

PAYSON CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WORK SESSION  
Payson City Center, 439 W Utah Avenue, Payson UT 84651  
Wednesday, October 5, 2022

CONDUCTING William R. Wright, Mayor

ELECTED OFFICIALS Kirk Beecher (on line), Brett Christensen, Taresa Hiatt, Bob Provstgaard,  
William R. Wright

EXCUSED: Linda Carter

STAFF PRESENT David Tuckett, City Manager  
Cathy Jensen, Finance Director  
Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder  
Jason Sant, City Attorney  
Brad Bishop, Police Chief  
Robert Mills, Development Services Director  
Travis Jockumsen, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
Scott Spencer, Fire Chief  
Janeen Dean, Community Events Coordinator  
Tracey Zobell, Parks and Golf Director  
Eric Jewell, Justice Court Judge  
James Cox, Police Officer  
Kim Lefler, Communities That Care Coordinator

OTHERS Tracy Eliason, Cathy Eliason

William R. Wright, Mayor, called this meeting of the City Council of Payson City, Utah, to order at 6:05 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed.

A. PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prayer offered by Robert Mills.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Brett Christensen.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the September 21, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Proclamation – Fire Prevention Week

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

Yes	-	Kirk Beecher
Yes	-	Brett Christensen
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt
Yes	-	Bob Provstgaard

## C. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

### 1. CTC: Mayor's Youth Recognition

Mayor Wright and Kim Lefler presented Mayor's Youth Recognition Awards to Addie Roberts, Payson High School, Bentley Myers, Payson Junior High, and Cambree Theobald, Mt. Nebo Middle School.

### 2. Public Forum (6:12 p.m.)

Tracy Eliason asked the Council to consider accepting his painting of the Memorial Park band stage as a donation to the City. He previously donated another painting of winter to the Peteetneet.

Mayor Wright accepted the painting.

Cathy Eliason stated they love to give back. They have been huge benefactors since moving to Payson 28 years ago with their seven children. They enjoy Payson. She asked where all the water is coming from for all the building. Mayor Wright stated the City has the pressurized irrigation water from Strawberry Water and participated in the CUP Project, which will bring additional water.

### 3. Staff and Council Reports

#### Staff Reports

PARKS & GOLF - Tracy Zobell reported the Parks Department staff has been trimming overgrowth along the trails to get ready for winter. The Payson Economic Development Golf Tournament was held last week. He thanked the members of the Committee who worked all year long to get people to the event. He thanked Kent Fowden and his department staff for refinishing the golf course parking lot.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Janeen Dean thanked the Mr. Eliason for his beautiful painting that was donated at the Peteetneet. The Quilt Show is going on this week and has had over 200 visitors. It will finish out Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A special thank you to the Electric Department who have been installing power for the new marquee at the Peteetneet and for the walkway. The Peteetneet will host three separate ghost chasers in October. They sell their own tickets and the City receives a couple hundred dollars for using the museum. The Peteetneet Big Band Dance is October 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. and is a free event.

#### Council Reports

Mayor Wright thanked Tracy Zobell for his expertise and help with the Economic Development Golf Tournament. The focus of this golf event is for economic development to bring business into Payson.

Councilmember Christensen stated Doug and Irene Lamb called him and asked him to thank the Council publicly for having them as the Grand Marshals. They do the trains every Christmas at the Peteetneet Museum every year, which draws many residents and others. He encouraged everyone to go see the trains this year. He noted Payson's rebranding and the color schemes that need to be used. The City needs to stay true to the colors, which have specific numbers associated. A shout out to the staff and all they do; a lot goes on behind the scenes with development, roadways, and sidewalks. There is a lot of wisdom on how things are engineered and how water flows.

Councilmember Provstgaard reported the Fire Department staff has made room for the new fire truck, which was an all-day event. He appreciates Steve Spencer hard work; he's behind the scenes all the time.

4. Presentation of new police officer and oath of office (6:25 p.m.)

Chief Bishop introduced Officer James Cox who comes to the City from the Department of Corrections.

Judge Jewell administered the oath of office to Officer Cox.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Public Hearing/Resolution – Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget (6:28 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Cathy Jensen reviewed the budget amendments.

RV Park Expenditures	Water pressure valve blew out trailer hookups	\$12,000
Trucks (2)	Higher than budgeted	\$18,505
Mayor's Economic	Lobbyist – Economic Development & Interchange Issues	\$150,000
Library Equipment	Grant - Office Furniture	\$6,000
Library Subscriptions & Memberships	Grant - Audio Books	\$6,417
Recreation Supplies	Bleachers sold to Santaquin City	\$4,000
Recording Costs	Unnecessary Funds – Transfer to Indirect Services Administration	(\$25,000)
Indirect Services Administration	Reallocation to Indirect Services – Administration	\$25,000
Salmon Supper	Grant	\$11,400
Onion Days – Grant	Grant	\$25,000
Parking Lot – Golf Course	Repaving – Parking Lot & Path	\$10,000
Peteetneet Rose Garden Lights	FY 2021 PARC Tax Unexpended Funds	\$25,000
Architecture Drawings	Downtown Buildings	\$25,000
Debt Service Reserve Payments	Billed Water Bond Debt Service Reserve	\$87,667
Community Survey	EDCUtah Grant	\$10,000
PARC Tax Previous Year	Sanding & Painting Stage	\$2,900

**MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To open the public hearing.** Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

- Yes - Kirk Beecher
- Yes - Brett Christensen
- Yes - Taresa Hiatt
- Yes - Bob Provstgaard

Public Comment:  
No public comments.

**MOTION: Councilmember Provstgaard– To close the public hearing.** Motion seconded by Councilmember Christensen. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes - Kirk Beecher  
Yes - Brett Christensen  
Yes - Taresa Hiatt  
Yes - Bob Provstgaard

Council Discussion:

Councilmember Provstgaard questioned the two trucks bids coming in at \$18,000 higher. He suggested getting a bid from the actual dealer so there isn't a problem in the future.

Cathy Jensen clarified this is an in and out program where an old vehicle is sold to fund the new vehicle, which has done very well. The vehicle superintendent put in a cost estimate for a new truck, but these two came in higher. The \$18,000 is for the two trucks combined. She will pass on the suggestion.

**MOTION: Councilmember Provstgaard – To approve (resolution) the amendments to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.** Motion seconded by Councilmember Christensen. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes - Kirk Beecher  
Yes - Brett Christensen  
Yes - Taresa Hiatt  
Yes - Bob Provstgaard

2. Resolution – Appointments to the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture (PARC) Tax Committee (6:35 p.m.)

Presentation:

Mayor Wright stated the PARC tax is a very useful tax and many projects have been completed. A group of citizens are appointed to help with recommending funding for projects. Two members of the Committee reapplied for reappointment. He presented Collen Wilson and Devin Weaver to fill the vacancies.

Council Discussion:

Councilmember Provstgaard stated he is tickled on how the PARC tax funds are being allocated, and that they want to continue on the Committee.

**MOTION: Councilmember Hiatt – To accept (resolution) the appointments to the PARC Tax Committee of Colleen Wilson and Devin Weaver.** Motion seconded by Councilmember Christensen. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes - Kirk Beecher  
Yes - Brett Christensen  
Yes - Taresa Hiatt

E. WORK SESSION

1. Discussion regarding curb, gutter, and sidewalk

Staff Presentation:

Dave Tuckett explained there is always an effort in trying to get curb, gutter, sidewalk, and storm drain installed in the old parts of the City. Currently, the City charges a storm drain fee (\$6.74) that may need to be raised to get some of these projects done. Councilmember Christensen asked for this work session. Travis Jockumsen has prepared some very rough numbers as far as bonding to complete the older parts of the City. Cathy Jensen has also calculated some costs if the storm drain fee were raised to produce \$250,000 per year for projects.

Travis Jockumsen stated as said, these are rough numbers because there are 42.6 miles of curb and gutter to install or replace deep ditch. Right of ways may need to be purchased, driveways tied into, and sprinklers moved. There are fences, power poles, and water meters in the way. An engineering firm would need to survey to determine where the right of way is located and then design it. Once installed, the water has to be channeled somewhere. The high-cost estimate is \$74.6 million, and the low-cost estimate is \$65 million. He went over these numbers with Kent Fowden, Street Superintendent, and Dave Tuckett. The engineering alone would be millions. He suggested raising the storm drain fee to strictly do the design and a project. If the City bonded for \$75 million, it would have to be done in three years, which can't physically be done. He noted sidewalks would need to come from the streets budget, which is only funded through the General Fund (taxes) or B&C Funds. The sidewalk estimate alone is \$18 million.

Mayor Wright noted the frustration is real with the issue not being dealt with for such a long time. The City needs to get something started and address it each year with a goal to get it done.

Councilmember Christensen stated these numbers are much higher than previously discussed. He wants to put a plan in place. He would like to look at some options. A previous discussion began at \$10 million, then it went to \$15 million, and now it's at \$75 million. Infill projects and subdivision projects are closing the caps. He doesn't want to focus on vacant land because it will most likely get developed, and developers will pay those costs. It needs to be the old parts of town that doesn't have any buildable land. He wants to prioritize these project areas and determine how much to raise the storm drain fee to do just curb and gutter.

Cathy Jensen clarified the storm drain fee is charged per residential unit.

Councilmember Christensen would like to see the storm drain fee charged on vacant land as well. He owns an undeveloped parcel of land in the City and doesn't pay the storm drain fee on it. These parcels will affect the costs because there is no house on them.

Dave Tuckett clarified the storm drain fee is through the utility bill for a home or business. Businesses are charged per its impervious surface. The storm drain fee was implemented back in the 1990's with the intent to bond to get projects done. Perkins and Thurgood Engineering did a storm drain analysis back in the 1990's with an estimate of \$10 million, which that council didn't feel it was a good time to do it. The next evaluation was done by Thomas Engineering in 2002 or 2003 with an estimate of \$23 million. The storm drain fee intent was to have a revenue stream to go out and bond. Some storm drain

projects have been completed. The City purchased property out by the truck route for a regional storm drain pond, which is being designed. It will cost about \$1 million to finish the road, and the developer will put in part of the road. Then the piping under the freeway will be a big project.

Councilmember Christensen stated this is step one. 800 West needs to be solved and is an issue. He's just trying to create a plan and city council's transition. He would like projections on doing three city blocks per year and what to raise the storm drain fee to cover it. He gets a lot of pushback on how this benefits the homeowner that's there and why should all the citizens carry it as a tax burden. In business, a house is built to the standards for the time. The standards for sidewalks benefit the community. It's important to remember it's being done to make the community safe. He is not willing to bond for \$75 million.

Cathy Jensen stated initially the discussion was to come up with \$200,000 per year. This year fund balance was used to balance the storm drain fund. Adding \$200,000 brings it up to \$535,777. The storm drain fee would need to be raised to \$10.78 per month, which is a \$4.04 increase.

Councilmember Christensen noted it has to be above and beyond because of maintenance costs.

Dave Tuckett stated the bond company can take the additional revenue and calculate the bond amount, which would be a big project. The challenge is paying the \$200,000 for the next 20 years. The City could also take the funds and do projects without bonding.

Councilmember Provstgaard stated the City is way low in comparison to other communities on a storm drain fee. He is totally in favor of curb, gutter, and sidewalk, but the City has other obligations such as the sewer plant. He would like to have a plan in place to work on the issue without bonding. He would like to work through the budgeting process to fund these projects.

Councilmember Christensen agreed. It is key to have a plan in place. He would also like to look at matching funds for residents to offset costs and encourage them to install it. He has driven the town and can't imagine installing sidewalks at some homes because of the difficulties. If a resident doesn't want it; it's an issue. It's a sense of community. The Spanish Fork community wasn't happy when it was done there, but they are happy now.

Dave Tuckett stated staff can come up with the numbers and get a ballpark on bonding. Interest rates and bond rates are going up. He recommended waiting until the next budget year to raise the storm drain fee and work on projects a little at a time. The sewer plant upgrade was mandated by the state, and the City had no choice. Previous councils did put out an incentive to residents and can be implemented again.

Councilmember Beecher recommended starting now on a list of where to start these improvements. Some areas are worse than others, which need immediate attention. The Streets Department can come up with a prioritization. This can be done before raising the storm drain fee.

Travis Jockumsen noted the City doesn't have a regional storm drain system. When the Storm Drain Master Plan was done, it was determined that storm water would have to be retained on each property. The original \$15 million estimate was only along 800 West from 800 South to 100 South under the freeway to the new pond.

Mayor Wright asked staff to bring cost options and greatest needs for the Council to discuss.

OTHER - Scout Attendance Certificates

Mayor Wright presented scout attendance certificates to Xavier Estes and Seeley Estes.

F. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (7:05 p.m.)

**MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To adjourn to closed session.** Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes	-	Kirk Beecher
Yes	-	Brett Christensen
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt
Yes	-	Bob Provstgaard

1. Purchase, exchange, sale, or lease of real property

G. ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To adjourn from Closed Session.** Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes	-	Kirk Beecher
Yes	-	Brett Christensen
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt

H. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To adjourn.** Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. Those voting yes: Kirk Beecher, Brett Christensen, Taresa Hiatt. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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