

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

OPENING INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 26, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE REGISTER DATED DECEMBER 9, 2019

MOTION: Councilor Kevan Todd moved to approve the invoice register dated December 9, 2019.
Councilor Allen McNeil seconded the motion.
The vote was unanimous. Councilors Garry Walker, Kevan Todd, Mike Crystal, Allen McNeil, and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion passed.

1 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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3 Mayor McCormick stated there were some things said on Facebook. Mayor McCormick
4 has talked to the people that started the conversation and the ladies here tonight will try to
5 calm what was said. The person who started all the comments is not here tonight.
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7 Deborah Edwards moved to Kamas this past summer. She attended the RUDAT
8 visioning session. She has volunteered to be on the action committee for this and get
9 more involved. She has met with David Darcey who will be spearheading this effort.
10 Their intention is to launch an initiative in the new year and it's called Kamas 2020.
11 Their mission statement is to enhance, improve, and preserve what makes Kamas a
12 unique place to work and live.
13 They believe they should be adopting reasonable goals for the short-term future. This is
14 going to be a short-term project. They want to implement many recommendations the
15 RUDAT proposed. Some recommendations won't work with Kamas. They want to focus
16 on the heritage that makes Kamas unique. They propose a heritage center or visitors
17 center where people can meet and share ideas. They plan to meet January 8th to set in
18 motion the Kamas 2020 program and solicit input and advice from the community. They
19 want monthly meetings and monthly newsletters. They would like to meet with the
20 council and mayor monthly to brief them and get input. They will be seeking public
21 money for some of the projects hopefully through grants. This process will be transparent
22 and communication will be key. They will be clear, accurate, and fair in their
23 communications.
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25 Katie Stellpflug has been a Kamas resident for 9 years. She is passionate about this town.
26 There's a lot of potential for Main Street. Talking to other business owners, changes are
27 coming, how do we preserve and protect what is here and get Main St. thriving again.
28 Katie thanked the people involved in the RUDAT grant. There was a lot of hard work
29 that went in to that. Business owners just want to be able to survive and fill some of the
30 vacancies on Main St. The committee came up with a great vision, but it's huge and can
31 be very overwhelming. The community council wants to do the best with their time and
32 asked for the council's support. Katie asked the council what the best process would be to
33 continue this.
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35 Mayor McCormick stated they talked about a couple of things. It won't be successful
36 without the support of the council. Everything will come to the council. The idea of a
37 complete cross section of the community wasn't represented at the visioning and we need
38 to get everyone involved. We need to get some momentum and see what happens.
39 Katie feels the new park here at the City Hall will be a good start for the committee to
40 volunteer to help get this put together. Katie stated there's a lot of people that want to get
41 involved.

42 Councilor Todd likes what Katie and Deborah have said but we never see anyone at
43 meetings. We hold meetings twice a month. People want to get involved, but behind our
44 back. He's here because he cares about Kamas. Nobody comes to meetings and this is a
45 good place to start if people want to get involved. This is where things need to be
46 discussed, not on social media.

1 Katie feels this makes sense. The community action committee wants to discuss things
2 that could come to the table and present them to the council after they meet.
3 Councilor Todd has been here for 16 years and has rarely seen anyone come to meetings.
4 This is where community involvement should start. You can get the facts here.

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6 Katie stated a new vision for Kamas could be preserve what Kamas has always been and
7 not let it get out of control. Main Street is an important issue.

8 Councilor Todd agreed and stated that's why we hired Kaitlin to help with grants for
9 Main Street beautification. We have tried in the past and hope Kaitlin can find other
10 avenues to help. Katie stated that's why they are here, they want to help.

11 Councilor Todd is totally for it. This is how things get done and we can get different
12 perspectives, but it has to start here, not on social media.

13 Katie explained the community action committee is stemming from the RUDAT
14 visioning. Katie hopes that whatever was said on Facebook doesn't affect the committee.

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16 Mayor McCormick stated we could have an item on the agenda depending on what action
17 needs to be taken.

18 Councilor Todd stated council meetings are where people should air grievances.

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20 Deborah explained they will have their first public meeting January 8th and Mr. Darcey
21 will be coming to the council meeting in January to report. There is a sense of enthusiasm
22 and hope to maintain momentum.

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24 John Blazzard stated his family are some of the original settlers of Kamas. He has had a
25 business here for a long time and never been contacted by a business coalition. He has
26 real concerns with committees. Council meetings are where people should be. Nobody
27 has the authority to do anything unless they're sitting in a council seat. If the council is
28 part of the committee, this is a conflict.

29 Mayor McCormick explained this has already been discussed and nobody from the
30 council will be on a committee. This would be a conflict. Kaitlin won't either since she is
31 a city employee.

32 John Blazzard stated as far as the customs and culture of Kamas Valley, he doesn't know
33 how if you've lived here for only two years, you really know what that means. What
34 sounds good is to preserve and protect those customs, heritage, and culture, but first of all
35 you have to understand them. As a city we need to all work together, citizens, council,
36 and city government to decide what we want this town to be.

37 The visioning session there were a lot of people there that weren't citizens of Kamas that
38 had a lot to say about what Kamas should be. This is concerning. We need to be careful
39 who we listen to.

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41 Councilor Walker stated he enjoys the comments of keeping the culture and heritage of
42 Kamas here. We need to continue to stress the idea of keeping the culture of Kamas here.
43 That has always been our vision.

44 Katie stated one of the most important things about a town is its history.

1 Councilor McNeil stated the success of the committee will be bridging the gap. The
2 committee will be ran by relatively new residents. When you have a committee ran by
3 new residents this may not go over well.
4 Councilor McNeil stated in the RUDAT results the demographics were generally new
5 residents, not generational residents. If you want some of these generational residents
6 involved you will have to go out and make a personal request to bring them in and serve
7 on the committee. Councilor McNeil likes the results of the RUDAT. There are some
8 good ideas and he is excited.

11 **2019 FISCAL YEAR END AUDIT REPORT**

13 Mayor McCormick welcomed Erin Winterton with Child Richards. Erin Winterton
14 reviewed the audit report with the council.

17 **APPROVAL OF THE 2020 CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE**

19 **MOTION:** Councilor Monica Blazzard moved to approve the 2020 City Council Annual
20 meeting schedule.

21 Councilor Allen McNeil seconded the motion

22 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Garry Walker, Kevan Todd, Mike
23 Crystal, Allen McNeil, and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion passed.

26 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

28 Matt Crittenden reported they are still moving forward with the new garage at the shop.
29 We're on their schedule for a spring build.

30 Councilor McNeil told Crittenden they have done a great job plowing the snow but they
31 are driving too fast. Crittenden will relay the message and keep them at the speed limit.
32 The council echoed the sentiment that they are doing a great job.

34 Mayor McCormick reported there is a Planning Commission seat open. He has talked to
35 Larry Gines, Planning Commission Chair, and he suggested Craig Hicken. Mayor
36 McCormick has talked to Craig and he has accepted the position. The council agreed this
37 is a good suggestion. Mayor McCormick will make the appointment.

40 **ADJOURN**

42 **MOTION:** Councilor Mike Crystal moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

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

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6 Approved on the 14th day of January 2020.
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11 Matt McCormick
12 Mayor

Kim Peacock
City Recorder