

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2022
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 56 NORTH 100 WEST**

Mayor Melani Torgersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Escalante City Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Guy Graham, Marlene Stowe, Dan'l Lindsay, Lenza Wilson, Chad Lyman and City Recorder Stephanie Steed. City Attorney Barry Huntington was excused.

Also present were Bill Weppner, Fred Spencer, DeEtte Spencer, Leslie Venuti, Victory Crawford, Terence Tontlewicz and Harriett Priska.

Mayor Torgersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Council member Lyman moved to adopt the agenda as written. Council member Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Lyman, Wilson, Lindsay and Graham voting aye.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING

Council member Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting as written. Council member Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Lindsay, Lyman, Stowe and Graham voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HARRIET PRISKA

Ms. Priska thanked the City for helping with the Wreaths Across America program. Ms. Priska said on December 12 we will be receiving the wreaths to put on the Veterans graves. Ms. Priska explained they will put them in front of the chain link fence at the cemetery and there will be a ceremony and placing of the wreaths on Saturday December 17 at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Priska explained there are 163 Veterans and she has received over \$1,600.00 in donations from community members and others.

Ms. Priska thanked Mayor Torgersen and the Cemetery Board for their support on this project.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

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There were no updates at this time.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

BIDS FOR PROFESSIONAL GIS SERVICES FOR CEMETERY

City Recorder Steed explained Escalante City only received 1 bid for this project. City Recorder Steed said City Treasurer Haws posted the notice in the paper for 2 weeks and on the Utah State Public website. City Recorder Steed said City Treasurer Haws was contacted by an individual and an engineering firm asking for an extension on the due date because they did not see the notice. City Recorder Steed said in the Cemetery Board meeting the Board decided to move this forward to the

City Council with the one bid. Council member Wilson said he feels this project is a priority. Council member Lyman said he agrees and he would like to see some filler put on the graves that are sinking before we do any hydroseeding. This item was discussed at length. Council member Lindsay stated a conflict of interest due to the bid being from Sunrise Engineering which he is employed with. **Council member Lyman moved to award the GIS services to Sunrise Engineering. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lyman, Stowe, Graham, and Wilson voting aye. Council member Lindsay abstained.**

CAPITAL ASSET SELF-INVENTORY (CASI)

Mayor Torgersen explained the CASI (attached). The Council reviewed the CASI. City Recorder Steed said there is one correction on the Clinic being ADA compliant. **Council member Wilson moved to adopt the updated CASI as discussed above. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Lindsay, Graham, Lyman and Stowe voting aye.**

UTAH PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (CIB) / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION LISTS

Mayor Torgersen explained the application list must be completed to apply for any grants through CIB and CDBG. Mayor Torgersen said this is a list of projects the City will apply for in 2023. The Council reviewed the application list (attached). **Council member Stowe moved to approve the application List for CIB and CDBG. Council member Lyman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Graham, Lyman, Wilson, Stowe and Lindsay voting aye.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **ADMINISTRATIVE**

City Recorder Steed said the Budget and Financial Reports are available for review.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department was not present at said meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bill Weppner said the grant for the radios was approved and our portion must be paid by January 10, 2023.

Mr. Weppner said the only call the Fire Department had since the last council meeting was a 1 car rollover.

COUNCIL REPORTS **MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN**

Mayor Torgersen explained the Innovation Center is to be used for remote work by people in the community and the traveling public. Mayor Torgersen said the Innovation Center has private offices that can be rented for an hour, afternoon or on a monthly basis. Mayor Torgersen said the Innovation Center will be ready for use in January.

Mayor Torgersen said the lights on Main Street, Council member Wilson's Christmas Train, Tempe Jenkins and Harriet Priska are all examples of the people that volunteer in the community.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN

Council member Lyman said City Treasurer Haws has contacted the company that hauls off the metal at the landfill and they should be here this week.

Council member Lyman said tree roots have grown in the main sewer line and has caused a sewer backup behind the Post office. Council member Lyman said the Public Works and Steve Angles crew are working on replacing the sewer line.

COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON

Council member Wilson said he has been helping the public works get all the Christmas Lights working.

Council member Wilson said the power outlets on the light poles on Main Street are cracking and he will be replacing them. Council member Wilson said he has received new lights for the entrance at the City Office and the Old Community Center.

Council member Wilson said Tempe Jenkins has done an amazing job on the Christmas Lights at the City Park.

Council member Wilson said Fred Spencer has been helping him with the Airport.

COUNCIL MEMBER GUY GRAHAM

Council member Graham had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE

Council member Stowe had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER DAN'L LINDSAY

Council member Lindsay had nothing to report at this time.

UNPAID BILLS

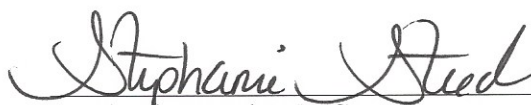
Council member Stowe moved to pay the unpaid bills. Council member Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Lindsay, Lyman, Wilson and Graham voting aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session needed at this time.

Council member Lindsay moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Council member Lyman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.



Stephanie Steed, MMC
City Recorder

Date minutes approved: