

7:00 p.m.

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September 22, 2020
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

1 Councilor Allen McNeil seconded the motion.
2 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Garry Walker, Kevan Todd, John
3 Blazzard, Allen McNeil, and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion passed.
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6 **PUBLIC COMMENT – THIS IS THE PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO**
7 **COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
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9 There were no public comments.
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12 **PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE**
13 **AMENDMENT OF THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**
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15 Mayor McCormick feels this won’t be the only time we amend the budget. Mayor
16 McCormick reviewed the budget amendments. There is a budget increase in park
17 supplies and miscellaneous and impact fees. Scott Kettle has been working on the pricing
18 for the new playground equipment and is asking the council to approve another \$60,000
19 to cover the cost of the equipment. We will also be using more of the impact fees. The
20 Cares Act accounts have been included in this amendment. We have received 2
21 allotments from the State. There is also an amendment for the employee’s wages. The
22 council approved 1.5% COLA in June and decided to look at the 2nd quarter revenue in
23 September to see where we’re at. The sales tax revenue was up so as part of this budget
24 Mayor McCormick is recommending giving the employees the other 1.5% COLA and
25 give the employees a salary adjustment that would be equal to the 1.5% from July 1 to
26 September 19.

27 Mayor McCormick opened the public hearing.

28 There were no public comments.

29 Mayor McCormick closed the public hearing.
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32 **RESOLUTION 2020-11, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGETS OF THE**
33 **CITY OF KAMAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AND**
34 **ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, AND RELATED MATTERS**
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36 **MOTION:** Councilor Kevan Todd moved to approve Resolution 2020-11, A Resolution
37 amending the budgets of the City of Kamas for the fiscal year beginning July
38 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and related matters.

39 Councilor John Blazzard seconded the motion.

40 Mayor McCormick asked for a roll call vote:

41 Councilor M. Blazzard voted “aye”

42 Councilor Walker voted “aye”

43 Councilor J. Blazzard voted “aye”

44 Councilor McNeil voted “aye”

45 Councilor Todd voted “aye”

46 The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

1 **PUBLIC WORKS SALT SPREADER DISCUSSION**

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3 Matt Crittenden has talked to Mayor McCormick about purchasing a salt spreader for the
4 side by side for the winter. We already have the money in the budget, but would like the
5 council to approve this because of the price. This will help keep the public works snow
6 removal for the sidewalks and parks more efficient. This equipment will sit in the back of
7 the side by side and keep the salt more isolated on the sidewalks. Because we've
8 increased the amount of sidewalk that will need to be pushed, Crittenden feels like this
9 will help the Public Works department complete their job more effectively and
10 efficiently.

11 Matt Crittenden feels it will be better for them to keep the salt on the sidewalk. The
12 spreader they are looking to buy is on a State contract which makes it a little cheaper.
13 This will cost \$3,467.50.

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15 Councilor Todd asked what we are installing the spreader on. Matt Crittenden stated the
16 side by side. Matt Crittenden explained he ordered a different type of salt for the spreader
17 that works better with this equipment and it's cheaper. He'll try it out on the sidewalks at
18 the City Hall this winter.

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20 Councilor J. Blazzard asked if they can use it to spread fertilizer on the lawns in the
21 summer. Matt Crittenden doesn't think it's designed for that. Just the salt. The salt falls
22 directly behind the side by side it doesn't have a spinner to spread it everywhere.

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24 Mayor McCormick asked the council if they have any issues with this purchase.

25 Councilor Todd stated he's good with it.

26 Councilor McNeil doesn't have a problem, but feels it has a steep price tag. Matt
27 Crittenden would know better what his top priority is. If this is his top priority and we're
28 not looking at other stuff then he would defer to him.

29 Matt Crittenden isn't in disagreement with the price, but they have a lot of sidewalk now
30 to take care of and they want to make it safe.

31 Matt Crittenden explained the account it's coming out of is parks equipment replacement,
32 which is normally used for lawnmowers. Councilor McNeil asked if it's new or used
33 equipment. This is a brand-new piece of equipment, not used.

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35 Council is okay with the purchase as long as we stay within our budget.
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38 **200 EAST STOP SIGN DECISION**

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40 Scott Kettle stated about a month ago Councilor Walker was concerned with the traffic
41 on 200 East between Center and 300 North. There are about 3 blocks where there are no
42 stop signs. With stop signs you don't want to use them as speed control. After talking
43 with Chief Brad Smith, the best place to put one is on 100 North, which would have to be
44 a 4-way stop because we already have a stop sign going east and west. He doesn't want to
45 eliminate those. Kettle is concerned with using a stop sign for speed control. With the

1 amount of traffic people might ignore the stop sign because there really isn't a lot of
2 traffic.

3 Chief Brad Smith agrees that it is hard to use a stop sign for traffic control. He is
4 concerned they will go through the stop sign and speed back up. It will also take time to
5 get people trained knowing it's a 4-way stop. He has had several other complaints of
6 people wanting 4-way stops at different intersections. People may want it done to more
7 streets.

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9 Councilor J. Blazzard asked if instead of a stop sign, we could have more police
10 presence. One of our part time officers has been spending time on the road coming in to
11 Kamas on the north and that has made a big difference with the speed. It may be worth a
12 try before more stop signs are put in.

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14 Councilor Walker stated he brought this up because of a request of a neighbor, but agrees
15 with Councilor J. Blazzard. They will probably pick up speed again. Police presence
16 might help. Even though he requested it he agrees with Councilor J. Blazzard.
17 Chief Brad Smith explained he has been having an officer sit after school and it helps.
18 The speed trailer has been sitting up there to record data. He will pull the information and
19 see when the highest speeds are happening.

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21 Mayor McCormick asked if everyone agrees with Councilor J. Blazzard and Councilor
22 Walker's recommendation. The council agreed to try patrolling first before a sign is put
23 in.

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25 Mayor McCormick asked Chief Brad Smith to continue what he is doing and report back
26 with the data. Our part time officers are doing a good job and letting their presence
27 known.

28 29 30 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

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32 Councilor J. Blazzard reported the fire district had an open house last weekend and the
33 old fire station is for sale.

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35 Councilor M. Blazzard reported on the social media followers.

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37 Mayor McCormick thanked the city employees for being patient.

38 39 40 **ADJOURN**

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42 **MOTION:** Councilor Kevan Todd moved to adjourn at 7:45 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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5 Approved on the 13th day of October, 2020.
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11 Matt McCormick
Mayor

Kim Peacock
City Recorder