



Hildale City Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 05, 2025 at 6:00 PM
320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale City, Utah 84784

Minutes

Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters: Mayor Jessop

Mayor Jessop called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call of Council Attendees: City Recorder

PRESENT

Mayor Donia Jessop
Council Member Luke Merideth
Council Member JVar Dutton
Council Member Terrill Musser
Council Member Darlene Stubbs
Council Member Brigham Holm

Pledge of Allegiance: By Invitation of Mayor Jessop

Council Member Musser led the pledge.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: Mayor and Council Members

None

Special Recognitions:

1. City Council Community Recognition and Appreciation Award

Mayor Jessop called on Council Member Meredith to present the Recognition and Appreciation Award.

Council Member Meredith nominated the UZONA Chamber of Commerce for bringing people together and common progress in the community.

Martha and Kevin Lebaron accepted the award expressing gratitude and thanks with an explanation of UZONA Chamber's work and accomplishments.

Public Presentations:

2. Chief of Staff - Kyle Wilson - Congresswoman Celest Malloy

Kyle Wilson, District Director of Congresswoman Celest Malloy's office, presented. He gave good tidings and presented tokens of appreciation to the Council. It's a tradition in the military to provide tokens of accomplishment for challenges performed.

Mayor Jessop requested to relay to Celeste Malloy gratitude for her efforts to Hildale City.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: Council Members

3. City Council meeting minutes of January 8, 2025 & Emergency meeting January 16, 2025

The Council looked over the previous meeting minutes. Mayor Jessop called for a motion.

Motion made by Council Member Musser, to approve City Council meeting minutes of January 8, 2025 & Emergency meeting January 16, 2025. Seconded by Council Member Stubbs.

Voting Yea: Council Member Meredith, Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs, Council Member Holm

Motion Carried

Public Comments: 3 minutes each - Discretion of Mayor Jessop

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Jared Nicol - Gave a statement referencing City Manager Duthie's administrative leave of 3 months thus far without information being given to the public.

Eric Duthie - Stated that he was placed on administrative paid leave before Thanksgiving and is under the understanding that the City was to buy out his City contract. He would like a response from the Mayor and Council for the public and himself the reason he is under administrative leave.

Council Comments: For items not on the agenda (10 minutes total)

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Council Member Musser talked about there being more ATV accidents in the past few months. He would like to see the community pull together and educate the youth and find a solution to protect everyone. He gave appreciation to the Uzona Chamber of Commerce for the recent Gala event they did for the community.

Council Member Dutson added to the comment of the ATV's accidents and agreed that being safe by following traffic signs and educating the youth would be a solution of helping the situation. He gave a shout out to staff that are carrying on to make Utilities and business work with the current changes happening.

Council Member Meredith appreciated Jared Nicol's concern for the community and the communities for their patience.

Council Member Stubbs expressed gratitude to the staff and asked Sergeant Gower if the Police Office had free helmets and gear for the youth. Sergeant Gower responded that there is free protective gear that is available through the Police Station.

Council Member Holm thanked the Parks Supervisor, Nathaniel Barlow for his efforts in beautifying the Parks.

Oversight Items: 10 minutes - Mayor Jessop

6. Financial Report and Invoice Register approval

Mayor Jessop called on the Deputy Recorder to present the Invoice Register. There were a few items explained and discussed.

Motion made by Council Member Dutson, to pay the bills as the funds become available. Seconded by Council Member Holm.

Voting Yea: Council Member Merideth, Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs, Council Member Holm

Motion Carried.

7. Department Reports

Mayor Jessop invited the Departments to present their monthly reports.

Superintendent Fischer presented the Utilities Operations for Gas, Water, and Sewer. Director Postema presented on Utilities Administration.

Mayor Jessop presented that the Public Works Director, John Todd Barlow has resigned and extended gratitude for his hard work for so many dedicated years in his role and to his future endeavors. Rick White will be the intern Director until the position is filled. All the Council expressed appreciation to John Todd for his time served at the City.

Bryan Baire presented the Innovation Center report.

Sergeant Gower presented the Police report.

Appointments to Boards or Commissions:

None

Unfinished Council Business:

None

New Council Business:

8. Consideration and Discussion on the Intent to have Jones & DeMille Engineering assist the City in applying for a Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation Grant for the Maxwell Park Improvements project.

Ferrah Stout, Jones and DeMille Engineering Representative, presented and updated the Council on various grants available to apply for the Maxwell Park Improvements Project. Discussion was had with the Council. Item was tabled to the next meeting as an action item.

9. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval to purchase Maxwell Park Lawn Mower in the amount of \$11,083.50. (Nathaniel Barlow)

Parks Supervisor, Nathaniel Barlow, presented the need for a new mower and referenced a few quotes. Council Member Holm donated a mower to the Parks which will help with this need. The Council gave appreciation Nathaniel for his work and efforts on the research provided.

Motion made by Council Member Dutson, to approve purchase Maxwell Park Lawn Mower in the amount of \$11,083.50 Seconded by Council Member Holm.

Voting Yea: Council Member Merideth, Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs, Council Member Holm

Motion Carried.

Calendar of Upcoming Events: 5 minutes - Mayor Jessop

10. City Council Calendar

The Council discussed the Calendar.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4th and Budget Work Session February 25th.

Executive Session: As needed

11. Request a closed meeting to discuss litigation, security, property acquisition or sale or the character and professional confidence or physical or mental health of an individual.

Mayor Jessop called for a motion at 7:16 pm.

Motion Motion made by Council Member Musser, to go into the Executive Session at 7:16 pm to discuss litigation, security, property acquisition or sale or the character and professional confidence or physical or mental health of an individual. Seconded by Council Member Stubbs.

Voting Yea: Council Member Merideth, Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs, Council Member Holm

Motion Carried.

Mayor Jessop called for a motion at 8:33 pm.

Motion made by Council Member Dutson, to come back into session at 8:33 pm. Seconded by Council Member Musser.

Voting Yea: Council Member Merideth, Council Member Dutson, Council Member Musser, Council Member Stubbs, Council Member Holm

Motion Carried.

Adjournment: Mayor Jessop

Mayor Jessop adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Minutes were approved at the City Council Meeting on _____.

Maxene Jessop, City Recorder