

PAYSON CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Payson City Center, 439 W Utah Avenue, Payson UT 84651
Wednesday, October 4, 2023

CONDUCTING William R. Wright, Mayor

ELECTED OFFICIALS Kirk Beecher, Brett Christensen (6:03 p.m.), Linda Carter, Taresa Hiatt, William R. Wright

EXCUSED: Bob Provstgaard

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
Tracy Zobell, Parks & Golf Director
Karl Teemant, Community Services Director
Shawn Black, Power Director
Shelby Bohling, Communities That Care Coordinator

OTHERS Easton Brady, Keltin Topham, Scott Everett, Brian Hulet – Economic Development Board, Kenton Phillips, Kimberely Bennett,

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.

A. PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prayer offered by Easton Brady.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Keltin Topham.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the September 6, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Proclamation – Planning Month
3. Resolution – Mountain View Hospital Security Contract
4. Resolution – Police Property Disposition
5. Resolution – Deferral Agreement for property located at approximately 1614 E Ranch Lane
6. Resolution – Appointment of board members to the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) Board

MOTION: Councilmember Beecher – To approve the consent agenda as outlined by the Mayor.

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

C. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

1. CTC: Mayor’s Youth Recognition (6:04 p.m.)

Mayor Wright and Shelby Bohling presented Mayor’s Youth Recognition Awards to Callin Craig, Mt. Nebo Middle School, Miah Martin, Payson Junior High, and Autumn Partridge, Payson High School.

2. Yard of the Month

Linda Carter announced the Yard of the Month to Brak & Denise Carman, 777 South 400 West, for the month of September, and to Jim & Tricia Faile, 392 East Utah Avenue, for the month of October.

3. Public Forum

Scott Everett stated he has lived across from the Skate Park for 11 years. Over the last five years, the Skate Park has turned into the trashiest place in the City. Other parks look wonderful, and he loves living in Payson because of the parks. Over the last few years, the Skate Park no longer has families there but kids drinking liquor; it’s not adults. He would like to help the City and be a partner to keep the Skate Park open.

Mayor Wright stated it’s on record and staff will coordinate with the police chief and parks staff.

4. Staff and Council Reports

Staff Reports

ADMINISTRATION – Dave Tuckett introduced Shawn Black as the new Power Director. He has spent his career in the public power market with 28 years with Springville City.

Shawn Black stated he started in Springville a long time ago. He received a degree in diesel mechanics and worked on trucks in Salt Lake. He then got a bachelor’s degree and got into portfolio management that translated into power resources and creating diversity, safety, and stabilization in rates. His love is figuring out ways to stop inflation and give value by providing public power. He then got a master’s at BYU in public administration.

PARKS & GOLF - Tracy Zobell noted the Skate Park is a recreation facility. The Economic Development Golf Tournament was held today with 130 participants. He thanked the members of the Economic Development Board, Mayor Wright, and the Council who worked for months to get influential people to Payson. It was a great day and successful.

RECREATION – Karl Teemant agreed the Skate Park is under recreation. He visited with Scott Everett about a month ago. A park grant was received for cameras at various locations, which includes the Skate Park. He thanked Scott Everett for his patience and offering to help with the Skate Park.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – Robert Mills thanked Mayor Wright and the Council for approving the Proclamation for Planning Month. He showed a picture of John Cowan whose name was submitted and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the State Planning Association. John Cowan served on the Payson Planning Commission for over three decades. Also, he, Jill Spencer, and Mayor Wright held a great conversation with the people in West Mountain. Staff will schedule a work session to discuss industrial use in the West Mountain area.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD - Brian Hulet thanked Mayor Wright, Dave Tuckett, Tracy Zobell, and city staff for all their help with the golf event today. Attendees included all the county commissioners, Senator Mike McKell, the head of Outdoor Recreations, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO), Economic Development Corporation of Utah, a commercial realtor who is working on two sit-down restaurants in Payson, a person bringing a sandwich shop. This golf event really helps the City, and the participants feel it's the best tournament they attend. Explore Utah Valley stated they have more going on in Payson than anywhere else in Utah County. This golf tournament really helps bring people to Payson. The City received three outdoor recreation grants this year totaling about \$200,000. GOEO told him later they need to help Payson more and see Payson.

Mayor Wright noted Jeff Burton, Utah State Representative, and Jeff Acerson, Utah Transit Authority Board also attended. It was a great event.

Council Reports

Councilmember Christensen gave a shoutout to Mr. Morrell in getting students out to the city council meetings and thanked the students for coming. It's important for the youth to understand there is more to life than looking important among your friends. He has been in education for 23 years now and gets the sense that some youth feel something like the skate park issue isn't their problem. All they are telling themselves is they aren't willing to be part of the community, and community is important because it's where we grow and strengthen one another. Remember community comes first.

Councilmember Carter stated she appreciates seeing Scott and Kelly Everett here tonight. She lives just a block away from the Skate Park and sees a lot of things that go on there. She conveyed a story from a few years ago when she and her husband drove by the Skate Park and the lawn was covered with pizza boxes and garbage. She asked a girl at the park to please pick up the garbage, and the girl said, "if you want it picked up, you come and do it." She got out of the car and walked in among the kids and started picking up the cans that were all over, which some still had drink in them, and she poured them out. She picked up pizza boxes and trash. Within minutes, she was encircled by this group that wouldn't let her out and called her names. One young kid took a video of her while calling her names. She finally got out of the circle of kids; and she and her husband went to the Payson Police Station. She then went back to the park, and the officers came within minutes. The young kid who had been taking the video came running over to the officers and continued calling her the same names in front of the officers. The officers stood up for her. The next day, she received calls that the video was on Facebook. Something needs to be done at the Skate Park. If you don't live by it, you don't see it. The Everetts know this. It was interesting, a mother was there that day with her young son and started picking up garbage. Please step in, it needs to be done.

Mayor Wright stated we are proud of our community and want to relay that proud feeling to everyone within our borders. If you don't take care of things, you lose it. The City doesn't want the young people who deserve that venue to lose it. It takes a community to make it happen.

Councilmember Beecher thanked the staff for all they do.

Councilmember Hiatt stated you young kids here tonight see what happens around the City and probably know who does it. To look at it in a different way, your parents pay taxes; and the City uses those taxes to pay to clean up the parks and Skate Park. Financially, it hurts your parents and the community instead of putting the money elsewhere. It's something to think about.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution – Appointments to the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture (PARC) Tax Committee (6:30 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Mayor Wright stated three terms ended on the PARC Tax Committee. He presented Kenton Phillips and Richard Fillerup, who are current members, and Kimberly Bennett to fill the vacancies on the Committee. These residents serve voluntarily. PARC funds have been used for the pickleball courts, trails, and Memorial Park playground covering. It is a very useful tax.

Kenton Phillips stated he has served two years on the PARC Tax Committee, visited places to request funds, and attended site inspections for those requesting funds. He is excited to be a part of the Committee for two more years.

Kimberly Bennett stated she is excited to work on the PARC Tax Committee and loves the Payson community. She has a master's in accounting and works here locally.

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To approve the (resolution) appointments to the PARC TAX Committee for Kenton Phillips, Richard Fillerup, and Kimberly Bennett. 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

2. Resolution – Interlocal Agreement with Woodland Hills regarding building fire inspections (6:35 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Scott Spencer stated he was recently approached by Woodland Hills because its fire chief resigned and they have a new fire chief, which isn't up to speed on inspection codes. The agreement helps with one or two inspections per week in residential homes at a cost of \$50 per inspection.

MOTION: Councilmember Beecher – To approve the (resolution) Interlocal Agreement for Woodland Hills for building fire inspections and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

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

3. Resolution – Purchase and Sales Agreement with Nebo School District

Staff Presentation:

Jason Sant stated the City has been working for several months to obtain a spot for the Recreation Department offices because there is no longer a contract with Payson High School next year. The City negotiated to purchase Wilson Elementary School, the building and land, over the next 10 years with payments of just over \$200,000 per year. The closing will not take place until the City is ready to take it over. The Payson City Center building isn't optimal for the Recreation Department currently. The agreement allows the Recreation Department to use part of the building, which will be sectioned off and not interfere with school when it's in session. The Nebo School District's plan is to build a new elementary by the LDS Temple.

Mayor Wright stated the building and land can be used for many purposes and great flexibility. It will be a wonderful addition for city recreation services. The loan is either no interest or very low interest.

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To approve the (resolution) Purchase and sales Agreement with Nebo School District and authorize the Mayor to sign. 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

4. Resolution – In God We Trust (6:40 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Dave Tuckett stated he and Mayor Wright attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference a few weeks ago, and one of the booths was In God We Trust who asked if this could be presented to the Council. The resolution states, the United States adopted a national motto, In God We Trust, on July 30, 1956, shortly after World War II, it has been on the U.S. currency since 1864, it is engraved above the entrance of the Senate Chambers, and above the dais in the House of Representatives. They would like cities throughout the country to recognize God's hand in government. The Council can adopt the resolution or table the issue for more discussions. If adopted, then staff will find a place in the Council Chamber to put In God We Trust in support of the U.S. motto. A few cities in Utah have already adopted it along with some in California and other western states.

Mayor Wright stated the motto is also on license plates as well. He supports the adoption of the resolution.

MOTION: Councilmember Beecher – To adopt the resolution In God We Trust that will be displayed in the Council Chambers at a future date and authorize the Mayor Wright to sign it.

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

E. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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