adoption of a final budget and certified tax rate at the June 11 meeting. He then used the aid of a PowerPoint presentation to provide an introduction to the budget. North Ogden City's budget contains governmental funds and proprietary funds. The governmental funds include: General Fund, Redevelopment Fund, Aquatic Center Fund, Transportation Utility Fund, Transportation Impact Fee Fund, Transportation Sales Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and 400/450 East Improvement Fund. Examples of proprietary funds are enterprise funds and other internal service funds, such as the motor pool fund. Each fund operates like reservoir that collects rainfall (revenues) and releases water (expenditures) when necessary. Major general fund revenue sources include sales tax, property tax, building fees, utility tax, and road allotments. He discussed Administration's method for projecting annual revenues, emphasizing that he is very conservative and has projected just a 4.5 percent increase in sales tax, a three percent increase in property tax, a one percent decrease in utility tax, and a two percent increase in road allotments. He did not project an increase for building fee revenues, though the budget is based upon 100 single-family and 80 multi-family permits being issues.

Council Member Cevering inquired as to the last time North Ogden City increased its property tax rate, to which Mr. Nelson answered 2005. City Administrator/Attorney Call noted that does not mean that residents have not experienced an increase in property taxes as they pay taxes to other taxing entities who have either maintained or increased their rates over the last several years. Mr. Nelson stated the City does have the ability to

maintain its current tax rate rather than accept the County's recommended certified tax rate, which is adjusted for growth to ensure the City receives the same tax revenue from year to year. This led to general discussion among the Council and Mr. Nelson regarding the fiscal impact of maintaining current tax rates versus accepting the certified tax rate; Mr. Nelson indicated Weber County has a tool on their website that can be used to calculate property taxes for individual residents as well as the amount of revenue to be generated for the City based upon a certain certified tax rate. He concluded that all other miscellaneous revenues are detailed in the budget document.

**a. General Fund**

Mr. Nelson summarized the following major general fund requests included in the budget:

Market and Wage Adjustments	\$253,359
401K Additional 3% match	\$82,779
New full-time code enforcement/resource officer (Police)	\$74,102
New full-time events coordinator (Parks)	\$80,529
Part-time parks position to full-time	\$29,462
Zoning ordinance rewrite (Planning)	\$60,000
Portable and in-car radios (Police)	\$16,565
Microphone system (Court)	\$10,000
Community survey	\$12,000
Elections	\$20,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$678,526</b>

Mr. Nelson engaged in high level discussion with the Council regarding various items included in the above list; there was a focus on the number of City employees and the history of adjustments to employee benefits; work load in the Departments for which new positions have been requested; the number of special events that would be coordinated by the requested events employee; and the community survey project.

Transfers from general fund to motor pool fund:

Replace two trucks (funded through Streets)	\$80,000
Vehicle Exchange Program (13 vehicles funded through Streets)	\$6,500
Replace Parks Admin vehicle	\$22,000
Parks Mower Rotation	\$10,000
Parks Mower – Walker	\$15,000
Parks Polaris Ranger	\$18,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$151,500</b>

Transfers from general fund to Police motor pool fund:

(3) Ford Interceptors (\$26,188) net of vehicles sold	\$78,563
Chevy Traverse	\$37,500
(14) In-car radios	\$39,760
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$155,823</b>

Mr. Nelson concluded the grant total for general fund major expenditures is \$985,849. Also, in the General Fund is the proposed addition of a new Engineering Department. This department is made up of the City Engineer, the Public Works Inspectors, and the Line Locator/Blue Staker. These positions are housed in the Engineering Department, but are funded by the General, Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Funds. Department expenses are also shared across funds. He asked for Council direction regarding projects or purchases that could be removed from the budget in order to assist Administration in balancing the budget. This led to philosophical discussion and debate regarding the items listed above. There was a heavy focus on the proposed budget items relating to wage increases and the 401K match; the Council debated reducing both proposals as well as contemplated the possibility of increasing property taxes to generate additional revenue to cover the costs associated with those employee expenses. The Council concluded that the top four items in the general fund table are of utmost importance to them for funding and they asked that Mr. Nelson use that information to formulate budget recommendations for the next budget retreat and provide information about the property tax increase that would be needed to fund them.

**b. Capital Improvement Fund**

Mr. Nelson then reported the Capital Improvement Fund Budget contains the following proposed projects:

Senior Center Parking Lot	\$250,000
Move Campbell Barn to Barker Park	\$80,000
Additional Concrete/Landscaping at Skate Park	\$35,000
Barker Park Amphitheater (Rollover from current budget. Funded with Park Impact Fees)	\$378,207
Parks Building Remodel	\$10,000
Council Room Remodel	\$3,000
Police Building Feasibility Study	\$30,000
Picnic Tables for North Ogden Park	\$10,000
Renovate Oaklawn Park Football Field	\$40,000
Lomond View Restroom	\$250,000
Street Lighting (Applied for \$200,000 grant)	\$400,000
Map Scanner	\$9,000
Surveillance System at City Facilities	\$70,000
Road Maintenance	\$600,000
400/450 East Widening	\$8,148,237

Mr. Nelson noted that the highlighted projects included in the capital improvement fund above are programmed to be paid for using fund balance. Following high level discussion among the Council and Department Heads responsible for the projects listed in the table regarding the scope of certain projects, Mr. Nelson facilitated discussion among the Council regarding their priorities for capital projects. The Council offered support for the Police building feasibility study project, but determined to defer the Senior Center

parking lot until a time that the feasibility study has been completed and there is an idea regarding the timeline for the actual construction of the Police Building. The Council offered support for the project to move the Campbell Barn to Barker Park utilizing impact fees. The Council also indicated that the street lighting project should not go forward at this time unless the City receives the \$200,000 grant; Mr. Nelson noted that the grant award will be announced in advance of the Council's consideration of the final budget. The Lomond View restroom project cost was reduced from \$250,000 to \$150,000 given the City's ability to complete the project in-house. The Council Room remodel project was removed from the list as it will be completed in the current FY. And, finally, the project for surveillance system at City facilities will be reduced from \$70,000 to \$50,000. The total for all projects to be included in the capital improvement fund is \$337,000.

**c. Aquatic Center**

Mr. Nelson referred to the detailed budget document to review the Aquatic Center proposed expenses, which are largely operational. Adjustments to the Aquatic Center fund include market and merit wage adjustments for employees totaling \$6,537 and 401K additional three percent match totaling \$1,358. The General Fund Contribution to the Aquatic Center Fund is \$153,077. Additionally, the RDA makes an annual transfer to the Aquatic Center Fund to cover debt service for the bond associated with the facility. The transfer proposed for FY20 is \$283,492. Revenues are fairly stable, but increase as the facility ages; this also results in an increase to the General Fund's subsidy of the facility. Council Member Swanson asked if it would be an option to increase admission fees to help to cover the increasing operational costs. Parks and Recreation Director Staheli indicated the City's admission fees are currently among the highest in the area and she would recommend against increasing fees and she feels it would result in decreased usership. This led to a review of admission fees, season pass rates, and the miscellaneous fee schedule for other costs at the Center, after which Council Member Swanson stated that he would like to had further review of an expense/revenue comparison for the facility given that when costs to provide services in other areas of the City, increases of user fees are considered by the Council. He stated he would like to treat the Aquatic Center the same as other services.

**d. Motor Pool/Police Motor Pool Funds**

Mr. Nelson reported the Motor Pool Fund has been restructured so that fuel and vehicle and equipment parts are budgeted in the various departments. Expenses will be tracked according to use throughout the year. In the past, fuel and parts expenses were primarily tracked in the Motor Pool Fund. This change should make actual department expenses more transparent.

Motor Pool Fund

Market and Merit Wage Adjustments	\$5,230
401K Additional 3% Match	\$4,306

Replace Two Trucks	\$96,000
Replace Parks Admin Vehicle	\$30,000
Hydraulic Press	\$9,000
Parks Mower Rotation	\$10,000
Parks Mower – Walker	\$10,000
Parks Polaris Ranger	\$18,000
Vehicle Exchange Program (13 vehicles)	Net expense \$6,500

Police Motor Pool Fund	
Market and Merit Wage Adjustments	\$1,569
401K Additional 3% Match	\$1,292
(3) Ford Interceptors	\$96,000
Chevy Traverse	\$33,000
Vehicle Equipment	\$65,923

**e. RDA/CDA Funds**

Mr. Nelson referred to the detailed budget document for a review of the RDA/CDA budget proposals. The City’s RDA was created several years ago, while the CDA is fairly new. RDA funds are commonly used for street lights, beautification efforts, and to support the Aquatic Center. The City has received a few requests for contributions to specific developments in past years, but there are no such requests for the coming FY. The total RDA proposed budget for FY20 is \$700,000.

Council Member Swanson inquired as to the expiration date of the RDA, to which Mr. Call answered 2021 or 2022. Council Member Swanson stated that the Council needs to be thinking of how to spend the amount of RDA money available prior to its expiration. Mr. Call agreed and added that the project must be spent on a project that will benefit the area encompassed by the RDA. He provided examples of projects that have been supported by the RDA in the past, after which he noted that one project that could be considered is burying the power lines on Washington Boulevard. Council Member Swanson stated that another suggestion he has heard is to restore the Aquatic Center to ‘like-new’ condition since the RDA was essentially created to support that facility. Mr. Call stated that future discussion regarding the Council’s desire for allocating the available funding to specific projects will be needed.

Mr. Nelson then reported the RDA has loaned money to the CDA fund in the amount of \$400,000 because the CDA has not yet begun generating its own increment; he expects the area to begin generating its own increment in the coming FY, but he is unsure of how much will be generated. For that reason, he has budgeted conservatively at \$20,000.

Mr. Nelson then concluded that in the next budget retreat he will cover utility funds and provide a report to the Council to answer some of the questions that were raised this evening. He will also present a modified budget according to direction that has been given.

#### **f. Compensation and Benefits**

City Recorder/HR Director Spendlove reported she has conducted a salary survey this year using a service the City subscribes to known as Tech Net; this is a service that many public entities subscribe to and that allows them to benchmark against comparable public service entities. She selected entities within a 75-mile range and eliminated the highest and lowest paying entities. The results of the survey led her to recommend adjustments in salary ranges for employment positions in the City in order to be in-line with the market. She then reiterated that Administration is recommending a four percent merit increase for employees.

Ms. Spendlove then discussed employee benefits; the City pays a retirement contribution for full-time employees and provides up to a three percent 401K match. If an employee leaves the City before having worked five full years, they can take the money they have contributed to the 401K, but they lose the City's contribution. She would like to recommend a change to that policy to more closely mirror the Utah Retirement System's policy, whereby an employee is vested at four years. She asked the Council to think about prorating an employee's 401K benefit for years one through four. Mr. Nelson stated that this would not necessarily impact the City's budget, because there is no line item included in the budget for returned 401K contributions for employees who leave employment before five years. Ms. Spendlove continued her review of employee benefits, including life insurance, health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, and accidental death and dismemberment insurance. This year, the City's insurance provider has indicated that rates will remain constant and no increase is requested. For that reason, City Administration chose not to go out to bid for insurance.

Mr. Call then reported legislation was recently adopted by the Utah State Legislature to adjust the retirement benefits for tier two public safety employees; the City's contribution will increase from 12 to 14 percent in the year 2020. Officers will be required to contribute two percent as well. Council Member Swanson asked if tier two public safety employees will still be required to work 25 years to be eligible for full retirement pay, to which Mr. Call answered yes. He concluded that additional information regarding all implications of the legislation will be made available to the City soon. Mr. Nelson added that the fiscal impact of this change is expected to be approximately \$10,000.

Mr. Call then noted that future Council discussion is needed regarding any potential changes to the structure and salary of the Mayor position; Mayor Chugg has indicated that he does not plan to seek election to the office and it may be beneficial to consider reverting to a part-time Mayor position rather than full-time. The position was converted to full-time during Mayor Taylor's tenure given his education, unique skill-set, and



availability to work full-time. He stated that it would be best to make the decision regarding the structure of the position prior to the advertisement of the candidate filing period for the 2019 Municipal Election. There was a brief high-level discussion among the Council and staff regarding the pros and cons of having a full-time Mayor as well as the circumstances of the past Mayor's that have allowed them to serve in a full-time capacity.

**f. Public comments**

There were no public comments.

**5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL**

**Council Member Swanson motioned to recess the regular meeting and convene in a closed meeting to discuss character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.**

**Voting on the motion:**

<b>Council Member Barker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Cevering</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Stoker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Swanson</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Turner</b>	<b>aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**The meeting recessed at 6:19 p.m.**

**The meeting reconvened at 7:48 p.m.**

**Council Member Swanson motioned to add Y2 Analytics to the agenda. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.**

**Voting on the motion:**

<b>Council Member Barker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Cevering</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Stoker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Swanson</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Turner</b>	<b>aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Y2 ANALYTICS**

City Administrator/Attorney Call introduced Kyrene Gibb of Y2 Analytics; Ms. Gibb provided an overview of the service Y2 Analytics can provide the City in conducting a public survey. She summarized the typical process Y2 follows to generate community involvement in order to provide a response that is representative of the entire City as possible. The survey is conducted largely online to allow participation from a broad base of residents and to keep costs low. Y2 would simply need feedback from the City relative to the topics of the survey in order for Y2 to craft questions that are unbiased and neutral.

Mr. Call indicated the City received bids from Y2 Analytics and one other company; the other company's bid was \$600 less than Y2 Analytics, but City Administration did not feel their surveying methods would be as effective or thorough as Y2's approach.

Council Member Swanson asked how a resident can be prevented from completing the survey multiple times. Ms. Gibb stated Y2 uses a survey platform that will not allow one user to access the site multiple times. Survey participants will be sent an email inviting them to take the survey and each email is attached to a unique survey link; the user will only be able to access the survey once. Those that receive a post card in the mail will be given a unique access code and that must be entered to validate that they have been invited to participate.

Council Member Cevering stated the City has roughly 20,000 residents and he inquired as to the number of residents that will constitute a random sample for the purposes of this survey. Ms. Gibb stated a response rate that is viable and would have a generally feasible margin of error for a City of this size would be approximately 400 to 500 residents; Y2 will send between 2,000 and 3,000 survey invitations to achieve that response rate. The initial response rate will be between 10 and 15 percent, after which Y2 will send reminders to increase the response rate to closer to 18 or 20 percent.

Mr. Call stated that if the Council wishes to proceed with the survey with Y2, Administration will include an action item on a future meeting agenda. It will also be necessary to determine the subject of the public survey and there are multiple topics that are currently being considered. Ms. Gibb stated there is some flexibility in the number of

survey questions that can be used and most people that are participating in government surveys are very engaged and will complete a longer survey. Y2 will collaborate with City staff and the Council as well as engage with citizen groups to achieve buy-in on the survey content. This helps to ensure that all groups feel the results are truly representative of the community. Mr. Call agreed citizen engagement is very important, but he may recommend against staff involvement in the process to ensure the community believes the survey is unbiased.

## 6. DISCUSSION ON AMPHITHEATER AND CONSTRUCTION

A staff memo from City Administrator/Attorney Call explained North Ogden City has been awarded \$312,779 in RAMP approved by the County Commission on March 12, 2019. This means the City has those funds available to continue working on the inside of the Amphitheater Building. At the end of last year, the Council amended the budget to include an expenditure of \$756,414 on the Amphitheater Project with the requirement that the Council approve the components of the new construction prior to engaging anybody for the work. The purpose of this meeting is to get the council to prioritize the items so that we can get formal bids on the project and complete as many items on the list as the Council wants to prioritize. Below is a table describing the items on the attached spreadsheet which shows the estimate to completely finish the inside of the Amphitheater building.

- Division 06 - Woods These are the finishes like trim, counters, built in items, etc.
- Division 07 - Moisture Protection This is insulation, caulking and other interior items to help keep the temperature more consistent in the building.
- Division 08 - Doors These would be the roughly 10 interior doors as well as the 2 large roll up doors with motors.
- Division 09 - Finishes This is all the metal stud framing, sheetrock, painting, and other items which will finish out the office, green room, dressing rooms, and bathrooms .
- Division 10 - Specialties These are the items bolted to walls like towel dispensers, mirrors, signage, etc.
- Division 11 - Theatrical Equipment This would include items like curtains, screens, and other standard stage items.
- Division 13 - Fire Sprinkler This is the fire suppression system.
- Division 15 - Mechanical These are heating and cooling items to keep the facility functional during the hottest and coldest months of the year.
- Division 16 - Electrical This is the basic lighting in the facility as well as the theatrical stage lighting and the relay panel to control all the lights.
- Division 27 - Audio Systems These are the speakers for the facility and control panels.

Staff has compiled the following list in order of priority for the next phase of the amphitheater building.

Project Item Description	Division	Est. Cost
Ramp Logos	Unspecified	\$15,000
Plumbing	Mechanical	\$24,000
Walls separating changing rooms and bathrooms	Finishes	\$15,000
Finish 2 bathrooms	Specialties	\$10,000
Finish basic lighting and all outlets	Electrical	\$115,000
Finish minimal stage lighting	Electrical	\$30,000
Fire Sprinkler	Fire Sprinkler	\$50,000
Large Fans to move air	Mechanical	\$9,000
Insulate Mechanical Room, additional caulking	Moisture Protection	\$5,000
Security Cameras	Electrical	\$3,000
Interior Man Doors	Doors	\$20,000
Border and leg curtains and other specialty items	Theatrical Equipment	\$80,000
Counters/cabinets in greenroom/classroom	Finishes/woods	\$20,000
Furnishings in greenroom/classroom	Unspecified	\$10,000
Counters/cabinets in changing rooms	Finishes/woods	\$50,000
Mirrors and lights for changing rooms	Finishes	\$20,000
Audio System Components	Audio Systems	\$80,000

The above costs totaling \$556,000 are based on estimates obtained from Wadman Construction our CMGC for this project. Because they are estimates we are hoping the Council will reprioritize the list so that we can go out and get firm bids based on the Council's direction. Staff will bring back to the Council the firm bids on the items as well as the anticipated contractor related fees which will be paid to Wadman for their services. If there are additional funds available staff expects the Council to provide the direction on how those additional monies should be expended. If one or more of these items end up over the estimate outlined above, then the lower priority items will be delayed until the City decides to fund additional construction on the building.

The current projected cost for the amphitheater building is \$2,117,098 as of March 14, 2019. In the current budget year, the proposed budget is \$756,414 with \$312,779 of that money coming from the RAMP project funds. The history of the project funding is outlined in the charts below.

Mr. Call reviewed his staff report and facilitated discussion among the Council regarding the specific work they would like to be done with the current amount of funding available. Council Member Turner stated that he would like to complete the work necessary to make the building safe and usable by community groups and others wishing

to rent the facility. He suggested that scope be advertised for updated bids. The Council agreed.

## 7. DISCUSSION ON CHERRY DAYS

Council Member Swanson stated that there are several items for the Council to discuss in response to feedback the City has received regarding the Cherry Days parade.

### **a. When seating can be placed for the parade**

This has been a difficult matter for the Police Department and Public Works Department as some residents place chairs, blankets, or tarps along the parade route well in advance of the event. Some items have been stolen or removed, which results in complaints from the owners. Additionally, other residents complain that spots are being saved and they cannot find a place to watch the parade. A group was assembled to evaluate some of the issues regarding Cherry Days and they have recommended that saving spots along the parade route is not allowed until 6:00 a.m. the day of the event. The Council indicated their support for that recommendation.

### **b. Parade route for 2020 because of road construction**

Council Member Swanson stated the group has recommended that the parade route during construction go along 3100 North, east to 1050 East, down 1050 East, and west on 2600 North to end at North Ogden Elementary at approximately 600 East. Parks and Recreation Director Staheli indicated another route that had support would provide for staging on Mountain Road, and for the parade to head west on 2600 North. Council Member Stoker stated an additional route provided for staging at Wadman Park, south on 1050 East to 2600 North, and west on 2600 North. She added the group also recommended that the City engage residents to notify them of the changes to the route and offer seating options for them. Mr. Call added that a resident that was heavily involved with the group was not able to attend tonight, but she asked that her feedback be provided; she has recommended that the existing parade route simply be shortened. The parade could start at 2550 North and extend south on Washington Boulevard to 1700 North. Council Member Swanson stated that one complaint the City has received about the Washington Boulevard parade route is that the road is so wide that people sitting on one side of the street cannot see a parade entry well if it is not travelling directly down the middle of the road. This is also problematic for candy throwing, which is the next discussion matter. 2600 North is narrower and throwing candy would be easier. Ms. Staheli added that crowd control is more difficult on Washington Boulevard as well. The Council and staff engaged in discussion about the various pros and cons for each of the parade routes that have been recommended, ultimately concluding to offer support for a route that would allow staging at the Equestrian Park on Mountain Road, and then head west on 2600 North to 500 East. The children's parade could start at Wadman Park or a nearby church building with a large enough parking lot.

**c. Throwing of candy**

Council Member Swanson discussed the concerns that the City has heard in the past about throwing candy and facilitated discussion among the group about whether throwing of candy should be prohibited. The Council indicated they wanted to allow candy to be thrown, but offered support for the current policy to require a parade entry to have walkers that will distribute candy rather than it being thrown from moving vehicles.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Janis Christensen, 1233 E. 2250 N., stated that she generally respects each member of the Council and has had interactions with each of them in the past. However, tonight, she stands in shock and embarrassment as the Council continues to discuss the progress on the amphitheater, such as allowing a band to practice at the facility all summer long. She asked if any member of the Council lives within 300 feet of the amphitheater, which is one of the largest in the area. It is easy for the Council to make decisions about other areas of the City and other people's lives because they are not directly impacted. The Council has been tricked and mesmerized by impressive presentations and they have contributed to a very bad decision. She stated the project is going forward and will dramatically impact the residents in that area; the little neighborhood there will be destroyed. She stated she is just a mother and grandmother of people that live in that neighborhood, but when she visits there it is easy for her to understand what a horrible mistake has been made. Others that visit as well have communicated their shock that the facility was built in that location. Those that built their homes in that neighborhood were required to meet strict City codes, but the City has since changed the noise ordinance to accommodate the needs of the amphitheater. This seems so distorted and confused. She does not know how the Council can proceed in good conscience and knowing what they will do to the neighborhood. She stated she is shocked that such good people can be lacking in such conscience when it comes to other people's lives and property values. She reiterated she feels the Council was tricked and led down the wrong path and she hopes they will find ways to temper what happens in the amphitheater for the sake of the community.

**9. COUNCIL/MAYOR/STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Staheli stated she will be approaching the Council soon to discuss fees for field reservations at City parks and the methods the City uses to facilitate reservations.

Council Member Cevering asked if the sound ordinance for the amphitheater has changed. Mr. Call stated the ordinance has not changed, but it may include provisions to accommodate certain types of performances. He will provide a report back to the Council in the near future.

Council Member Turner reported a new Director has been appointed at the Weber Mosquito Abatement District; his name is Keith Turner. The District's spraying plane was in disrepair so it was sold recently, and the District will begin contracting with other sprayers to provide the service.

City Recorder Spendlove asked that the Council inform her of their availability to attend the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Spring Conference in St. George at the end of April.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Barker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.**


**Voting on the motion:**

<b>Council Member Barker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Cevering</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Stoker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Swanson</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Turner</b>	<b>aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.**

  
M. Brent Chugg, Mayor

  
S. Annette Spendlove, MMC  
City Recorder

30 April 2019  
Date Approved