

**MINUTES OF THE
WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL
MAY 3, 2023**

The Wasatch County Council met in regular session live and by Zoom at 4:00 p.m. The following business was transacted.

PRESENT: Chair Spencer Park
Mark Nelson
Steve Farrell
Kendall Crittenden via Zoom
Luke Searle
Karl McMillan

EXCUSED: Councilman Erik Rowland

STAFF: Dustin Grabau, the Wasatch County Manager
Heber Lefgren, the Assistant Wasatch County Manager
Wendy McKnight, from the Clerk's Office
Rick Tatton, Court Reporter via Zoom
Mike Davis, the MIDA Coordinator
Doug Smith, the Wasatch County Planner via Zoom
Austin Corry, the Assistant Wasatch County Planner via Zoom

PRAYER: Councilman Mark Nelson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Steve Farrell and repeated by everyone.

Chair Spencer Park called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 3, 2023 and indicated that all the Wasatch County Council are present except Councilman Erik Rowland who is excused and Councilman Kendall Crittenden via Zoom. The record should also show that the Wasatch Council is meeting in the Wasatch County Council Chambers located in the Wasatch County Administrative Building at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 94032. Chair Spencer Park then called the first agenda item.

THE OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETING AFFIDAVIT

The Open and Public Meeting Affidavit was made a part of the record.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Chair Spencer Park asked if there are any legislative issues for future meetings.

Councilman Steve Farrell asked if the Council would like a presentation by the Central Utah Water group to come and talk about the facilities they have here in Wasatch County and the Water Management Plan for Wasatch County. The Council indicated that they would like them to come and do a presentation. The Council decided on the first week meeting in June.

Councilman Steve Farrell indicated that he has a request from Wasatch Mountain Shooters which put on an event here last year. They want to come on May 17, 2023 and update to what their event was like last year and request additional funding.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Chair Spencer Park asked if there were any administrative issues for future meetings and there was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chair Spencer Park asked if there were any public comments on matters not on the agenda and there was none

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 19, 2023 MEETING

Councilman Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2023 as written. Councilman Steve Farrell seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Chair Spencer Park

AYE: Mark Nelson

AYE: Luke Searle

AYE: Steve Farrell

AYE: Karl McMillan

AYE: Kendall Crittenden via Zoom

NAY: None.

COUNCIL

PRESENTATION BY THE DAUGHTERS OF THE UTAH PIONEERS MUSEUM

Kathryn Berg, Director of the Pioneers Museum, presented a very well done Power Point Presentation and then addressed the Wasatch County Council and indicated that she is proud of the museum and the wonderful heritage here in Wasatch County. Kathryn Berg gave a detailed report on what goes on with the Pioneer Museum. The Council thanked Kathryn Berg for the time she puts in making the Museum what it is. Councilman Mark Nelson indicated that he has got some real antique things that has been donated to the Railroad and asked if there possibly could be a section in the museum to show those antique railroad items. Also the Council indicated that they could send a lot of people your way to view the museum. Also to encourage groups of young children to come from the local schools to the museum. They need to know what the history of this valley is like. Also to invite the Senior Citizens. Kathryn Berg thanked the support and input into the Museum.

UTAH OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETING ACT TRAINING

Alex Stoedter, from the Wasatch County Attorney's Office presented a Power Point Presentation concerning this subject and then addressed the Wasatch County Council that politic groups and other groups are required to take this annual training that is required by the Utah State Code.

MIDA UPDATE

Mike Davis, the MIDA Coordinator, addressed the Wasatch County Council and indicated that they presently are working on business licenses and an agreement between MIDA and the County for the County to issue licenses in the MIDA control area. Mike Davis indicated that he sent out a date for the meeting with MIDA for July 13, 2023. Chair Spencer Park indicated that he won't be able to attend on July 13. Councilman Steve Farrell indicted that either the thirteenth or the fourteenth is fine with him. Councilman Karl McMillan indicated that either date is fine with him. Councilman Mark Nelson indicated that either date is fine with him. Councilman Luke Searle indicated that he is fine with those dates. Councilman Kendall Crittenden indicated to me that on the thirteenth he has a meeting in the afternoon.

Mike Davis then indicated that he has been the Chairman of the Joint Highway Committee for approximately seventeen years. Also that he attended a meeting of the Joint Highway Committee a couple of weeks ago and then proceeded to explain what the Joint Highway Committee does and what money Wasatch County receives through that. As money comes in from gas taxes and the Joint Highway Committee is a committee that then directs where these monies go. Communities, cities, counties and so forth can apply for projects. The maximum amount of money for a single project is \$1.5 million. Wasatch County has used this significantly through the years. Also I represent our County and area. Mike Davis then listed some of the projects that are going on right

now. Also park access is another aspect of the Joint Highway Committee and for county roads that access State Parks. There is a lot of money that comes into the County from this through the Federal Gas Tax to help the different entities with the roads. It covers the whole project cost. The B and C road fund which is money that comes from the State Gas Tax. Councilman Steve Farrell indicated that with regard to the Cascade Road project it was indicated that one lane had dropped about five inches for a certain area, can we apply for some of this money to fix that road. Mike Davis indicated that there may be a way to apply for such money and certainly joint highway is a way to apply for funds and that road is available for Class B Road because that is on our map. There are different funding mechanisms that could be looked into for such a project. Councilman Luke Searle asked that through MIDA could some funds be obtained. Mike Davis indicated that he doesn't think so because that is not listed as one of the communities.

COUNCIL/BOARD REPORTS

Councilman Luke Searle indicated that he applied to be on a steering committee for NACO, the National Association of Counties. I was accepted to be on that steering committee and so if there is anything interesting I will let you know. Also Governor Cox came today and signed some bills and was able to attend that. Signed one about school security, one about Fallen Officer Scholarship program. One about optional all-day kindergarten funding. That is just hats off to the Wasatch County School District and one of the reasons why because they have been funding all-day kindergarten option for the last five years and passed state funding. Also Governor Cox was here last week and talked to the high school.

Councilman Steve Farrell indicated that the public lands meeting was held this morning. The parks indicated that they won't be opening the facilities like they have in the past until the snow melts and could be as late as the middle of June before some of the roads were opened. They are not going to plow the roads but let them melt on their own. The State Parks are all filled up with seasonal employees. The wages have been raised from \$17 to \$20 an hour. The Soldier Hollow Golf Course opened up yesterday and Wasatch Mountain will open the Lake Creek Golf Course tomorrow. That is exactly two months later than that was done last year. Last year they opened up March 1, 2022 for Soldier Hollow Golf Course.

Councilman Mark Nelson indicated that there is a meeting scheduled tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. in this building with Utah County to talk about the joint Provo Canyon Planning Project. The Provo Parkway project has been caused by UDOT for now and put on hold which has a big impact on the Heber Valley Railroad because the tracks are half way torn up. Last week the repositioning of the Cowboy Poetry Event is progressing and I hope we will have something next week in our Parks and Recreation Board Report that Tom Bonner will be a part of and talk about what we are thinking about, but basically to give you a preview of that. There is some kind of idea to do some kind of fall one night farewell thing this fall and to relaunch it next year. Councilman Steve Farrell asked how we deal with the money that we have already budgeted for this year. We put \$25,000 in the tourism budget to be used for Cowboy Poetry. Councilman Mark Nelson indicated that hasn't been spent yet. The County and Cowboy Poetry needs to discuss that issue. The Cowboy Poetry has

some funds also that would go along with the \$25,000 that Wasatch County gave. If something can't be worked out it is their plan to give it to the Wasatch Community Foundation.

The record should show that Councilman Kendall Crittenden is no longer on Zoom.

MANAGER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL CONSIDERATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AND RESOLUTION NO. 23-06 POLICY 135-002 TRAVEL AND TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT.

Heber Lefgren, the Wasatch County Assistant Manager, addressed the Wasatch County Council and gave a short power point presentation and then addressed the Wasatch County Council and indicated that this Resolution is in regard to amend the portion of the Wasatch County Personnel Manual Procedures as well as the adoption of Policy 135-02 travel and travel reimbursement. This policy provides guidelines and direction to staff regarding uniform procedures to account for and process requests for travel authorization, advances, and reimbursements, and identifies travel expense eligible for compensation. This policy is aligned with the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and sets clear expectations to protect both Wasatch County and its employees as they travel in accordance with their responsibilities.

Councilman Steve Farrell asked who can authorize travel to an employee. Has it got to be done through the County Manager's Office as in the past or can the department head authorize it. Heber Lefgren, the Assistant Wasatch County Manager, replied that the department head has the authority to be able to approve travel. Dustin Grabau, the County Manager, indicated that there is an exception to that, that they can ask the County Manager to override the policy.

Councilman Mark Nelson asked what the policy for reimbursement is if you drive your car somewhere on County business. The policy identified that we will reimburse at the federal rate that has been identified for the most direct path from Heber City to the destination and back. Dustin Grabau indicated that in the past we have had departments that have not had consistent policies with themselves. The intent of this policy is to be consistent throughout all the departments. The policy doesn't restrict and does ask for the best judgment regarding a travel reimbursement which needs to be approved by the County Manager who is the Manager of the funds that are being released. You need to try and use the most economic means possible.

Councilman Steve Farrell made a motion that we approve Resolution 23-06 and Policy 135-002 has been presented regarding travel. Councilman Luke Searle seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Karl McMillan

AYE: Luke Searle

AYE: Steve Farrell

AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE; Mark Nelson

NAY: None.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Dustin Grabau, the Wasatch County Manager, indicated that the Wasatch County Planning Department has been soliciting application for Board of Adjustment members. Currently, there are only 4 Board of Adjustment seats filled. The County has received an application and the Manger recommends the appointment of Rhett Riding as a member of the Wasatch County Board of Adjustment. I received another application for the Board of Adjustment and we will do that approval process later.

Councilman Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the County Manager's recommendation for the appointment to the Board of Adjustment to be Rhett Riding. Councilman Karl McMillan seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Mark Nelson

NAY: None.

Dustin Grabau then introduced the new intern to the County Manager's Office and his name is Richard Breitenbeker. Richard then gave a brief history of himself and indicated that he is excited to work with Wasatch County. He indicated that his career so far has been in the non-profit work particular in building, developing non-profit trade off.

Chair Spencer Park indicated that there is a short Closed Session needed for personnel.

Councilman Steve Farrell made a motion that we go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Councilman Mark Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Mark Nelson

NAY:

Chair Spencer Park indicated that the record should show that the Wasatch County Council is meeting in a Closed Session to discuss personnel. The record should further reflect that Wasatch County Council is meeting in Closed Session in the Wasatch County Council Chambers located in the Wasatch County Administrative Building located at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032. The time is 5:30 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE
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MAY 3, 2023
CLOSED SESSION**

PRESENT: Chair Spencer Park
Karl McMillan
Luke Searle
Steve Farrell
Mark Nelson

ALSO PRESENT: Dustin Grabau, the Wasatch County Manager.

The record should reflect that since this was a personnel matter no minutes were kept.

Councilman Mark Nelson made a motion to come out of the Closed Session. Councilman Karl McMillan seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Karl McMillan**

NAY: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Mark Nelson made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Steve Farrell seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Mark Nelson**

NAY: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.


SPENCER PARK/ CHAIRMAN


JOEY D. GRANGER/CLERK/AUDITOR

