

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council** meeting held Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
2 with participants present at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Council Members Tamilyn Fillmore
7 William Ince
8 Stephanie Ivie
9 George McEwan
10 Robyn Mecham, Mayor Pro Tem

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12 **MEMBER ABSENT** Clark Wilkinson, Mayor

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14 **STAFF PRESENT** Brant Hanson, City Manager
15 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
16 Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director
17 Paul Child, Centerville Police Chief
18 Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director

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20 **VISITORS** Interested citizens

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22 **PRAYER OR THOUGHT** Councilmember Ivie

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24 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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26 **OPEN SESSION**

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28 No comments.

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30 **POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF RECOGNITION**

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32 Police Chief Paul Child thanked the Council for their support in the last year, and
33 introduced Billie Jo Scoffield, new Dispatcher I. He recognized the following officers for promotion
34 during 2021. Chief Child recognized Will Barns and Preston Casey for receiving a citation from
35 the South Davis Metro Crisis Response Unit regarding response to a recent hostage situation,
36 and presented outgoing Councilmembers Fillmore and Ivie with a token of appreciation for their
37 support while on the City Council. The Chief recognized Sergeant Jeremy Brown for recently
38 receiving a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice, and Officer David Davis for recently receiving a
39 Bachelor's Degree.

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41 Allen Ackerson – Promotion to Lieutenant
42 David Boucher – Promotion to Sergeant
43 Preston Casey – Promotion to Master Officer
44 Kael Jackson – Promotion to Master Officer / Case Detective Assignment
45 Kasey Scott – Promotion to POIII / FOP Officer of the Year / New SRO
46 Holly Coombs – Promotion to POIII / Case Detective Assignment
47 Jason Shields – Promotion to POII

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49 At 7:21 p.m., the Council left the dais to visit with members of the Police Department, and
50 returned to the dais at 7:27 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CENTERVILLE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN (2021)

The City was required to adopt and update (every five years) a Water Conservation Plan in accordance with applicable provisions of the Utah Water Conservation Act. Deputy Public Works Director Dave Walker presented a 2021 update to the City's Water Conservation Plan, and answered questions from the Council. Mayor Pro Tem Mecham suggested the City notify residents whose water bills increased drastically and unexpectedly of the possibility of a leak in their system. Mr. Walker responded the Public Works Department usually communicated with residents with an unexpectedly high reading compared to historic numbers. The Council and staff discussed the cost involved with installing radio meters. Mayor Pro Tem Mecham said she wanted to get to a point that meters were read monthly year-round. Councilmember McEwan said he would prefer to get as close to real-time reads as possible from a conservation standpoint. City Manager Brant Hanson commented the cost could be passed on to homeowners directly, or indirectly through a property tax increase. Mr. Walker reported the City website would be updated in the next few months with additional educational information regarding water conservation.

Mayor Pro Tem Mecham opened a public hearing at 7:42 p.m., and closed the public hearing seeing that no one wished to comment. Councilmember McEwan **moved** to approve Resolution No. 2021-42 adopting updates to the Centerville Water Conservation Plan. Councilmember Ince seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS – CMC 2.03 – VOTER PARTICIPATION AREAS

City Attorney Lisa Romney explained the City was required to update voter participation areas prior to January 1, 2022, and every 10 years thereafter. Davis County prepared updated voter participation areas for all cities in Davis County complying with statutory requirements. Ms. Romney said staff recommended adoption of the updated voter participation areas as recommended by the County.

Councilmember Ince **moved** to approve Ordinance No. 2021-27 amending CMC 2.03.160 and CMC 2.03.170 regarding Voter Participation Areas in accordance with Utah Code 20A-7-401.3. Councilmember McEwan seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

As approved and directed by the City Council on November 3, 2021, the City Attorney registered the City for participation in two nationwide settlement agreements regarding opioid litigation. Since registration, the City received additional information and documents for participation if eligible. In order to participate in the settlements, the City must opt-in by January 2, 2022. She emphasized that the more cities that participated, the more money the State would receive.

Councilmember McEwan said he recommended the City not participate because of recent action in Federal Bankruptcy Court regarding the Sackler Family. He said he believed, from a moral standpoint, the Sackler Family needed to understand that communities across the country had seen lives destroyed, and they could not buy their way out of the situation. Davis County had filed its own lawsuit against the pharmaceutical companies. Councilmember Fillmore said she appreciated the idealistic stance, but commented that realistically the City would not independently take the issue further. Councilmember Fillmore said she believed the City should participate in the settlements. Councilmember McEwan said he did not believe it was right to let the Sackler Family walk away and remain the wealthiest family in America. He said he believed not participating was a good statement to make. Councilmember McEwan expressed the opinion that the State should continue to file a lawsuit and fight independent of the proposed settlements.

1 Councilmember Ince said he would prefer to understand the situation better before voting.
2 Ms. Romney commented that the City could not change the terms of the settlement, and could
3 not change the terms of the State's agreement to distribute the funds. Councilmember McEwan
4 said his objection was related to terms of the settlement that shielded the Sackler Family from
5 prosecution of a civil nature. He said he believed the moral issue was stronger than financial
6 reimbursement that would put a dollar value on all the lives that were lost. Councilmember
7 Fillmore spoke in favor of dedicating the dollar amount provided to helping those whose lives were
8 affected by opioid addiction. Ms. Romney explained that the number of cities participating affected
9 the calculation that determined how much the State would receive.

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11 Councilmember McEwan said he believed community leaders needed to be the voice for
12 those who could not have a voice. Ms. Romney explained there was no guarantee Centerville
13 would receive any funds from the settlements. Mr. Hanson recommended the City participate in
14 the settlements whether or not Centerville would directly benefit. Mr. Hanson said he believed the
15 position Councilmember McEwan advocated could speak volumes expressed as reluctance to
16 participate, coupled with a desire to make sure the State received funds to assist those still
17 struggling from the epidemic.

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19 Councilmember Fillmore **moved** to approve participation and settlement documents for
20 participation in the National Opioid Settlements and authorize the City Attorney to sign and submit
21 the same on behalf of the City. Councilmember Ince seconded the motion, which failed (1-4), with
22 Councilmember Fillmore in favor and Councilmembers Ince, McEwan, Mecham, and Ivie
23 opposed.

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25 Councilmember Ince **moved** to nominate Councilmember McEwan to put together a
26 statement to send to the County, the Governor, and the Attorney General to express the Council's
27 reasons for not participating in the settlements, to be signed by all Councilmembers willing.
28 Councilmember Ivie seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

29 30 **SUMMARY ACTION CALENDAR**

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32 • Bond reduction #3 and start of warranty in the amount of \$20,095.00 for Legacy Lands
33 Subdivision.

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35 Councilmember Ince **moved** to approve the Summary Action Calendar. Councilmember
36 Ivie seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

37 38 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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40 A monthly financial report was included with the agenda for review.

41 42 **MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE**

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44 Minutes of the December 7, 2021 Work Session and City Council Meeting were reviewed.
45 Councilmember McEwan **moved** to accept the minutes. Councilmember Ivie seconded the
46 motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

47 48 **CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

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50 Councilmember Fillmore reported the Parks Committee was interested in adoption of the
51 Parks Master Plan early in the new year. She provided an update regarding the South Davis
52 Recreation District.

1 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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5 **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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- 7 • Mr. Hanson stated it had been a pleasure serving with Councilmembers Fillmore and
8 Ivie, and thanked them for their service to the community. Mayor Pro Tem Meham
9 expressed appreciation for their contributions on the Council.

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11 **ADJOURN**

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13 At 8:20 p.m., Councilmember Ivie **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Ince
14 seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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18 Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder

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21 Date Approved

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24 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

