

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, Kimberly 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

48 **MOTION: Councilmember Beecher – To approve the consent agenda as outlined by the Mayor.**
49 Motion seconded by Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion
50 carried.

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52 Yes - Kirk Beecher
53 Yes - Linda Carter
54 Yes - Brett Christensen
55 Yes - Taresa Hiatt
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57 C. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

58 1. CTC: Mayor’s Youth Recognition (6:04 p.m.)
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60 Mayor Wright and Shelby Bohling presented Mayor’s Youth Recognition Awards to Callin Craig, Mt.
61 Nebo Middle School, Miah Martin, Payson Junior High, and Autumn Partridge, Payson High School.
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63 2. Yard of the Month
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65 Linda Carter announced the Yard of the Month to Brak & Denise Carman, 777 South 400 West, for the
66 month of September, and to Jim & Tricia Faile, 392 East Utah Avenue, for the month of October.
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68 3. Public Forum
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70 Scott Everett stated he has lived across from the Skate Park for 11 years. Over the last five years, the
71 Skate Park has turned into the trashiest place in the City. Other parks look wonderful, and he loves
72 living in Payson because of the parks. Over the last few years, the Skate Park no longer has families
73 there but kids drinking liquor; it’s not adults. He would like to help the City and be a partner to keep
74 the Skate Park open.
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76 Mayor Wright stated it’s on record and staff will coordinate with the police chief and parks staff.
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78 4. Staff and Council Reports
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80 Staff Reports
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82 ADMINISTRATION – Dave Tuckett introduced Shawn Black as the new Power Director. He has
83 spent his career in the public power market with 28 years with Springville City.
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85 Shawn Black stated he started in Springville a long time ago. He received a degree in diesel mechanics
86 and worked on trucks in Salt Lake. He then got a bachelor’s degree and got into portfolio management
87 that translated into power resources and creating diversity, safety, and stabilization in rates. His love is
88 figuring out ways to stop inflation and give value by providing public power. He then got a master’s at
89 BYU in public administration.
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91 PARKS & GOLF - Tracy Zobell noted the Skate Park is a recreation facility. The Economic
92 Development Golf Tournament was held today with 130 participants. He thanked the members of the
93 Economic Development Board, Mayor Wright, and the Council who worked for months to get
94 influential people to Payson. It was a great day and successful.
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96 RECREATION – Karl Teemant agreed the Skate Park is under recreation. He visited with Scott
97 Everett about a month ago. A park grant was received for cameras at various locations, which includes
98 the Skate Park. He thanked Scott Everett for his patience and offering to help with the Skate Park.
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100 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – Robert Mills thanked Mayor Wright and the Council for approving
101 the Proclamation for Planning Month. He showed a picture of John Cowan whose name was submitted
102 and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the State Planning Association. John Cowan
103 served on the Payson Planning Commission for over three decades. Also, he, Jill Spencer, and Mayor
104 Wright held a great conversation with the people in West Mountain. Staff will schedule a work session
105 to discuss industrial use in the West Mountain area.
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107 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD - Brian Hulet thanked Mayor Wright, Dave Tuckett, Tracy
108 Zobell, and city staff for all their help with the golf event today. Attendees included all the county
109 commissioners, Senator Mike McKell, the head of Outdoor Recreations, Governor’s Office of
110 Economic Opportunity (GOEO), Economic Development Corporation of Utah, a commercial realtor
111 who is working on two sit-down restaurants in Payson, a person bringing a sandwich shop. This golf
112 event really helps the City, and the participants feel it’s the best tournament they attend. Explore Utah
113 Valley stated they have more going on in Payson than anywhere else in Utah County. This golf
114 tournament really helps bring people to Payson. The City received three outdoor recreation grants this
115 year totaling about \$200,000. GOEO told him later they need to help Payson more and see Payson.
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117 Mayor Wright noted Jeff Burton, Utah State Representative, and Jeff Acerson, Utah Transit Authority
118 Board also attended. It was a great event.
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120 Council Reports
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122 Councilmember Christensen gave a shoutout to Mr. Morrell in getting students out to the city council
123 meetings and thanked the students for coming. It’s important for the youth to understand there is more
124 to life than looking important among your friends. He has been in education for 23 years now and gets
125 the sense that some youth feel something like the skate park issue isn’t their problem. All they are
126 telling themselves is they aren’t willing to be part of the community, and community is important
127 because it’s where we grow and strengthen one another. Remember community comes first.
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129 Councilmember Carter stated she appreciates seeing Scott and Kelly Everett here tonight. She lives
130 just a block away from the Skate Park and sees a lot of things that go on there. She conveyed a story
131 from a few years ago when she and her husband drove by the Skate Park and the lawn was covered
132 with pizza boxes and garbage. She asked a girl at the park to please pick up the garbage, and the girl
133 said, “if you want it picked up, you come and do it.” She got out of the car and walked in among the
134 kids and started picking up the cans that were all over, which some still had drink in them, and she
135 poured them out. She picked up pizza boxes and trash. Within minutes, she was encircled by this group
136 that wouldn’t let her out and called her names. One young kid took a video of her while calling her
137 names. She finally got out of the circle of kids; and she and her husband went to the Payson Police
138 Station. She then went back to the park, and the officers came within minutes. The young kid who had
139 been taking the video came running over to the officers and continued calling her the same names in
140 front of the officers. The officers stood up for her. The next day, she received calls that the video was
141 on Facebook. Something needs to be done at the Skate Park. If you don’t live by it, you don’t see it.
142 The Everetts know this. It was interesting, a mother was there that day with her young son and started
143 picking up garbage. Please step in, it needs to be done.

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

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149 Councilmember Beecher thanked the staff for all they do.

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

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156 D. ACTION ITEMS

157 1. Resolution – Appointments to the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture (PARC) Tax Committee
158 (6:30 p.m.)

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160 Staff Presentation:

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

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

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

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173 **MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To approve the (resolution) appointments to the**
174 **PARC TAX Committee for Kenton Phillips, Richard Fillerup, and Kimberly Bennett.** Motion
175 seconded by Councilmember Carter. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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177 Yes - Kirk Beecher
178 Yes - Linda Carter
179 Yes - Brett Christensen
180 Yes - Taresa Hiatt

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182 2. Resolution – Interlocal Agreement with Woodland Hills regarding building fire inspections
183 (6:35 p.m.)

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185 Staff Presentation:

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

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

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

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195 Yes - Kirk Beecher
196 Yes - Linda Carter
197 Yes - Brett Christensen
198 Yes - Taresa Hiatt
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200 3. Resolution – Purchase and Sales Agreement with Nebo School District

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

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212 Mayor Wright stated the building and land can be used for many purposes and great flexibility. It will
213 be a wonderful addition for city recreation services. The loan is either no interest or very low interest.
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215 **MOTION: Councilmember Christensen – To approve the (resolution) Purchase and sales**
216 **Agreement with Nebo School District and authorize the Mayor to sign.** Motion seconded by
217 Councilmember Hiatt. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion carried.

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219 Yes - Kirk Beecher
220 Yes - Linda Carter
221 Yes - Brett Christensen
222 Yes - Taresa Hiatt
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224 4. Resolution – In God We Trust (6:40 p.m.)

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226 Staff Presentation:
227 Dave Tuckett stated he and Mayor Wright attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference a
228 few weeks ago, and one of the booths was In God We Trust who asked if this could be presented to the
229 Council. The resolution states, the United States adopted a national motto, In God We Trust, on July
230 30, 1956, shortly after World Warr II, it has been on the U.S. currency since 1864, it is engraved above
231 the entrance of the Senate Chambers, and above the dais in the House of Representatives. They would
232 like cities throughout the country to recognize God's hand in government. The Council can adopt the
233 resolution or table the issue for more discussions. If adopted, then staff will find a place in the Council
234 Chamber to put In God We Trust in support of the U.S. motto. A few cities in Utah have already
235 adopted it along with some in California and other western states.

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237 Mayor Wright stated the motto is also on license plates as well. He supports the adoption of the
238 resolution.
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240 **MOTION: Councilmember Beecher – To adopt the resolution In God We Trust that will be**
241 **displayed in the Council Chambers at a future date and authorize the Mayor Wright to sign it.**
242 Motion seconded by Councilmember Christensen. A roll call vote was taken as follows and the motion
243 carried.

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245 Yes - Kirk Beecher
246 Yes - Linda Carter
247 Yes - Brett Christensen
248 Yes - Taresa Hiatt

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250 E. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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259 Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder