

# **CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

Tuesday, December 20th at 5:30 PM Court Room/Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) and Online

## **MINUTES**

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Councilors present included Councilors Adcock, Hathaway, Mecham, Montoya, and Siddoway.

Staff members present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Community Services Director John Bradley, Police Chief Rodney Hurst, Finance Director Shannon Hoffman, Recorder Amalie Ottley, Assistant Kathy Swenson.

Legal Counsel Brett Rich joined via Zoom.

Various members of the public attended the meeting.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Manager Beagley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INVOCATION / INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT**

Councilor Mecham offered an invocation.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. Moderate Income Housing Plan Update for State Compliance
  - Manager Beagley reported on the recent Moderate-Incoming Housing requirements set forth by the State of Utah. He stated the response from the State of Utah to Santaquin's Plan for Moderate-Income Housing has been deemed "non-compliant". Additional benchmarks and time frames have been added to a new draft of the Moderate-Income Housing Plan and will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and the public in a formal Public Hearing for review and recommendation. Manager Beagley pointed out that with a recommendation from the Planning Commission, the City Council will review the new draft in a (tentative) January 2023 City Council meeting. Manager Beagley went over the benefits of submitting and staying in compliance with a Moderate-Income Housing Plan, to include a possible 5<sup>th</sup> option proposed by the State, that would allow Santaquin City prioritization in federal or state funding for transportation needs. Due to timeframes, a Public Hearing notice will be publicized in the coming week(s). The council discussed the addition of the 5<sup>th</sup> item and where the recommendation came from.

### 2. 2023 Bulls and Broncs Event

Community Services Director John Bradley presented information on a possible Santaquin City Bulls and Broncs Event in 2023. Director Bradley stated that research has been completed and the city has reached out to both the Mascaro and Steele families to come up with a tentative itinerary. Currently, the event is not included or accounted for in the city's budget. Director Bradley addressed possible revenues that could come from the event to help pay for the event costs. Manager Beagley pointed out challenges that the city could face with a Bulls and Broncs type event including hours required by many city departments and wear and tear on city parks and facilities.

The City Council discussed the projected numbers that were pulled from recent Orchard Days attendance. Director Bradley pointed out a range of revenue estimates, with the assumption that costs would be similar to Orchard Days. The City Council discussed the investment in the community and the risks associated with low attendance at an event such as the Bulls and Broncs. Council members discussed the impact on departments and if hours or items could be scaled down. Councilor Montoya expressed concerns about the current budget as this event was not considered previously and thought pushing it to the next year would be more responsible. Councilor Mecham expressed his thoughts on doing research in other communities for similar events to compare projected costs. Councilor Hathaway made a suggestion on cutting out audio/visual line items costs. Director Bradley addressed the opportunity and risk involved in any kind of new event unfamiliar to residents in the community. Councilor Adcock also brought up concerns about scheduling and calendaring. Director Bradley stated that the date of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 was presented by the Mascaro family who would be providing the livestock.

Mayor Olson also expressed concerns about the budget and keeping this event and other events in mind when planning for the next Fiscal Year. Councilor Hathaway agreed that research and consideration needs to take place and asked that more numbers and data be gathered so that it could be added to the next year's budget retreat items. The council agreed to use the year to conduct more research and gather more data so that the Bulls and Broncs event can be taken into consideration in the following fiscal years' budget. Mayor Olson inquired about the roping club line item presented by Director Bradley (see attached) and the costs associated with the quotes received. The mayor and council encouraged Director Bradley to bring more information to the February 2023 Budget Retreat so that planning it may possibly be worked into the budget.

Director Bradley also addressed a recent request from a group looking to do a demolition derby. After the city met with the group to discuss fees and costs to run that event it was determined that other cities with arenas and built-out accommodations would better serve an event like a demolition derby. Mayor Olson recommended that if research is being completed for a Bulls and Broncs event to also study the possibility of a demolition derby. Director Bradley spoke to levels of participation, wear and tear on city facilities, staffing, and amenities required for these types of events. Manager Beagley

spoke to fixed costs, such as police, for any city event and best-case scenario could cost the city about \$30,000. Councilor Montoya spoke about how well events are run in the city and the willingness for participants to come from Santaquin and surrounding cities.

## 3. Nuisance Property – 100 North Center Street

Mayor Olson addressed a written concern the city received from resident Keith Broadhead on a home located at 100 North Center Street. Chief Hurst addressed the council about the property that has been a reoccurring issue for the police department over many years. He spoke to the ordinance in place now and asked that amendments to penalties be taken into consideration by the council. He stated that there have been 19 contacts with the property's resident(s) and 6 citations. Chief Hurst recommended that the council consider amending the amount for fines for these types of citations be increased or escalated over time as well as a possible abatement.

Councilor Adcock inquired about the specific concerns for this property – is it aesthetics or health? Councilor Hathaway spoke to his experience in past councils' decisions on abatements versus citations on nuisance properties. Council members and Mayor Olson spoke to the enforcement of not only the property in question but also other properties and homeowners that could be cited under similar city codes and circumstances. Councilor Montoya expressed concern about not receiving the same information about the situation as other members of the council.

Counsel Brett Rich spoke to situations in the city on multiple properties that have been prosecuted in the past for nuisance issues. Counsel Rich stated that probationary periods have been enforced allowing the resident to clean up the property and then later receive credit to any imposed fines at the sentencing stage. He stated that he believes that through the fine process some circumstances have improved while others have not. Manager Beagley brought up that individuals could potentially set off a litigious legal suit that could increase costs for the city as well.

Denny Smith addressed the council on the difficulties he has faced with the landowner(s) on the property and his concerns. He expressed his frustrations with the junk vehicles spreading from the owner's property to the road.

Val Broadhead addressed his concerns with the fine amounts being a "slap on the wrist" and suggested enforcement along the lines of the requirement to build a fence around the property to obscure the rubbish that is currently visible to neighbors. He stated the owner hides the vehicles and junk on other properties throughout the city. Mayor Olson, council members, and Mr. Broadhead discussed a possible sentencing requirement for the landowner to build a fence, 6 feet in height, that would obscure the junk on the property as well as requiring that no refuse be placed on city property. Lastly, council members discussed visibility concerns on the corner of the property.

4. Upcoming DRC & Planning Commission Items

Manager Beagley addressed upcoming items that will be scheduled for upcoming DRC and Planning Commission meetings.

5. Upcoming Agenda Items Mayor Olson and Manager Beagley addressed the items on the agenda for the upcoming City Council Meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Siddoway motioned to adjourn the Work Session Meeting. Councilor Mecham seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Hathaway	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Montoya	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Daniel M. Olson, Mayor

Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder