

PAYSON CITY
COUNCIL MEETING AND WORK SESSIONS
Payson UT 84651 – Held via remote conferencing through Zoom Video Communications
Wednesday, May 20, 2020

CONDUCTING William R. Wright, Mayor

ELECTED OFFICIALS Linda Carter, Brett Christensen (6:04 p.m.), Taresa Hiatt, Brian Hulet, Doug Welton, William R. Wright

STAFF PRESENT David Tuckett, City Manager
Mark Sorenson, City Attorney
Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder
Cathy Jensen, Finance Director
Brad Bishop, Police Chief
Karl Teemant, Recreation Director
Ron Crump, Electric Superintendent

OTHERS Lea Dodgen, Eric Adams, Donna Kay Furniss, Gary Tassainer, Lisa Barker, Darcy Trotter

William R. Wright, Mayor, called this meeting of the City Council of Payson City, Utah, to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed.

A. PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prayer offered by Mayor Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Linda Carter.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the May 6, 2020 City Council and Redevelopment Agency Minutes
2. Ordinance – Amendments to Title 24, Flood Plain
3. Resolution – Agreement to purchase equipment from Caterpillar

MOTION: Councilmember Hulet – To approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carter. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes	-	Linda Carter
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt
Yes	-	Brian Hulet
Yes	-	Doug Welton

C. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

1. Public Forum

Lea Dodgen stated she is an advocate for her Springside Meadows neighborhood. She appreciates the response the city has given regarding their fields and the action taken to minimize the impact to the

residents. She emphasized their desires to have a park in their neighborhood and how the many children would benefit hugely from the park. She asked the council to include a recreational park for the neighborhood when the budget is addressed. The neighborhood would like to know how they can help.

Eric Adams stated he also lives in Springside Meadows and agreed with Lea Dodgen.

Lisa Barker stated she lives in Springside Meadows and is eager to see what happens in the field. She would be happy to see a park come as soon as possible.

Donna Kay Furniss stated there are several on the meeting tonight who would like to discuss an issue with the council. Late yesterday afternoon, she learned that Ron Crump was retiring at the end of the month. She and several others wanted to send appreciation to Ronnie for his 43 years of service to the community. Jeanette Wineteer, former city recorder, was going to be with us but had a previous engagement. She read a statement from Jeanette in 1995, *Ronnie was essential in the creation of Payson City electrical generation system and power plant. He has directed the design, bonding, and building a new substation and also implemented the city power board. He does research and makes recommendations to the city council regarding critical electrical issues. He is a dedicated, appointed official who serves the electrical needs of Payson City residents flawlessly.* She presented some pictures from the past with Ronnie Crump. In 1986, there was a ribbon cutting for the McDonalds, and the Electrical Department brought in their bucket to take overhead pictures. The pictures show how open the space was around McDonalds, and there was no development to the north and west. In 1995, she and a group of residents nominated Ronnie as the outstanding city official for the Utah League of Cities and Towns convention listing everything had had done as superintendent, all the boards he sat on and chaired, his community involvement with scouting and coaching soccer, and church service. It was a busy year in 1995, and Ronnie held a power plant ribbon cutting open house. As superintendent, Ronnie and his dad put together a lot of history information on the Payson power program. They found the very first power project presented in Payson on October 18, 1890 when four men stood before the mayor and council and proposed erecting a few poles and stringing wire. Now in 2020 thanks to Ronnie and his crews, Payson City gets to enjoy this incredible electrical asset. Here we are today in a world pandemic, but we all get to sit in our homes, open a laptop, click on links, and participate in the city's business. It is such a privilege and blessing to have this power system in the community. A note from Ronnie's wife La Vern stated, *All of us are keenly aware of the hundreds and hundreds of hours you have given to the community outside the scope of that 8 to 5 job.* She thanked La Vern because she has been a part of this. The letter she wrote in 1995 stated, *Ron's devotion to Payson City and our public power has put the city in a prime position to expand the tax base, which has always meant so much to me and provide jobs for the citizens. He planned for the future by understanding and appreciating the past.* There aren't enough thank you's to tell you how much you are appreciated by so many. Curtis Arrington has so much respect and admiration for you. We want you to know we love and appreciate you and wish you a healthy and happy retirement.

Gary Tassainer is a former Payson City Electrical Superintendent and Mayor. He congratulated and thanked Ronnie for 43 years with Payson City. He found it a privilege to work with Ronnie's father and hire Ronnie as a punk kid a long time ago. Ronnie has followed his dad's footprints in service. It was a privilege to be the superintendent when Ronnie started and then the mayor when I appointed him as the Electrical Superintendent. It is his privilege in knowing Ronnie.

Ron Crump thanked Kay, Gary, and everyone. It has been an honor.

Mayor Wright noted when he became mayor, he told Ron he couldn't retire while he finished as mayor, but it didn't do any good. He wished him the best and a wonderful retirement.

Councilmember Welton stated he moved next to Ron and his family almost 20 years ago and has worked with him on Southern Utah Valley Power Systems. He is a man of integrity and honor. The work he has done for Payson City is immeasurable. He is a good man, husband, and father. Thank you Ron.

Councilmember Carter stated she and Ron grew up in the same ward so she has known him for a lot of years. She appreciates his integrity and all he has done for the city. He's a hard worker and always dependable. Thank you Ron.

2. Staff and Council Reports (6:30 p.m.)

Staff Reports

POLICE – Chief Brad Bishop thanked Ron Crump also and echoed all that was said. Ron is a fantastic gentleman; he will be missed and tough to replace. The Police Department helped with the high school graduation today, which took almost three hours and went well. It was great to honor the seniors this year. May stats include 54 arrests, 84 offenses, 44 citations, 60 violations, 619 calls for service, 2 DUI's, 41 traffic stops and 14 traffic accidents.

RECREATION – Karl Teemant reported they are working to open the pool by June 5. The first inspection is next Wednesday with the lap pool. Some water is being lost in the leisure pool play area so it will be checked. Summer hiring continues as well as training. Adult softball begins next Friday, May 29, and Youth baseball begins June 1. The numbers are lower than normal. The city received the outdoor recreation grant for the trailhead and parking area at Forebay.

Council Reports

Councilmember Welton thanked the police for helping with graduation. His daughter graduated, and it was a different experience. Congratulation to the Class of 2020. He questioned if everything has been settled with the pressurized irrigation contractor, is he continuing to work, is he paying for the mistakes. Dave Tuckett noted that staff has tracked all the problems, which are being fixed; and met with the contractor. If things don't improve, there is the option to terminate. The city can then go back out to bid or contact the second low bidder. The Water Department is working with the contractor to ensure things go smooth. Councilmember Welton noted the road closure to Salem, but staff stated there is a reasonable alternative. Mayor Wright stated it will be rectified; the road is being paved.

Councilmember Hulet thanked Ron Crump for all his hard work and recognized how the Power Department infrastructure is in such good condition. He thanked all those who worked on the grant for the Forebay parking lot and bridge. It will be great to open the area to more people. The Utah League's Together #3 noted making more infrastructure to get people outdoors in Utah. The Utah League's Together also stated in the last two months, 24.5% of the work force in the United States filed for unemployment 9.6% in Utah, and only 7.1% in Utah County. Utah has the lowest amount of people who have filed for unemployment. People have recently contacted him who want to bring

businesses to Payson. Intermountain Nutrition has 100 job openings if anyone knows someone looking for work. He thanked everyone for all they do and watching out for each other; Payson is a great city.

Councilmember Hiatt gave a shout out to Todd Reynaud at the cemetery who help her last week taking care of a family member who passed last week. He was very kind and went above and beyond.

Councilmember Christensen congratulated and thanked Ron for his years of hard work and dedication to the city. He is excited for the Forebay parking lot, which gives us a way to call it our own. He went to the dump on Saturday; and when the lines get long, extra help is needed to get things moving. The city needs to move forward on the new scales in order to get people off the road.

Councilmember Carter thanked the Streets Department for cutting the shrubs down on Main Street and Utah Avenue Now you can see when a car pulls out heading up Main Street. She thanked Tracy Zobell for sending down his workers to help work on the cemetery so it will look great for Memorial Day. The covering was put on the playground equipment at Memorial Park. Everyone does such great work, and she appreciates all the city employees.

Mayor Wright stated the cover on the playground is first class and the kids will benefit. He thanked the PARC Committee for their involvement serving the city, and their thoughts that go into where the PARC taxes will go.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution - Appointment of board members to the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) Board (6:47 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Dave Tuckett stated with Ron's retirement a new board member is needed with UAMPS. The proposal is Brian Stevenson as board member and Brad Kearl as alternate.

Ron Crump stated Brian has been the alternate for years and will do a good job. People at UAMPS know and respect him.

MOTION: Councilmember Welton – To approve the resolution appointing board members to the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems Board of Directors. Motion seconded by Councilmember Christensen. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes	-	Linda Carter
Yes	-	Brett Christensen
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt
Yes	-	Brian Hulet
Yes	-	Doug Welton

2. Resolution - Appointment of board members to the Southern Utah Valley Power Systems (SUVPS) Board (6:49 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Dave Tuckett stated Doug Welton is the board member for SUVPS and Ron Crump was the alternate. The proposal is for Doug to remain as the board member and Brian Stevenson to be the alternate.

MOTION: Councilmember Carter – To accept the resolution for appointment to the South Utah Valley Power Systems Board of Director with Doug Welton as the board member and Brian Stevenson as the alternate. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes	-	Linda Carter
Yes	-	Brett Christensen
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt
Yes	-	Brian Hulet
Yes	-	Doug Welton

3. Resolution – Agreement regarding Substation Operation and Maintenance with Utah Associates Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) (6:51 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Ron Crump stated this agreement was taken to the UAMPS Board today, and there were some minor adjustments. He doesn't have a finished product so he recommended tabling it until the next meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Welton – To table this resolution. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulet. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes	-	Linda Carter
Yes	-	Brett Christensen
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt
Yes	-	Brian Hulet
Yes	-	Doug Welton

4. Resolution – Prohibiting motorized vehicles on city-owned Forebay Property

Staff Presentation:

Dave Tuckett stated he drafted a resolution prohibiting motorized vehicles in Forebay on city property. The city can only do this on city property; it doesn't apply to other properties. Elk Ridge would like a letter from Payson regarding the matter. Staff has not reached out to any of the other property owners. Signage will need to be installed. There has been discussion from individuals regarding allowing electric bikes, which he doesn't see a problem. There are some exceptions for service and utility vehicles and emergency service vehicles to have access. The powered electric bikes could be added. If adopted, the Payson Police Department and Utah County Sheriff can assist in enforcement.

Council Discussion:

Mayor Wright stated there shouldn't be a problem adding the electric bikes.

Brad Bishop suggested specifying low speed; some of these bikes have the same power as a motorcycle. Many manufacturers are making electric trail bikes and motor-cross bikes.

Councilmember Christensen noted the electric bicycles have pedals and are electric-assisted bicycles. Only certain motorized vehicles should be allowed.

Councilmember Hulet suggested electric-assisted bicycles.

Darcy Trotter stated the classification is pedal-assisted bicycles. To put things in perspective, the Forebay area is 400 acres. Cherry Creek is an off-road vehicle area with 9,600 acres and Little Sahara Sand Dunes is 60,000 acres. The Forebay area has more trails than Sundance, which doubles with the forest area to the size of Forebay. Payson is sitting on a real gem. This won't happen without Elk Ridge on board because access comes from the Elk Ridge side. Most of the property that is driven on is private property. The biggest issue is the number of camp fires up there. They are ready to install new signage on many of the trails, which were provided by Liberty Safe at no cost.

Councilmember Welton stated he has long been a proponent of no motorized vehicles in Forebay. It might be a never-ending battle unless there are fences and at some future point, a single designated track that goes through the area. Long term, the city needs to get it under control and protect the area. There is a lot of damage being done up there. A big shout out to the Friends of Forebay, community groups, or anyone who tries to be a solution to the problem. Many people complain and want to use the area, but he sees only one group consistently up there taking care of trash and maintaining the area, which is volumes to him. This extends to anywhere in town whether cleaning up Main Street or picking up trash. He appreciates residents and users of the area who are responsible.

Councilmember Hulet questioned the fine if someone used a motorized vehicle where it wasn't allowed. Signage, fencing, and patrolling will make a huge difference. Once a few are cited, it will change. He thanked the Friends of Forebay for all they have done.

Brad Bishop stated the city will need to set forth a schedule/fine for unauthorized off-road use.

Dave Tuckett noted he revised the exception in the resolution to read, *certain motorized vehicles are necessary to access the Forebay area including but not limited to Strawberry Water Users vehicles, municipal vehicles, emergency services vehicles, and low-speed, pedal-assisted "e-bikes"*. The city could use the no trespassing fine, but staff will look at it. This won't happen overnight. The city is completing the plan for the area. Staff is working on proper signage, etc.; it would be a good idea for Mayor Wright to reach out to Mayor Ellis with Elk Ridge.

Mayor Wright stated this is a great first step and will be an educational process at first. Then the city can move to citations.

Discussion that signage needs to include a Payson identity to show it is Payson City property, which could be the branding logo, and have consistency. Eventually a sticker can be added to the trail signs. Trails need to be separated to keep the natural beauty in the area. Staff has prepared the management plan for signage.

MOTION: Councilmember Hulet – To approve the resolution prohibiting motorized vehicles on city-owned property in Forebay with the changes to allow municipal vehicles and low-speed pedal-assisted bicycles. Motion seconded by Councilmember Welton. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes - Linda Carter
Yes - Brett Christensen
Yes - Taresa Hiatt
Yes - Brian Hulet
Yes - Doug Welton

E. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Hiatt – To adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilmember Welton. Those voting yes: Linda Carter, Brett Christensen, Taresa Hiatt, Brian Hulet, Doug Welton. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

/s/ Kim E. Holindrake
Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder