



Parowan City Council Meeting Minutes
May 11th, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Parowan City Council Chambers
35 E 100 N, Parowan, UT 84761

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Mollie Halterman, Councilmember David Burton, Councilmember Sharon Downey, Councilmember Matthew Gale, Councilmember Jim Shurtleff, Councilmember Rochell Topham

City Staff Present: Dan Jessen, City Manager; Justin Wayment, City Attorney; Callie Bassett, City Recorder; Heather Shurtleff, Deputy Recorder

Public Present: See attached sign in sheet.

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order:** Mayor Halterman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Opening Ceremonies:** Councilmember Topham offered the invocation. She then led the council and the public in the pledge of allegiance
- 3. Declaration of Conflicts With or Personal Interest In any Agenda Items:** No conflicts were declared.
- 4. Approval of Meeting's Agenda:**

MOTION: Councilmember Downey moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember Topham seconded the motion.

VOTE: All councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment:

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT MEETING

- 6.** Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for April 27th, 2023
- 7.** Approval of Warrant Register for May 11, 2023
- 8.** Approval of April 2023 Financial Statement
- 9.** Approval of Annual Beer License Renewals

Council Member Burton said there is nothing in the minutes about the Meeks pond that Councilmember Burton presented at the previous meeting. The recreation director was not mentioned either.

MOTION: Councilmember Topham moved to table item #6, City Council Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2023 until next council meeting, and approve items 7-9.

SECOND: Councilmember Downey seconded the motion.

VOTE: All councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

ACTION MEETING

10. Long Term Disability Pilot Program: Callie Bassett

Callie Bassett reported that the PEHP medical insurance does cover mental health. She said the city provides medical insurance, long term disability, and the Employee Assistance Program for the employees.

Dan explained that this is a pilot program that would extend what is already there, adding a third year. Our benefit advisors said it would be a very expensive third year.

Councilmember Shurtleff said this probably isn't the time to add additional expenses to the city that are not needed at this time. Councilmember Gale asked if there were any penalties if the city opted out. Callie said the long term disability premiums would remain as they are.

MOTION: Councilmember Shurtleff moved to opt out of the Long-Term Disability Pilot Program.

SECOND: Councilmember Topham seconded the motion.

VOTE: All councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

WORK MEETING

11. Reports, Updates, Old Business Follow Up – Elected Officials and Staff:

Councilmember Burton reported that the planning and zoning committee met. They are going to have a public hearing for the ordinances they have been working on, as well as the zone change for the Crimson Hills Property from agricultural to general commercial. There will be a public hearing in the city council on this as well. He said the shade tree committee meeting met. The Arbor Day celebration was well attended and very successful. He reported that the Ash borer was treated. He said the public was happy that the city addressed this issue. The shade tree committee has about \$800 left in their budget for the year. They want to spend it on the water system at the Meeks Park to water the trees. Dan said they added a water source. Councilmember Burton said there has been a great response to the pool and things are moving forward.

Councilmember Topham reported that the Theater Board met. There is a woman in town who would like to direct a play in the fall. She has 3 plays in mind. The board will vote on this at their next meeting. Beacon Academy is putting on Shakespeare plays at the theater this weekend.

Councilmember Downey reported that she went to a UAMPS meeting with Jeremy Franklin and Greg Evans. They are anticipating that the power bills will be coming down through the summer. They have a very low storage of natural gas. Hunter coal plant will be closing in 2026. Councilmember Downey said that someone called her about Parowan's power rates compared to Rocky Mountain power rates. She reported that Rocky Mountain Power has a tier system, and because they are a publicly traded company, they also have to go before the Public Service Commission to do a power cost adjustment. She said everyone in Utah is doing a power cost adjustment.

Councilmember Gale reported on the Economic Development meeting. They discussed in depth about the pickle ball courts. They feel they should be moved from the Lion's Park to a different location. They were also excited about the pool and are looking forward to helping in any way possible.

Councilmember Shurtleff did not have any meetings to report on. He did report on the veteran's memorial monument. He said Justin Dalley has done a great job on the rock. Ann Gurr and her crew have got the rose garden cleaned out, and Dennis and Christene Lowder are going to do the planter boxes.

Dan Jessen reported that they are going to reduce the hours of the justice court to morning hours. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is actually in consideration of doing a mid-tier court, which

would decrease our case load even more. The bulk of what our court processes is out of state speeding tickets. These people do their court online. The justice court judge will stay with Parowan City regardless if have a court or not. Dan said he would like to use Keith Naylor, the justice court clerk, as a zoning assistant. Keith has a master's in public administration. They are going to bring him in and start training him on zoning code. They will tag team on issues. This will also help increase customer service to the public. Dan will continue to manage the more advanced issues.

Dan said there is a rumor going around that Parowan's water system is broken, that there is limited water and we are going to run out of water in a day or two. Dan said he is happy to report this rumor is not true. However, it is true of Paragonah. They are having major problems with their main line and have had to shut off water. They are limited to the water in their tank, and they are trying to get it fixed. Parowan public works department is on standby to help as needed. They will be water rationing until they can get things figured out.

Dan reported on the water station. They are working on the signage. One question they need to answer is what the minimum gallons you can buy should be. The company that sold the city this system recommends a 100 gallon minimum. Whether it be for commercial purposes or for our farmers and irrigators, this will be a great asset for the city.

Dan said for the tree treatment they focused on the trees at the main street park.

Dan said the pool work is going. He is happy and impressed with the number of volunteers that have stepped up. 100-200 boys from Las Vegas are available June 21 to do a project. There is also another group from Salt Lake City that wants a project. He said the pool is moving along nicely. They are getting good information from professionals. Everything is falling into place. They have decided that they may not go with a slide. There are problems with twisty slides that drop into deep water. There tends to be a lot of disoriented kids. They may look into a zip line. They are exploring different options.

Dan reported on the water runoff. He feels if we can make it through the next two weeks we should be ok. There will be thunderstorms in Brian Head over the next five days. This has him worried. There will be high water for a while. The Yankee is overflowing and the Little Salt Lake has a lot of water in it.

Dan said the water board will meet this coming Tuesday. They will be looking at recharge. They received good news. The Parowan Pumpers grant for \$250,000 for a recharge project was extended. The city also has a grant from the county which is a county-city match. They need to consider prioritizing the project which will allow them to put pipeline in and open ditch water to the county's pit on 300 East. They need to find a contractor to clean out the break water.

Dan reported that the medical insurance renewal open enrollment is begins on the 17th. He said he gave them the go ahead to figure the 4.5% increase into their paperwork. However, this is not official until the budget is adopted.

Mayor Halterman said that Nancy Dalton reported that the Bi-way Committee received the grant to redo our entry signs and to improve the kiosks. The mayor also reported that service day with the PHS seniors will 12:15 on Monday. They will be at the cemetery, Heritage Park, the pool, and Valentine Peak Sports Complex.

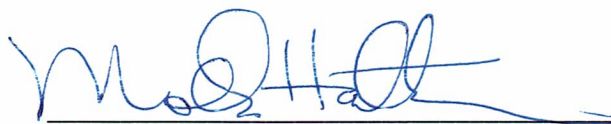
12. Closed Session (UCA 52-4-204 & 205): There was not a closed session held.

13. Adjournment:

MOTION: Councilmember Downey moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember Burton seconded the motion.

VOTE: The Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



Mollie Halterman, Mayor



Callie Bassett, City Recorder

Date Approved: 6/22/2023