

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Council work session held Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 5:30
2 p.m. at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Mayor Clark Wilkinson

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8 Council Members Tamilyn Fillmore (arrived 5:45 p.m.)
9 William Ince
10 Stephanie Ivie
11 George McEwan
12 Robyn Mecham

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Brant Hanson, City Manager
16 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
17 Jacob Smith, Management Services Director
18 Mackenzie Wood, City Recorder
19 Paul Child, Centerville Police Chief
20 Bruce Cox, Parks & Recreation Director (arrived 6:15 p.m.)
21 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

22 **FLUORIDE DISCUSSION**

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24 Lisa Romney, City Attorney, informed the Council of the statutory procedures and
25 options to place the fluoride matter on the ballot. One way is for citizens to file an initiative
26 petition. Any initiative to reconsider adding fluoride to the public water supply would need to be
27 a County-wide initiative. The initiative process would need to begin early to meet the April 15th
28 signed-packet deadline. Another option is for the County to place this matter on the ballot as a
29 ballot question. This option requires action by the County Commission and would most likely be
30 an option for consideration at the 2020 County election. Ms. Romney said Brian Hatch, Davis
31 County Director of Health, is planning to make a presentation at the Council of Governments
32 (COG) meeting in July or August. Councilmember Fillmore said she hopes the goal would be to
33 include the initiative on the 2020 ballot. Brant Hanson, City Manager, said it will depend on how
34 many cities support the initiative. Ms. Romney said in the 2000 election, the County-wide vote
35 was 52% in favor of adding fluoride and 48% against, and the Centerville vote was 50% in favor
36 and 49% against. In the 2004 election, the County-wide vote was 51% in favor of continuing to
37 add fluoride and 49% against, and the Centerville vote was 51.18% in favor and 48.82%
38 against. Councilmember Fillmore commented that more information about fluoridated water is
39 available now than at the time of the previous elections.

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41 **BUDGET ISSUES**

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43 **Annual Green Waste Collection**

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45 In recent years, Centerville has moved away from an annual curbside green waste
46 collection and offered two drop-off locations within the City on select weekends in spring, largely
47 due to information received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr.
48 Hanson reported that Farmington and Bountiful are the only two cities he contacted that still
49 offer an annual curbside green waste pickup. Farmington is awaiting an EPA audit. Many cities
50 Mr. Hanson contacted offer citizens city-funded vouchers for green waste drop-off at the landfill.
51 West Bountiful and North Salt Lake both offer one drop-off location twice a year.

1 Mr. Hanson commented that the \$2 per can increase implemented by Wasatch
2 Integrated Waste Management will help fund equipment that will separate green waste from
3 regular waste. Because the Council chose not to increase the rates for Centerville citizens
4 enough to cover the \$2 increase as well as all associated administrative costs in FY 2020, there
5 will not be sufficient balance in the Sanitation Fund to cover spring green waste collection.
6 Spring green waste collection would need to be paid from General Fund balance.

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8 Councilmember Ince said he does not think it makes sense to go back to curbside
9 collection having already made the change. He said it makes sense to figure out a way to
10 lengthen the drop-off period and make the drop-off experience easier. Councilmember Mecham
11 said she is not in favor of the voucher approach because a \$5 voucher would not make a big
12 difference to individuals, but would add up fast for the City. She added that providing a voucher
13 does not help citizens who do not have a truck or trailer to take the green waste to the landfill.
14 Councilmember Fillmore agreed that success of the drop-off arrangement is dependent on
15 those who have trucks helping those who do not. She said she believes it is less likely
16 individuals would be able or willing to help if the drop-off location were outside City boundaries.
17 It was suggested that part-time temporary help to monitor the drop-off areas would be a good
18 idea. A majority of the Council indicated they are in favor of continuing with drop-off locations
19 within Centerville, with improvements made.

20 21 Electronic Sign for Front of City Hall

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23 Jacob Smith, Management Services Director, reported that an electronic sign for the
24 front of City Hall similar to the sign in West Bountiful would cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000,
25 with a \$50 per month maintenance agreement. An electronic sign is not included in the FY 2020
26 Tentative Budget. The Council discussed the fact that all City departments would benefit, and
27 discussed which Funds could cover the \$30,000 expense. Mr. Smith was directed to prepare a
28 funding recommendation. Ms. Romney pointed out that an Ordinance amendment may be
29 necessary to allow an electronic sign on Main Street.

30 31 URBAN DEER DISCUSSION

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33 Continuing a discussion from the June 4, 2019 work session, Bruce Cox, Parks and
34 Recreation Director, stated that the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has legal
35 responsibility for management of urban deer, but has not been willing/able to take care of the
36 urban deer problem in Centerville. Mr. Cox explained the time required of staff from multiple
37 departments over the last three years in the effort to control the urban deer population within
38 Centerville, and the restrictions involved, with limited success. He estimated that hundreds of
39 hours were spent by both staff and volunteer citizens. Councilmember Fillmore suggested a
40 record of the number of hours and the cost involved would be helpful.

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42 Mr. Cox suggested one option would be to contract with an independent company that
43 would handle every aspect of the urban deer control process. The contractor would work with
44 the DWR, and would only hunt on public property. The cost would be approximately \$2,800 per
45 year. The contractor could be hired by individual property owners to remove deer on private
46 property. Another option would be to work with the Utah Mule Deer Foundation, which has had
47 some success in relocation efforts. The Council and staff discussed property owner versus City
48 responsibility in eliminating urban deer.

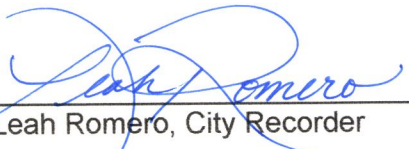
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50 Chief Child said ten automobile versus deer accidents were reported in Centerville last
51 year. Responding to a request made by Councilmember Mecham at a previous meeting, Mr.

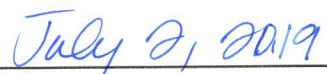
1 Cox said he learned cities have not had good success with sterilization efforts. Chief Child said
2 the majority of deer killed in the last three years through the Urban Deer Control Program were
3 on large properties on the north end of town. Killing deer safely in residential neighborhoods
4 with small yards is a challenge. He said in his opinion increasing the number of approved
5 hunters would reduce control and increase liability. He said he would be willing to allow property
6 owners to kill deer on their own property if they go through the City Urban Deer Control process.

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8 Chief Child said he would be willing to take over management of the City Urban Deer
9 Control Program from the Parks and Recreation Department because he considers the urban
10 deer to be a public safety concern. He said he likes the idea of the City overseeing efforts and
11 providing contact information for independent contractors to property owners interested in
12 paying for the service. Mr. Hanson suggested a hybrid approach of continuing to work with
13 volunteers, and contracting with an independent company to help the situation. Councilmember
14 Ince suggested that municipalities, through the Utah League of Cities and Towns, should put
15 pressure on the State to alter limitations. Staff will move forward with renewing the COR, and
16 will present cost options at a future meeting.

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18 **ADJOURNMENT**

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20 At 6:55 p.m., Councilmember Ince made a **motion** to adjourn the work session.
21 Councilmember McEwan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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26 Leah Romero, City Recorder

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31 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

