

PAYSON CITY
CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
Payson City Center, 439 W Utah Avenue, Payson UT 84651
Wednesday, August 2, 2023

CONDUCTING William R. Wright, Mayor

ELECTED OFFICIALS Kirk Beecher, Brett Christensen, Linda Carter, Taresa Hiatt, Bob Provstgaard, William R. Wright

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
Jill Spencer, City Planner
Michael Bryant, Planner II
Tracy Zobell, Parks & Golf Director
Karl Teemant, Community Services Director

OTHERS Loran Bishop, Les Curtis, Chris Kilmer, Sarah Ogden, Randy Lee Spencer, Brian Hulet, Laura Noise, Jake Barker, Laurel Noyes

A. CALL TO ORDER

William R. Wright, Mayor, called this meeting of the City Council of Payson City, Utah, to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed.

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Public Hearing/Resolution – Truth in Taxation and Certified Tax Rate

Staff Presentation:

Cathy Jensen presented information regarding the proposed certified tax rate (CTR). Utah County calculated the average home value in Payson at \$415,000. The proposed CTR (.001193) equates to \$10.04 per year or about \$.80 per month, which is 3.8% above last year's property tax. The property tax allocation is comprised by Nebo School District 76%, Payson City 12%, Central Utah Water Conservancy 4%, Utah 7%, and County assessing 1%. Reviewing the history of the Payson CTR, the rate has declined over the years because the City is only guaranteed the same revenue from the previous year plus some growth. As the City grows, the rate shrinks. The policy of the City has been to hold the rate steady to avoid significant increases or decreases.

MOTION: Councilmember Beecher – To open the public hearing for the Truth in Taxation and Certified Tax Rate. Motion seconded by Councilmember Christensen. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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

Public Comment:

Loran Bishop questioned how much it will raise his property taxes. He understands taxes need to be raised sometimes, but we also need to consider those on a fixed income and don't have money to pay for things. Some have a hard time buying food.

Mayor Wright clarified the CTR is about \$.80 per month. The City tries to keep the same CTR as last year because the County drops it.

Councilmember Hiatt noted people can go to Provo (Utah County Clerk Auditor - Abatement) to have their taxes reduced, if needed.

Les Curtis stated he read the mayor's letter from June 7 regarding the tax increase. Two years ago, the City allowed residents to vote for a recreation tax. He didn't vote for it, but a majority did, which is fine. Last year was a huge property tax increase. Every year, it seems there is a different entity increasing taxes. Some residents circulated a petition against raising taxes. He found 80% don't want a tax increase. They think the council is doing a good job with essential services. They are against raising taxes especially if it's going for purchasing Wilson Elementary. The City needs to tighten its budget just like everyone else. We are asking for no tax increase this year. According to the letter, there is a 10% electric department tax.

Jason Sant clarified that the utility fees (user rates) will not be addressed tonight. They were addressed last month.

Mayor Wright noted the City has been using reserves to purchase power and not charging the citizens for the higher cost of power. The public hearing on the utility rates was held in June. This hearing is for the CTR.

Councilmember Beecher clarified that the utility rates are use rates, not taxes.

Les Curtis stated either way, it's coming out of our pockets. The funds for the Wilson Elementary could be used for other things. There is always a reason why you should or shouldn't. We are saying enough is enough. He questioned if those use rates go to Wilson Elementary School or other non-essential government expenses. They respectfully ask for no more tax increases. There are other areas to pull from, and we don't need any more non-essential government programs, which can be cut.

Chris Kilmer questioned how much the revenue has increased over the last five years or the last year, how much has the Payson City property tax revenue increased, and how much has the sales tax revenue increased. Since 2017, Payson City revenue has increased 105%. It was \$36 million in 2017, and \$74.5 million in 2022. Property tax revenue was \$1.1 million in 2017, and \$1.8 million in 2022, which is a 63% increase. Sales tax revenue was \$3.1 million in 2017, and \$5.1 million in 2022, which is a 64% increase. We don't have a revenue problem here based on these numbers. We have a spending problem. He hopes no one is running for re-election. This is either mismanagement or fraud.

Mayor Wright stated it's neither one.

Councilmember Christensen stated the cost of power has gone up exponentially in cost. Everything has gone up in cost. He asked if he still pays \$1.85 for gas. The City can't pick up garbage without purchasing gas for the truck.

Chris Kilmer stated he would really appreciate it if the council were more willing to hear from the public. You act like we are the problem. The previous man had a valid point with raising rates; the council should listen to him. The City has plenty of revenue; it's what the council does with it that makes the difference.

Dave Tuckett invited Chris Kilmer to come in and he will go over every step of the budget. There is no fraud going on.

Cathy Jensen stated revenue has increased, but utility fees are enterprise funds, which are like a separate business that must support their own way. The Power Department is using all its reserves. Impact fees are separate and can only be used for capital projects, which are electric, sewer, water, and parks. The General Fund encompasses several funds, and each fund has to balance. Each impact fee and enterprise fund are balanced.

Councilmember Christensen explained the City is purchasing Wilson Elementary for \$270,000 per year over 10 years in a \$120 million budget. Wilson Elementary will allow the City to do a lot of things. This administrative building has been under discussion for over 20 years for replacement. It was built as a hospital. It doesn't suit the city's needs, but we are trying to get it to go as far as possible. The City doesn't want to raise taxes for it.

Mayor Wright brought the discussion back to the issue of the CTR.

Sarah Ogden stated she doesn't envy the council's position and couldn't do what the council does. Thank you for being the face that no one wants to be. She fears the council only hears from the citizens when we are upset. Payson has amazing programs such as Adventure Days, Scottish Festival, Western Heritage Festival, and the National Night Out. Her family sets a budget in hard economic times to ensure a comfortable and affordable future. It may cut out fast food, vacations, and new toys. As of late, they have been doing that a lot more often because of a lot of factors. She asked the council to consider those things that the City can forgo such as a recreation center. She appreciates what the council is doing.

Randy Lee Spencer stated she loves this City but is disheartened with the things around the City that aren't beautified, and the roads are horrible. Her home gets flooded every time there is a big rain fall. We pay for storm drains and roads. These things are more precedent than purchasing a building when everyone is under hard economic times. Everyone just wants the taxes used judiciously. If a recreation center works down the road, great; but let's take care of what we have now. Let's beautify the City now instead of being taxed and taxed. She questioned who will pay for the recreation center down the road; there will be another and another increase. She works in public service and sees the pain and suffering from those on fixed budgets. Paying for a \$2 million building makes no sense in the current community situation. She asked the council to use the money judiciously for the time we are in.

Mayor Wright stated he is on a fixed income as well as Councilmember Carter, so they are very cognizant of this.

Cathy Jensen noted the tax increase will generate between \$80,000 and \$88,000, which is to fund apportion of a police officer. The City is trying to be conservative and recognize it's a hard time.

Brian Hulet stated his property taxes are going down so thank you.

Councilmember Beecher clarified Truth in Taxation and the way the taxes are assessed by the County depends on the value of your property. The County takes that value and decreases it by a percentage on residential. Then the County multiplies it by the current tax rate. At that point, it's all added up and they see if it equals last year plus growth. The amount the City receives depends on the value of the home. The County tries to equalize the amount, so the City gets the same amount plus growth each year. The City is trying to keep the rate the same as it was last year. The tax rate increase for Payson will amount to less than \$100,000 in addition to last year plus growth. This Truth in Taxation amounts to almost nothing just to keep the value the same in what the City is getting.

Chris Kilmer stated this is an opportunity for everyone's taxes to go down and the council is taking away that opportunity. The taxes are going down because homes are depreciating. The council is keeping the tax rate the same, which is a tax increase. The amount of money I would have paid and the amount of money I'm going to pay is an increase.

Laurel Noyes admitted she doesn't study a lot and doesn't understand things. Her daughter mentioned how some streets in Payson don't have stop signs, and yet the City put up a big kiosk across from Walgreens, which she questioned if it is needed. The City is going to need lots of stop signs and stop lights.

Mayor Wright explained that a traffic study is in process. Some quadrants have been brought up to the study criteria and some still need to be addressed.

MOTION: Councilmember Hiatt – To close the public hearing on Truth in Taxation and the Certified Tax Rate. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carter. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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

Council Discussion:

Councilmember Christensen noted there is a bill headed through the State to cut \$100 million from state property taxes to offset this as well. He is hearing the residents even though they don't think he's listening. The Council has to pick something that's above the tax break; it's what it comes down to. The item above that tax break is a police officer. If the citizens don't want the tax rate raised to \$0.85 per month, it's something the Council can do. He can support that direction and can support the tax increase for an additional officer.

Councilmember Provstgaard stated having gone through the process as a council and having the citizens here tonight pleases him very much. But at the same time, it saddens him because they weren't there during the budget work sessions when the Council pained and cut the things laying on the floor that weren't budgeted. He recognizes two and soon to be three councilmembers that are fixed income that are trying to balance a budget and pay the increased costs of labor, fuel, parts, and almost everything the City needs in essential services, which has gone up. The Council is trying to keep staff and employees happy by keeping a competitive wage scale and keeping them from not going to other communities. This has been paramount to him as a councilmember; he's tired of training police officers and staff to see them go to neighboring communities that pay a few dollars more. The City has been trying to be competitive in that market and trying to keep staff in salaries and wages, but also a decent place to come to work. He is worried about the air conditioning on the second floor of the building. Spanish Fork and Santaquin are in the finishing process of a new city building. The Council aches to do that but have tightened our belt to make do. The council chambers were to be completely remodeled but the funds were cut and left on the floor. He feels bad that the citizenry there tonight, which he hears loud and clear, weren't there when discussion took place to cut and to budget. He's glad to be a member of the council and proud of the budget that has been put together. Is it a perfect budget? No. He's grateful for the input of the citizenry, but he's proud of what the council and the staff have done to present tonight.

Councilmember Carter stated she is also on a fixed income and lost her spouse two years ago. She comes here twice a month along with the other council members and very few other people attend. She has been here many times and has not seen one face here tonight. She loves this City and has lived here. She's not publicly shaming anyone but would like to see everyone's faces here at council meetings. She appreciates everyone being here tonight.

MOTION: Councilmember Beecher – To (resolution) hold to the 0.001193 rate that the City had last year. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes	-	Kirk Beecher
Yes	-	Linda Carter
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt
Yes	-	Bob Provstgaard
No	-	Brett Christensen

2. Public Hearing – Enterprise Fund Transfers

Staff Presentation:

Cathy Jensen reviewed the proposed budget including enterprise fund transfers.

Changes Since Adoption of the Tentative Budget:

- Perpetual Care - Road repair from fund reserves. This is a trust type fund for the cemetery. \$420,000.
- Water Fund - Adjusted for ARPA grant received for water project for 1600 linear feet of 12-inch culinary line on Riley Drive and 1300 linear feet of 24-inch culinary line from tanks. \$1,000,000
- Community Services - Exchanged work on pool bathroom expense for work on Wilson Elementary, same budget amount.

- Landfill - Adjusted the Garbage Truck lease interest in the Landfill Fund.
- Facilities - Additional funds for the Administration building AC allocated, expenses have gone up. \$200,000.
- Transportation fee study – Added for analysis of road fees. \$20,000.
- Ambulance - Preorder an ambulance, which takes about two years to receive. Encumber (ear mark) funds in the revolving loan fund for payment. \$260,000.
- Development Services – Added \$30,000 for contract inspections; FT inspector position cut, which can be added later.
- Police - Added city-wide crucial incident software. \$15,000.
- Automatic re-balance of workers compensation and indirect service amounts based on budget size. This is based on individual budgets.
- Power - Adjusted power revenue to meet projections.
- Administration - Adjusted bank fees, which are going up.
- Streets, Storm, Landfill - Rolled over projects not completed in 2023 (B&C 1120 South 1100 West Bridge \$350,000)
- Recreation - PT Forebay attendant added (approx. \$5,000 plus taxes). Previously done by a volunteer.
- Golf - Carried over golf projects, building exterior, pathways. Added \$15,000 for paths due to increased bid amount. This is a self-sustaining enterprise fund.
- Storm Drain - Received grant for box culverts. \$2,000,000.
- Water - Received grant for Christian Life Church water line. \$343,000.
- Community Services - Rolled over unspent pool projects, instead will replace hydro-chloric acid tanks. \$26,700.
- Community Services - Added Wilson Elementary payment to capital fund. \$2,700,000 over 10 Years at 0% interest.
- Parks - Flip-the-Strip program. \$20,000.
- Public Works - Took out drone purchase as it was purchased in FY 2023, left in software.
- Some employees pay adjustments were made such as streets foremen, storm, B&C.
- Impact Fees - Updated revenue budgets.
- Library - AC compressor went out and will need to be replaced. \$18,000.
- Downtown Project - Adjusted amounts already paid.

Budget Highlights:

- Added market adjustment to individual wages to keep wages competitive and increased some part-time wages.
- Department heads were given what they requested in operational budgets in most cases.
- Worked to distribute capital projects and equipment amongst departments.

Requested and Funded Personnel:

- Funded – Police Officer, Parks Worker, Parks Events Seasonal-Restrooms, Recreational Ball Parks Maintenance/Irrigation, Seasonal GIS, Forebay Part-Time Maintenance, Water Maintenance Trainee, Ambulance Part-Time Night Coverage, Storm Water System Op 1. \$742,601.
- Requested/Not Funded – Assistant City Manager, CDBG Grant Administrator, City Engineer Restructure, Economic Development PIO, Ambulance Captain, Storm Water System Op 1, Power Secretary. \$510,706.

Water Fund: \$9,622,888

- Water maintenance trainee employee.
- Priority projects for water are fire hydrant repair; broken/additional valves.
- Forebay bond amount to be transferred from the General Fund to allow additional projects in the water fund.
- CDBG grant for 500 South from 100 West to 500 West.
- Patterson pump station.
- Fiber to Spring Lake Pumphouse for SCADA connection.
- Salem City interconnect.
- Red Bridge well (1/5th).

Water Impact Fees: \$1,398,400

Solid Waste Fund: \$4,754,289

- Compactor (5-year lease)
- Refuse collection truck lease (1 year)

Electric Power Fund: \$21,520,670

- Line truck is carryover from 2023 budget
- Rate study in process
- Significant increases in cost to purchase power
- Large capital projects scheduled but not funded yet (transmission line, SUVPS participation in bonding, power plant).

Power Impact Fees: \$722,230

Sewer Fund \$30,164,788

- Retiring 2019 sewer bond (sewer plant upgrade)
- Anticipated costs to begin sewer plant construction
- New bond(s) for sewer plant construction

Sewer Impact Fees: \$1,785,217

Ambulance Fund: \$1,406,732

- Expanded coverage 24/7 day and night shift using part-time employees
- Major source of expenditures is operational expenses

Golf Fund: \$1,856,926

- Entrance gate
- Ball washer
- Equipment trailer from sale of surplus equipment
- Flooring for grill
- Deck chairs and tables
- Paths, pavilion fencing
- Cement for paths/staging areas

Storm Drain Fund: \$4,124,016

- City-wide curb and gutter improvements \$300,000
- Added \$2 million grant for box culverts

Internal Service Funds: (funded through contributions from other departments)

- Vehicle Maintenance \$478,795
- IT \$639,204

Revolving Loan Fund: \$2,163,027

- Vehicles purchased and sold in a short period of time as a profit

PARC Tax Fund: \$350,000 (allocated by parc tax committee)

General Fund: \$26,341,944

- Legislation allows 35% of revenue fund balance
- Proposing a truth in taxation CTR adjustment to keep tax rate the same as last year (.001193)
- Wage and insurance adjustments have been made
- B&C Road funds, historic, Scottish Festival, Peteetneet, Salmon Supper, and Payson Community Theater are in separate fund to track activities but rolled back into the General Fund

Special Revenue and Capital Funds:

- Redevelopment Town \$18,000 (cell tower revenue)
- Redevelopment Business Park \$912,500 (sale of property revenue)
- PARC Tax \$350,000
- Impact Fee Park \$736,200
- Impact Fee Public Safety \$307,300

Capital Fund: \$9,570,000

- ARPA fund to still expend (well #2, high school sewer line, canyon water line)

Perpetual Care Fund: \$458,000

Transfers and Indirect Costs:

- Each department pays into the general fund for services and vehicles.

Interfund Transfers:

- Operating fund transfers to the general fund.
- Traditionally transferred 9% of enterprise revenue to the general fund to offset the amount not received in tax from nontaxable entities.

From	Purpose	Amount	To
Water Fund	Operating Transfer	\$558,434	General Fund
Solid Waste Fund	Operating Transfer	\$315,639	General Fund
Electric Fund	Operating Transfer	\$1,427,508	General Fund
Ambulance	Operating Transfer	\$108,000	General Fund
Storm Drain	Operating Transfer	\$84,780	General Fund

Sewer Fund	Operating Transfer	\$531,261	General Fund
General Fund	Operating Transfer	\$7,000	PCT
General fund	Bond Coverage	\$260,000	Electric Power Fund
General Fund	Bond Coverage	\$405,762	Water Fund

Changes to Fund Balance and Enterprise Cash Reserves:

- These are projections that are finalized with the audit.

MOTION: Councilmember Beecher – To open the public hearing on enterprise fund transfers.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Christensen. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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

Public Comment:

Chris Kilmer stated he is against transferring this money. The power fund is running short and now the City is transferring from the power fund to the general fund. The justification for the tax increase was not enough money to purchase power.

Councilmember Christensen explained Doug Welton once figured this out. Basically, it’s a loophole that allows the City to tax nontaxable entities. Churches, schools, and other entities of that nature use these funds, and this helps to balance it. If these transfers were not taken out, the City would have to raise taxes to cover this deficit. It then sits on the citizens as a whole rather than the community as a collective. Taylor Elementary School, across the street, pays into the electric fund because it uses a lot of power. Otherwise, this would have to be added to the overall tax burden.

Chris Kilmer stated it would be interesting if the individual departments had to operate on what they were making. The general fund would survive on what it gets. The department heads and city manager should go back and cut 10% based on last year’s budget. It would be easier to see what is being spent, and staff would be more accountable. If the general fund can’t survive on its own, the City needs to re-evaluate what is being spent in the general fund.

Dave Tuckett stated this idea has floated around a lot. The problem with the general fund is it’s not self-sustaining. The general fund is funded through property taxes and sales taxes. To be self-sustaining, the City would have to lay off police officers, firemen, and administration.

Chris Kilmer stated he has no problem helping the general fund a little bit. His point is the City could be more efficient with a different approach. Directors could cut 10% and then give \$500 to employees as a bonus. The City can do better. The council was voted in to reduce costs, not increase taxes.

Mayor Wright noted if the City doesn’t have enough funds to run a department, then citizen services are not provided. People wouldn’t be covered by ambulances or fire.

Councilmember Christensen explained that the northeast quadrant of the City was out of power today. If Payson were under Rocky Mountain Power, the City would be at their discretion to get the power fixed. West Valley City had one to two inches of rain today with a foot of water running down the streets. West Valley City would take precedence with Rocky Mountain Power because there are more people in that area. The City could either wait on Rocky Mountain Power or continue to fund these enterprise funds.

Les Curtis agreed. It's a mindset that every time there is a need for more services, taxes are increased. The answer is to go to the nonessentials and reduce. It's nice to have a recreation center, but purchasing Wilson Elementary is not worthy of a tax increase. If the mindset is to not increase taxes and skim where needed, that's where the City will go. He read from his petition, *Thoms Paine, Common Sense ...expense and luxury as well as the oppression of kings ... and he will take your fields and your olive yards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants; and he will take the tenth of your feed, and your vineyards, and give them to his officers and his servants... (1 Samuel 8:14-15)*. If you include federal, state, and local, we are well over 10%. He asked the council to reconsider and skim where possible. When his family is having problems, they skim. They don't ask others to help with their expenses. He sees that 80% or more of the residents don't want more tax increases. There are some services citizens don't want and maybe a majority. He suggested selling some of the Forebay property for revenue.

Mayor Wright stated he appreciates the comments, but the council's mandate is to take care of citizens. Many departments don't generate money so the enterprise funds can help. The police department and fire department don't generate money. The City must spend the money needed to protect the citizens and make sure the fire department has the needed equipment, which helps with fire insurance for the residents. Selling some Forebay property goes against quality of life, and there would be citizens vehemently against that as well. It's a tight rope that the City walks.

Randy Lee Spencer questioned the ARPA funds and where that money is going because it's money that won't continue.

Mayor Wright noted the Federal Government states where these funds can be spent.

Cathy Jensen explained ARPA stands for American Rescue Plan Act. These funds were allocated to three specific projects.

Travis Jockumsen explained the sewer line down 800 South was replaced and upsized before UDOT repaved 800 South at a cost of \$1.2 million. Construction on Well #2 begins in September at \$1.2 million to bring it up to code. Phase 1 of the canyon culinary line was completed to upsize to a 20-inch line. A 24-inch line and 12-inch line are being designed to better deliver water and keep the pressures from fluctuating. The funds can only be spent on water and sewer projects.

Karl Teemant explained the Nebo School District will be vacating the Wilson Elementary within a 10-year period and discussed this with the City over the last year and a half because the City has the first right of refusal. The recreation department will lose its offices at the high school, which is too small anyway. Several buildings and land were addressed for building or adding on including this administration building. Discussions were held regarding parks and open space in the north end of town, which is limited. Wilson Elementary provides an opportunity for seven acres of park space for

the public, which neighbors close voiced not want it sold to a developer for apartments. The purchase is partly through park impact fees.

Mayor Wright noted the purchase is at 0% interest over 10 years.

Councilmember Christensen stated the District looks at this as an opportunity to pay back to the community, which is how the City acquired Petetneet. It keeps coming up as a recreation center, but that is not the intention of Wilson Elementary. It will house recreation offices and be a community center.

Mayor Wright noted the City needs to get healthier with retail and taxes to support a recreation center. The City is working extremely hard on retail stores and light industry for a tax base to support these kinds of things and be less and less dependent on enterprise funds.

Jake Barker questioned the cost of a new building. He likes that recreation already uses a portion of Wilson Elementary for gymnastics and recreation. He questioned the standpoint on buy local, shop local. He buys local when possible. He doesn't want the City to cut itself off at the knees trying to save a mom-and-pop shop. He noted he has three businesses and owns a building in the City and is all for shopping local.

Karl Teemant clarified it's estimated at \$1.3 million just for land and office space.

Councilmember Christensen noted Wilson Elementary can be used to expand gymnastics and other programs, soccer fields, dog park, and possibly house the library. The City has contracted with an economic development director to bring in business. The key to keeping and shopping local is to stop giving people a reason to leave town.

Mayor Wright stated the time will come.

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

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

MOTION: Councilmember Hiatt – To approve the resolution to accept the enterprise fund transfers as shown. Motion seconded by Councilmember Christensen. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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

3. Public Hearing/Ordinance – Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

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

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

Public Comment:

Loran Bishop stated the City has a problem that he brought up to the mayor and the city person over roads, but he never heard from them. It's a dangerous situation where people go on the wrong side of road to get through. There will be a serious accident at some point. He talked to a lady with a similar situation who talked to the City and nothing was done. She went through when there was snowed and almost totaled her car. Another person knocked off the front end of his bumper. These places are dangerous. These roads won't be fixed because the City doesn't have the money to do it. He knows that and the City knows that. But at least take a few dollars and fill in the places that are so bad. One place is 700 West 100 South. He appreciates the City looking into it.

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

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

Council Discussion:

Councilmember Christensen stated before COVID, the City rolled over vehicles, and it was quite lucrative. He wanted to make sure that going forward the City isn't losing money in comparison to maintenance, etc. The public may see it as always driving new vehicles and then raising taxes.

Mayor Wright noted as a previous city employee for 37 years, he dealt with vehicles that weren't maintained properly and left an official situation where his vehicle wouldn't start. This program not only helps the officers and employees, but the citizens who receive the services.

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To approve the (ordinance) fiscal year budget for 2023-2024. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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

C. ADJOURN TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (8:44 p.m.)

MOTION: Councilmember Beecher – To adjourn to Redevelopment Agency. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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

1. Public Hearing/Ordinance – Fiscal Year 2023-2024 RDA Budget

Staff Presentation:

Cathy Jensen stated the Town RDA includes an incentive with Walgreens to return a portion of the sales and property taxes to Walgreens, which has been a benefit because the City has come out ahead. Revenue comes from cell tower rental. The Business Park RDA is creating a maker space and funds come from the sale of property.

MOTION: Director Beecher – To open the public hearing for the 2023-2024 RDA budget.

Motion seconded by Director Christensen. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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

Public Comment:

Sarah Ogden noted with the discussion about shopping local, she makes large purchases of chicken food; and there needs to be a place in Payson.

Randy Lee Spencer stated her uncle works for Syracuse City and does investing in stocks and bonds for city revenue. She questioned if Payson does anything like this.

Cathy Jensen stated Payson invests in PTIF funds, which is getting more interest than in the past. Staff is looking at other options like sweep accounts and higher interest in checking accounts. The City also invests with Mortin Investments in stocks and bonds.

MOTION: Director Provstgaard – To close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Director

Carter. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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

MOTION: Director Christensen – To approve the (ordinance) fiscal 2023-2024 RDA budget.

Motion seconded by Director Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Christensen stated he realizes things got a little heated and defensive, but he really appreciated the comments and concerns. Thank you for coming out tonight.

Mayor Wright agreed. Sometimes there is little that can be done to change decisions. He knows he wants his opinions listened to and knows the residents do as will. He appreciates those attending tonight.

D. ADJOURN FROM REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MOTION: Director Provstgaard – To adjourn from Redevelopment Agency. Motion seconded by Director Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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

E. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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