

PAYSON CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Payson City Center, 439 W Utah Avenue, Payson UT 84651
Wednesday, January 3, 2024

CONDUCTING William R. Wright, Mayor

ELECTED OFFICIALS Brett Christensen, Taresa Hiatt, Anne Moss, Ryan Rowley, William R. Wright

EXCUSED: Brian Hulet

OUTGOING COUNCIL Kirk Beecher, Linda Carter, 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
Travis Jockumsen, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Scott Spencer, Fire Chief
Michael Bryant, Planner II
Shawn Black, Power Director
Shelby Bohling, Communities That Care Coordinator

OTHERS Benjamin Winkler, Joe Silverzweig – Comcast, Rob McNeel

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 Brett Christensen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Linda Carter.

B. OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

1. Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials

Mayor Wright thanked Bob Provstgaard, Linda Carter, and Kirk Beecher for their service; it has been a pleasure.

Dave Tuckett presented the outgoing councilmembers with a framed, limited edition Payson Dowdle Puzzle. Mr. Dowdle has signed each puzzle and has the councilmember's name and years of service.

Councilmember Beecher thanked staff, council, and Mayor Wright for the opportunity to serve. He has enjoyed this time on the council, the camaraderie, and feeling of welcome. He enjoyed working with staff and the council. It has been a short time, but he's glad he was able to do it. He hopes what he has

been able to accomplish in the City has not been in vain and hopes to serve again for the City. It's a great experience.

Councilmember Carter is thankful for the opportunity of serving. She loves everyone who works here in the City; they have all been so supportive through hard times and good times. She's so thankful to everyone; they've put up with her jokes and teasing. It's been a wonderful eight years and hates to see it end. She's so thankful for the opportunity.

Councilmember Provstgaard stated he can't say enough about staff, for Dave Tuckett and the way he leads, and for each of the department heads. He has asked questions and for something to be looked at and always accommodated. He thanked his sweet wife. Tonight, he completed 32 years serving the City. His wife always reminds him to remember who he represents. There have been tough times and fun times. He thanked the citizens of Payson who have been so supportive. We haven't always agreed but have come together to make Payson a better community. He looks forward to the new council members and looks forward to hearing great things.

Dave Tuckett noted that Brian Hulet was sworn in yesterday.

Kim Holindrake swore in Anne Moss and Ryan Rowley.

(Break)

Mayor Wright welcomed Anne Moss and Ryan Rowley as official members of the City Council and pledged to work with them for the betterment of the City.

Councilmember Moss stated thank you so much for this opportunity and for those who voted for her. She will do her best to do what's best for Payson. She looks forward to working with the rest of the Council. It will be an adventure and a great experience.

Councilmember Rowley stated he is so grateful to be here and thankful for the residents who supported him during his campaign and ultimate victory. He looks forward to serving the residents and the City as well. He has a lot to learn and to help ensure Payson moves in a good direction. He's grateful for those who came before him and hopes to continue that torch. He's thankful for the opportunity. Up here, it's all city business; while we may disagree, it's never personal.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the December 13, 2023, Special City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Proclamation – Cowboy Poetry (February 5 – 10, 2024)
3. Resolution – Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Medical Services Agreement

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To approve the consent agenda as outlined. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rowley. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes	-	Brett Christensen
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt
Yes	-	Anne Moss
Yes	-	Ryan Rowley

D. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

1. CTC: Mayor's Youth Recognition

Mayor Wright and Shelby Bohling presented the Mayor's Youth Recognition Award to Katherine Navarro, Mt. Nebo Middle School.

2. Public Forum (6:47 p.m.)

Benjamin Winkler stated he put together the first Payson City Easter Summer Concert last year and received great support from Mayor Wright and the City. This year, Easter is March 31 and is organizing the event again. He asked the council to give his contact information to any singers and musicians who may be interested in participating. Last year, there were about 150 attendees; and he is looking to build on that. The event begins before sunrise.

Mayor Wright stated last year, the event was very well accepted; and it's an honor to be associated with it.

3. Staff and Council Reports (6:50 p.m.)

Staff Reports

POLICE – Chief Brad Bishop invited the council, mayor, and staff to participate in the citizens academy beginning January 8. The program runs for eight weeks on Thursday nights. Participants tour the police department and discuss crime scene investigation, community-oriented policing, a day and the life scenarios of police officers in order to get a better understanding on how to help reduce crime and what is happening in the City. Also, many heard about the homicide on December 22 just before Christmas; he sends his condolences to Norman family.

PUBLIC WORKS – Travis Jockumsen stated the Main Street project was awarded to Red Pine Construction and begins January 15. Businesses have been notified. The project will begin with demolition and installation of underground storm drain and storage by the old Wells Fargo Bank. The project will be totally completed by October. Pedestrian access will be available until about the end of March and then closed for a period of time. Businesses will then need to use their back entrances. The project includes Main Street from SR-198 to 300 South for a cost of \$7.125 million and doesn't include the parking lots. Mayor Wright noted staff is actively working to get additional funds and the entire project is engineered to 700 South. Travis Jockumsen continued that staff is still waiting on the State to give the go ahead to sign contracts for the sewer plant project. Because of the delay, one of the packages had to be rebid so the costs will be going up. He should have numbers in about two weeks. Mayor Wright clarified that most funds are from bonding, yet the State is restricting the process.

ADMINISTRATION – Dave Tuckett stated the president of CMP Shottling Range will be here next week to meet with Development Services and some council members, and there will be a presentation at the State for some grant funds received. the staff continues to work and meet with the Bureau of Land Management to acquire land for the project. This will be great for Payson, Utah County, and the State if successful. Senator McKell is meeting with some councilmembers tomorrow. The Chamber Banquet will be February 8. The City has a table of eight with more seating available if needed. He needs to know who is interested in attending.

Council Reports

Councilmember Hiatt thanked staff for everything they did for their staff over the holidays. She and staff appreciated it.

Councilmember Christensen stated he stopped at the dump recently, and it is being kept clean and the grinder working well. He would like to see the new scale house up and running, which needs power. A while ago he brought up wanting to see recycling bins for cardboard, glass, and metal at the landfill to provide options for those who care about the community. It will help avoid illegal dumping.

4. Presentation by Comcast

Joe Silverzweig stated he is the government affairs manager for Comcast Operations for Utah and Idaho and has been going around the state and talking one to one with officials. Comcast encompasses Xfinity home internet, Xfinity mobile, Universal Studios, NBC, USA Today, and Peacock. Comcast’s network is faster and bigger and is still just as committed to supporting communities. In the news, Colorado Springs is the first Comcast city to offer duplex speeds. On the current system, there are 12 to 13 lanes of traffic in one direction and one lane going the other way. The average broadband network use is 13 to 1. Comcast is upgrading all the systems and computer language to allow information to go both ways in all lanes all the time, which will allow Comcast to offer duplex speeds in the future. Comcast will be able to offer these same speeds to Payson in the future on the current architecture. Comcast invested about \$8 billion to make this happen. Comcast is committed to the community and donated about \$340,000 in cash and in-kind to nonprofits last year in Utah. He would like to hear from the City regarding anyone who could benefit from the Comcast programs.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution – Appointment of new Planning Commission Member and Oath of Office (7:15 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Mayor Wright nominated Kirk Beecher to the Planning Commission to replace Ryan Rowley until April, which is then open to application submittals.

Council Discussion:

Councilmember Rowley is excited to see someone appointed to the Planning Commission who can hit the ground running.

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To approve the (resolution) appointment of Kirk Beecher to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes - Brett Christensen
Yes - Taresa Hiatt
Yes - Anne Moss
Yes - Ryan Rowley

2. Resolution – Amendments to the Payson City Fee Schedule (7:17 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Shawn Black stated the fee amendments include fees to replace the meter for solar at \$495 and for the connection and inspection at \$100. It's been questioned if the fees are enough because some solar companies take four or five times to complete inspections and get the installation correct for city standards.

Council Discussion:

Discussion regarding fees for multiple inspections. This could help solar companies become more professional. There is an additional fee charged for building inspections if the punch list isn't completed for the next inspection. The concern is that additional fees would just be charged to the resident through the solar company.

Councilmember Hiatt questioned if something could be put into the permitting process that the additional fee is charged and paid by the solar company.

Councilmember Rowley stated solar companies are like the wild west with so many different things and shotty installation. He would appreciate anything that can be done to shore them up and hold them to a higher standard. It's not the citizens' fault when the inspector must go out multiple times.

Shawn Black will investigate additional fees and how they can be charged. It isn't fair what is happening to the citizens in relation to the solar companies. There are good solar companies and other unreliable companies. He would like to protect the citizens more. He will be looking at the reimbursement rate for solar to ensure its equivalent to what is purchased from the market in order to not hurt those not on solar. He is very pro solar but doesn't like how those choosing to use solar takes advantage of those not using solar.

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To approve the (resolution) amendments to Payson City fee schedule formalizing solar installation. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

- Yes - Brett Christensen
- Yes - Taresa Hiatt
- Yes - Anne Moss
- Yes - Ryan Rowley

3. Resolution - Lunaria Springs Annexation petition for consideration of acceptance and further review located at approximately 1500 East and 100 South consisting of 16.229 acres (7:25 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Michael Bryant reviewed the annexation criteria adopted by the City in December 2022. Annexations don't have to meet all the weighted criteria but are a good gage to address. If each item is completed, it would total 1. If each item isn't checked, it doesn't rule out an annexation but can give a timeline for the annexation. Infrastructure is a large issue to address with any annexation. He reviewed the proposed annexation location just south of SR-198 at 1500 East. Staff will need to verify that sewage can be gravity fed and any necessary upsizing is the applicant's responsibility. The applicant is requesting the S-1, Special Highway Service Zone along with using the MU-1, Mixed Use Overlay. The land use map shows a mixed-use node in this area, but the proposed freeway interchange (Nebo

Beltway) alignment has not been determined. The City can make the zoning determination. The proposed freeway interchange (Nebo Beltway) will come down and encompass 1500 East, which allows higher densities and commercial. Acceptance tonight gives the staff the opportunity to further study and review the application.

Council Discussion:

Brief discussion regarding the moderate-income housing plan for the City. The applicant, Rob McNeel, has not had any discussions with anyone about potential commercial development.

Councilmember Christensen stated he doesn't have a problem moving forward with the annexation.

Councilmember Rowley believes the City has hit the high mark for extremely high density in this area. He wants to look at it differently for mixed use. The City needs to be mindful to the single-family homes in the area and create a better buffer.

Councilmember Christensen also wants to look at different mixed uses.

Michael Bryant stated the applicant is aware of the need to address the weighted criteria and how the infrastructure can be addressed.

Dave Tuckett noted the sewer lift station in the area can be upsized.

Travis Jockumsen stated this lift station was originally sized for a larger area but less density. South Haven Farms has used the capacity so the lift station will have to be upsized, which the Applicant would be responsible for the costs.

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To allow the (resolution) Lunaria Springs Annexation petition to be considered by staff and address those things to be discussed. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moss. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

- Yes - Brett Christensen
- Yes - Taresa Hiatt
- Yes - Anne Moss
- Yes - Ryan Rowley

4. Resolution - Southern Utah Valley Power Systems revised bylaws (7:40 p.m.)

Staff Presentation:

Shawn Black stated Southern Utah Valley Power Systems (SUVPS) acts as a transmission and substation function for Springville, Spanish Fork, Salem, Southern Utah Valley Electric Service District, and Payson. These documents have been under review over the last couple of years with everyone now in agreement. SUVPS owns a few transmission lines and substations, but the Bureau of Reclamation owns many easements and power lines that are to come into our hands this summer, which is being addressed by Congress and is taking a long time. With these founding documents and the easements getting formalized, bonding will be available to construct lines. This southern end of the valley is right at capacity; and with the growth, cities will be facing problems. It's important to note that no bonds will be issued without the consent of the members' governing bodies. Prior to the issuance of any bonds, SUVPS will send written notice to the mayor, chair, administrator, or manager

of each member as well as the directors. There will be a lot of people in the know before things happen. Ryan Rowley is assigned to the SUVPS board.

Council Discussion:

Ryan Rowley noted power is becoming a hot commodity. People are using more power, and the infrastructure isn't there to support it. With these new agreements, all the cities are becoming more married together by sharing lines and substations. Big things coming up including a future bond at a cost of millions

Shawn Black noted paperwork has been submitted to the state, which is in control at first and then federal becomes in control to pass projects. Other entities have been involved to show the need in this area.

MOTION: Councilmember Rowley – To approve the (resolution) the SUVPS revised bylaws as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moss. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes	-	Brett Christensen
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt
Yes	-	Anne Moss
Yes	-	Ryan Rowley

5. Resolution - Southern Utah Valley Power Systems Interlocal Agreement

MOTION: Councilmember Moss – To approve the (resolution) SUPVS Interlocal Agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

Yes	-	Brett Christensen
Yes	-	Taresa Hiatt
Yes	-	Anne Moss
Yes	-	Ryan Rowley

F. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. Those voting yes: Brett Christensen, Taresa Hiatt, Anne Moss, Ryan Rowley. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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