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**MINUTES OF
HARRISVILLE CITY COUNCIL
October 11, 2022
363 West Independence Blvd
Harrisville, UT 84404**

Minutes of a regular Harrisville City Council meeting held on October 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harrisville City Council Chambers, 363 West Independence Blvd., Harrisville, UT.

Present: Mayor Michelle Tait, Council Member Kenny Loveland, Council Member Steve Weiss, and Council Member Jackson.

Excused: Council Member Wilhelmsen and Council Member Christensen.

Staff: Jennie Knight, City Administrator
Maria Devereux, City Recorder
Justin Shinsel, Public Works Director
Mark Wilson, Police Chief
Bryan Fife, Parks and Recreation Director

Visitors: Arnold Tait, Blaine Barrow, Dave Wade, Jeremiah Jared, Kevin Karras, Marisa Trevino, Craig Golden, Madeline Robles, Julie Anderson, John Arrington, Greg Montgomery, Carlos Aguilar, Deanna Aguilar, Ryan Barker, and I. Skippis.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michelle Tait opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

2. OPENING

Council Member Loveland opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of the meeting minutes for August 16, 2022 and September 13, 2022 as presented.

MOTION: Council Member Loveland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 16, 2022 and September 13, 2022 as presented, second by Council Member Weiss.

4. RECOGNITION/AWARDS

Weber CTC Coalition

Madeline Robles, WCTC Coordinator (The Weber Communities That Care Coalition) explained Communities That Care is compiled of agencies and citizens from Eden, Liberty, Harrisville, Huntsville, North Ogden, and Pleasant View cities (the Weber Cone). She invited the Council and staff to Key Leader training in Eden, the following week.

Mayor Tait expressed appreciation for their continued involvement in the community.

Community Recognition

Northview Fire District and Harrisville Police Department presented a public service award to BJ Barnett for reporting a house fire and courageously assisting his neighbor caught in the fire.

Mayor Tait expressed gratitude and praised the efforts of Mr. Barnett for his selfless actions.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

Presentation of Arguments For and Against the General Obligation Bond to acquire and construct a recreation facility in the city, in the amount not to exceed \$6MM.

Jennie Knight, City Administrator, presented an overview of the Bond process and arguments pursuant to Utah Code to be heard at the Council meeting.

Greg Montgomery, Mayor Tait, Council Member Loveland, Council Member Weiss addressed the General Obligation Bond and gave arguments both for and against, including rebuttals. View Voter Information Pamphlet attached.

Mayor Tait explained no action will be taken in regard to this agenda item. Registered voters will have an opportunity to vote on the Bond Proposition at the General Election on November 8th. By voting, residents determine the outcome of the Bond Election.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - (3 minutes per person)

Mayor Tait reviewed the Public Comment process and explained the *Public Comment* period allows time for the public to give comments for or against an agenda item (city related item). She noted, additional questions or a request for further discussion or information may be directed to the Council, or Jennie Knight, City Administrator by email or phone.

Greg Montgomery thanked the Council and Police Department for assisting with a recent issue he had reported. He stated concern for the design and process moving forward for the Public Works building.

Kevin Karras expressed concern for the general obligation bond and stated a recreation facility is a large obligation that many residents cannot afford.

Carlos Aguilar thanked the Council for their involvement in the public process, especially in consideration of the bond election. He also expressed appreciation for the City Recorder.

Blane Barrow is concerned about the general obligation bond and the entire complex projected to be built along 750 W in Harrisville. He explained, residents will have difficulty paying for the new buildings.

Elaine Andrushko stated it is wrong to ask tax payers to pay for entertainment and 26 years is too long to have the debt.

Mayor Tait closed the public comment period at 7:44PM.

7. MAYOR/COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP

Chief Mark Wilson (Police) gave an overview of the Snap Program, officers will be able to give out cards (business and residential checks), he explained the new program though additional statistics regarding outreach will be forthcoming. CPR Classes – Chief Wilson explained that an officer, EMT certified, will be giving CPR classes for city employees free of

charge. Non-Profit Update – Chief Wilson stated the non-profit entity (Police Dept.) has been established and they are working on setting up the board now. Program update: Shop with a Hero is Dec. 3rd and invited the Council to participate beginning with breakfast at the Harrisville cabin.

Justin Shinsel, Public Works Director, gave an overview of projects to include street projects (extending the life of roads), repair of storm drains (3 projects ongoing) and explained the cost savings by using city employees instead of contracting the work. He noted the snow plow routes have been established with seven trucks and drivers instead of four, to service the community much more efficiently.

Bryan Fife, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an update on trees, and explained for every diseased tree removed, they plant two in its place. He noted the challenge in regard to the deficient cabin playground equipment and lack of replacement parts available. His department is currently working on RAMP grants.

Jennie Knight gave a report of the Fall Festival the following week and expressed thanks to the sponsors. She noted the council meeting on Nov. 8th was cancelled due the general election. The following Council meeting is to be held on November 15th. The canvass meeting for the election is scheduled for Nov. 22, 2022. Jennie Knight gave an update in regard to water conservation and noted that due to careful use, there will be limited water available for use next year. Ramp funding, she noted, would be used for the replacement of playground equipment at the main park. Moderate Income Housing reporting has become mandated, there is a need to further develop a housing plan. Mixed use developments have been a strategy the city has created, she explained Moderate Income Housing will be addressed in the new year at the Council retreat.

Mayor Tait explained the Harrisville Fall Festival has been covered by almost \$3000 in grants. The city works in partnership with Walmart, Associated Foods, Waste Management and others, as well as Pioneer Elementary School. Additionally, Mayor Tait noted the benefits of attending the Utah Leagues of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Conference last week with the City Administrator.

Council Member Loveland stated the Fall Festival begins at 5:00PM on October 18, 2022. He has invited businesses to participate in trunk or treat and has received positive feedback.

8. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Loveland motioned to close the public meeting and convene into a Closed Executive Session for the purposes described under Utah Code §52-4-205, for discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual(s), second by Council Member Weiss.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31PM.

MICHELLE TAIT

Mayor

ATTEST :

MARIA DEVEREUX

City Recorder

Approved this 15th day of November, 2022