



## **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING**

Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 5:30 PM  
Court Room/Council Chambers (2nd Floor) and Online

### **Minutes**

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **PRESENT**

Mayor Kirk Hunsaker  
Council Member Nick Miller  
Council Member Betsy Montoya  
Council Member Lynn Mecham  
Council Member David Hathaway  
Council Member Jennifer Bowman

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Jason Bond.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Community Services Board - Discussion

Community Services Director John Bradley proposed eliminating non-required state boards including Recreation and Museum to combine them into a Community Services Board to reduce meetings and demands on staff time. State required boards, Library and Historic Preservation would be reduced to quarterly meetings and RAP Tax Board moved to an annual meeting. Council Member Montoya liked the idea of consolidating for efficiency. Council Member Mecham wanted Bradley to be sure that each of the eliminated boards had representation on the Community Services Board and not feel like their interests or voices aren't heard. Council Member Montoya agreed. Bradley said that he wants to get citizens who are well-rounded and not just interested in Museum or Sports but who is willing to work on issues that have to do with Community Services as a whole. Council Member Hathaway said he wanted Bradley to make sure that any of the dissolved board members don't feel like left out or kicked out in any way. Bradley said this was a good comment and that this was a timely decision because a lot of the board members on the various boards had been there for years and their years of service will be acknowledged and appreciated. City Manager Reeves said that this has come about because there are a lot of meetings where the boards are struggling to fill the meeting with content to feel like they're accomplishing something and this consolidation of efforts is really about efficiency.

2. Historic Preservation Survey/Grant & Update

Community Services Director Bradley gave an update on the Historic Preservation Grant. Santaquin has applied for Certified Local Government Status which makes the City eligible for up to \$10,000 annually. A part of this process includes a Reconnaissance Level Survey which determines homes and businesses in Santaquin fall under the "Historic" status. A consultant can do this charging \$20-30 per home/business.

3. Ahlin Pond Park Update

Community Services Director gave an update on the RAP tax fund expenditures. This includes the Theodore Ahlin Pond Park where a Disc Golf Course has been installed, cement blocks to

provide closer fishing access will be installed this winter or next spring, and a youth playground on top of the knoll will be installed in the spring of 2021. Council Member Mecham expressed concern with having a playground next to a pond where kids could potentially swim unmonitored and drown. Bradley talked about putting in a potential buffer zone or a fence. The Mayor and Council Member Miller recommended moving forward but putting appropriate signage. Council Member Hathaway, Bowman, and Montoya said they agreed with moving forward.

4. Arena Policies

Community Services Director Bradley talked about the rodeo arena and renting out for use which brings about the need for liability insurance for the rodeo club, a fee schedule, and access for tractors and water trucks and whether or not non-city employees should operate city equipment. Council Member Montoya said she doesn't feel comfortable with the idea of non-employees using city equipment because that puts the citizens as taxpayers at financial risk. City Manager Reeves and City Attorney Rich agreed that formalizing and professionalizing this process and relationship with the rodeo club.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



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Kirk Hunsaker, Mayor



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K. Aaron Shirley, City Recorder