

Hildale City Council Meeting

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale, Utah 84784

Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 6:30 pm

Present:

Mayor: Donia Jessop

Council Members: Lawrence Barlow, JVar Dutson, Jared Nicol, Maha Layton, Stacy Seay (Excused)

City Recorder: Athena Cawley

Interim City Manager: Harrison Johnson

Staff: Christian Kesselring, Robb Radley

Court Monitor: Roger Carter

Public: Eric Duthie (dialed in by zoom), Ray Chatwin, Kyle Layton, Sydney Layton, John T. Barlow, Vance Barlow, Charles Hammon, Mariah LaCorti

#1. Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Roll was taken, quorum present.

#2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Jessop led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#3. Conflict of Interest Disclosures

No new disclosure forms received this month. No conflicts of interests.

Mayor Jessop started with item 7 & 8 and then moved back to public comment due to Councilmembers that would be leaving early.

#4. Public Comment

Ray Chatwin gave a public comment referencing past discussions of selling alcohol in commercial areas that are next to residential properties. He asked what steps could be taken to change it legally so that alcoholic beverages cannot to be sold next to residential properties.

#5. Public Hearing:

Lawrence Barlow moved to go into a Public Hearing for Application for Partial Vacation of Short Creek Subdivision #6 Subdivision Plat

Jared Nicol seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Lawrence Barlow	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Jared Nicol	X		

Motion carried.

A. Application for Partial Vacation of Short Creek Subdivision #6 Subdivision Plat
Harrison presented. The council has already seen the final plat drawings and construction has already been approved for subdivision #6, so the only thing being asked is partial vacation of subdivision plat, described as lot 24 & 32 of subdivision #6.

Christian explained that state law allows the property owner to vacate, then take out a portion of the subdivision and re-subdivide it. In this case that is what the developer is requesting to do. The legal requirements are to have good reason, no public street being impacted, and no municipal utility easement being affected. All these requirements have been met for this request. He reviewed and explained the details of Ordinance 2020-014 with the council.

Public Comment

In spirit of public comment, Councilmember Barlow commended Charles Hammon for showing and demonstrating to the council proper procedures for handling this situation. Also, he expressed gratitude for the efforts of communal development as a contribution to our community.

Lawrence Barlow moved to go out of the public hearing and return to the regular meeting.

JVar Dutson seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Lawrence Barlow	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Jared Nicol	X		

Motion carried.

#6. Consideration and Possible Action on Application for Partial Vacation of Short Creek Subdivision #6 Subdivision Plat

Jared Nicol moved to adopt Hildale City Ordinance 2020-014 approving Application for Partial Vacation of Short Creek Subdivision #6 Subdivision Plat
JVar Dutson seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Lawrence Barlow	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Jared Nicol	X		

Motion carried.

#7. Consideration and Possible Action on Appointment of City Manager

Christian presented. For the hiring of the city manager position the council setup an interview committee of 5 members consisting of Councilmember Barlow, Councilmember Duston, Mayor Jessop, Vance Barlow (TOCC Town Manager), and Christian Kesselring. There were about 20 applications that were received. The applications went through a scoring process that was weighted heavily on education and experience. The interview committee selected 10 applicants for an interview and 7 of them accepted. There was an interview process of questions that involved 7 competency areas that were scored and weighted. The application that stood out from the others was Eric Duthie, who has 15 years of city management experience and over 20 years of law enforcement experience, mostly in leadership roles. He was with the risk retention pole during the time when TOCC was going through legal issues 5 years ago, so he has knowledge of the community. The interview committee strongly recommends Eric Duthie as city manager, with all the challenges facing the city right now then they see him as a great candidate with his experience and insight. The recommended start date of appointment will be December 7th, 2020. Christian explained that Eric Duthie is living at the south rim of the Grand Canyon right now and plans to relocate.

Eric Duthie joined over zoom and gave an introduction of himself. He is looking forward to getting started with Hildale and has seen the growth that the city has made through the past several years. He expressed the positives in the entire area.

Councilmember Nicol expressed how well the interview process went and thanked Christian for his efforts in the interview process. Councilmember Barlow expressed how the interview process was one of the most methodical and fair experiences he has witnessed. Mayor Jessop expressed her thanks to staff for the incredible interview experience. The council expressed their exuberance to Mr. Duthie for accepting the appointment.

#8. Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of City Manager Contract

Christian went over the employment agreement with the council. There was discussion about Eric Duthie relocating his household and the financial costs that will go into it.

Lawrence Barlow moved to accept the contract and appoint Eric Duthie as City Manager beginning December 7th, 2020.

Maha Layton seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Lawrence Barlow	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Maha Layton	X		
Jared Nicol	X		

Motion carried.

#9. Work Session

The council agreed to table the work session due to the absence of two councilmembers and the request to go into an executive session for imminent litigation.

A. Municipal Operations

i. Development Standards Direction

ii. Intergovernmental Agreements

B. General Plan

C. UEP Relationship

D. South Zion Estates Development

E. Water Source Development

#10. Executive Session: (As Needed)

JVar Dutson moved to go into an executive session for imminent litigation

Jared Nicol seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Lawrence Barlow	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Jared Nicol	X		

Motion carried.

JVar Dutson moved to go out of executive session and return to regular Council meeting.

Jared Nicol seconded. Roll call vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Lawrence Barlow	X		
JVar Dutson	X		
Jared Nicol	X		

Motion carried.

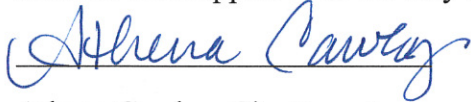
Went into Executive Session at 7:35 pm until 9:00 pm

#11. Adjournment

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

I verify that a copy of the notice and agenda was delivered to the Mayor and City Council members and posted at the City Hall, 320 E. Newel Avenue, Hildale, Utah and sent to the Utah State Public Meeting Notice coordinator.

Minutes were approved at the City Council Meeting on January 6, 2021.



Athena Cawley, City Recorder

