

Town of Cedar Fort
Town Council Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 50 East Center Street, Cedar Fort, Utah 84013



Regular Meeting Agenda

- 1. Call to Order; Roll Call; Pledge of Allegiance; Prayer/Thought**
- 2. Prior Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Budget Review/Town Bills**
- 4. Reports from Police; Fire; Water; Treasurer; Clerk; Sexton; Planning Commission**
- 5. Reports from Council Members**
- 6. Orchestra Rec Center Rental**
- 7. Sheriff Contract**
- 8. Back Pay Cara for Building Assistant Duties**
- 9. Building Assistant**
- 10. 2 Park Volunteers Compensation**
- 11. Planning Commission Member Removal**
- 12. Using Zoom for Meetings**
- 13. Adjourn**

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL TOWN PLANNING AND ZONING MEETINGS.

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UNAPPROVED

Time: 6:06 p.m.

Town Council Members Present: Mayor Wyatt Cook, Councilman Jed Berry, Councilman Rett Messersmith, and Councilwoman Laura Ault

Town Council Present Zoom: NA

Town Council Member Absent: Councilman Brad Norris

Town Employees Present: Town Treasurer Angie Gurney

Town Employees Present Zoom: Clerk, Cara Lyon

Visitors Present: Kimball Messersmith, Greg Cutberth, Susanne Cutberth, Jason Cook, Verlin Cook, Maria Fernandez, Howard Anderson, Lucille Erickson, Steven Erickson, Bart Berry, Clarence Ault, Julie Hacking, Jeorgian Hacking, Ashley Cook, Lori Adams, and Ellen Cibula

Visitors Present via Zoom: Vonda Cook, Erin Soper, Lynnette Groff

1. Call to Order, Roll Call; Pledge of Allegiance; Prayer/Thought

Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Cook provided invocation.

2. Prior Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Ault moved to approve the October 13, 2022, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes and Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes with corrections.

Councilman Messersmith seconded.

Councilwoman Ault:	Yea
Councilman Berry:	Yea
Mayor Cook:	Yea
Councilman Messersmith:	Abstain

The motion passed to approve the October 13, 2022, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes and Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes with corrections.

3. Budget Review/Town Bills

Councilwoman Ault moved to approve the October 2022 Invoice Register as presented.

Councilman Messersmith seconded.

Councilwoman Ault:	Yea
Councilman Messersmith:	Yea
Councilman Berry:	Yea
Mayor Cook:	Yea

The motion passed to approve the October 2022 Invoice Register as presented.

4. Reports from Police; Fire; Water; Treasurer; Clerk; Sexton; Planning Commission

Police:

Deputy Dutson provided report for the month of October. Nine calls that came in from residents here in Cedar Fort, these were animal complaints, traffic offense and medical call. There were 11 extra patrols, 24 traffic stops, 5 presentations at Cedar Valley Elementary.

Fire:

Not in attendance.

Councilwoman Ault could not get ahold of Fire Chief for a report. She is waiting for specific names to add to the Fuelman/Wex Bank card.

Water:

Not in attendance.

Mayor Cook provided an update on the information he was provided by Water Superintendent Calvin Cook. Dennis Cook's meter was read incorrectly, he will speak with Treasurer Gurney to adjust Utility Bill to correct amount. He has also been working with a water engineer to place a protection plan for the Town.

Treasurer:

Not in attendance.

Clerk:

She received a new Home Occupation Business License that was approved by Councilman Norris, for resident Troy Bronson for Regal Home Innovations. There was a Ballot Box placed at our local post office for voters to place their ballots in for this election year. She has also helped complete two solar panel permits, one for the Putnam Family and the second for the Maynes Family. She has scanned and emailed these to Ensign Engineering for review. Seth Clegg reviewed these two permits and indicated he does not believe these are part of Ensign Engineering's contract with the Town. He will review the contract and fee schedule and get back in touch with me approximately a week or so.

Sexton:

Sexton Anderson was fired from this position. He indicated that the records that are on the website are complete and accurate. He is willing to help if there are any questions.

Councilman Berry mentioned they will be accepting letters of interest for this position.

Planning:

No new information at this time. Meeting for November was canceled due to Elections.

5. Reports from Council Members

Councilwoman Ault:

She has given this a lot of thought and does not take this lately, but she is not going to do this anymore. We have a Water Superintendent who has not given a report or show up to our regular monthly meetings in approximately over a year, but we fired the Sexton, who is a competent and loyal employee. Then there's the issue of the planning commissioner member removal, which I thought we had set aside because she feels like it is vindictive and petty. She believed the plan was to give these two planning commission members and the commission as a whole a chance to discuss topics of interest after our Town Hall Meetings regarding future growth. Apparently, this is not the plan anymore. She feels she can find better ways to spend her time than being the constant dissenting vote on a Town Council that is bent on making decisions for a few to gain from and not for what is truly the best interest of the Town as a whole and its citizens. So, dot your I's and cross your T's and remember that you reap what you sow. With that, she gave her resignation. Councilwoman Ault left the meeting and building.

Councilman Messersmith:

He thanked Councilwoman Ault for all her help with building permits.

Councilman Berry:

Provided report under Agenda Item 4 regarding Cemetery Sexton firing and letter of interest for anyone interested in the position opening.

Mayor Cook:

He attended a meeting for the emergency preparedness. This is a new program, but he feels it would be a good option for us. He mentioned that Eagle Mountain Orchestra is currently renting a building in Eagle Mountain to do their practices twice a week. They are looking for other options into other places. So, they reached out to the Cedar Fort and asked about the Town's Recreation Center, and if we would allow them to practice there. They are currently paying \$35 an hour for the current facility the practice in. So, they're wondering if we would knock off something for them to rent it because technically that would count as a business. He thinks the fee to rent the Town Recreation Center is approximately \$120 an hour for a non-resident. He would like to offer the Town Recreation Center \$30 an hour and provide them storage space. He believes this would be up to us as the Town Council to determine if we want to allow this fee including storage. He asked the council if they would be interested in offering this to Eagle Mountain Orchestra. He mentioned it would be one hour twice a week. This would be a total of approximately \$60.00 a week.

Councilman Berry expressed this would be great as long as it does not take away from our residents using the Town Recreation Center.

Councilman Norris:

Not in attendance.

6. Orchestra Rec Center Rental

This discussion was taken place under Mayor Cook's Report.

7. Sheriff Contract

The council discussed the price for the new Sheriff Contract that will begin on July 1, 2023, for the new fiscal year. They feel that this will bring value, consistency, and commitment to our Town. We understand that there is an additional cost, and we are prepared to cover this in our 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget. We are incredibly appreciative of the partnership that we have with the county and look forward to these changes. The council thanked Deputy Dutson for his service and all that he does for Utah County and our Town.

8. Back Pay Cara for Building Assistant Duties

She let the council know that the fees for the Building Assistant was approved by the prior administration and could be found in the 2018 or 2019 meeting minutes, she will locate these fees and email to the council for review regarding reimbursement for her assistance to Councilman Messersmith.

No vote was made only discussion.

9. Building Assistant

Clerk Lyon expressed that she is willing to continue helping Councilman Messersmith instead of the council posting for this position. However, she will leave this decision to them.

No further discussion.

10. 2 Park Volunteers Compensation

The council discussed amongst themselves the help these 2 volunteers provided to the Town Park and collectively agreed to provide a gift card for approximately \$100 for the first volunteer and a gift card for approximately \$400 to the second volunteer.

Mayor Cook moved to approve a gift card for approximately \$100 for the first volunteer and a gift card for approximately \$400 to the second volunteer.

Councilman Messersmith seconded.

Councilman Messersmith:	Yea
Councilman Berry:	Yea
Mayor Cook:	Yea

The motion passed to approve a gift card for approximately \$100 for the first volunteer and a gift card for approximately \$400 to the second volunteer.

11. Planning Commission Member Removal

The council discussed the removal of two planning commission members due to the fact they do not live in Cedar Fort full-time. Mayor Cook expressed that there have been approximately 108 residents that would like to see these two members removed.

Mayor Cook made a motion to remove Chairman Howard Anderson and Commissioner Gary Cook.

Councilman Berry seconded.

Councilman Messersmith:	Yea
Councilman Berry:	Yea
Mayor Cook:	Yea

The motion passed to approve the removal of Chairman Howard Anderson and Commissioner Gary Cook.

12. Using Zoom for Meetings

The council discussed this item on whether to keep doing Zoom Meetings or to stop altogether. There were pros and cons discussed amongst them. Clerk Lyon asked if the council decides not to have Zoom Meetings anymore, does this mean that all council members will agree to attend in person because you need a quorum to hold a meeting according to the State Statute. She expressed that she will be out of State for the regular

monthly meeting for the Town Council and planned on attending by Zoom, so if Zoom is not available, then she would not be attending.

Mayor Cook expressed he would like to continue with the zoom meetings, he attends meetings with Cities and Town's and with MAG. There are also training, and classes provided by the State of Utah for Mayors that he attends by zoom and feels it is quite efficient and smooth with attending.

There was only discussion on this Agenda Item, no vote was taken.

13. Adjourn

Councilman Messersmith moved to adjourn.

Councilman Berry seconded.

Councilman Messersmith:	Yea
Councilman Berry:	Yea
Mayor Cook:	Yea

The motion passed to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.