#### RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

**OCTOBER 20, 2022** 

The regular meeting of the Richmond City Council was held at the Park Community Center located at 90 South 100 West, Richmond, Utah on Thursday, October 20, 2022. The meeting began at 6:30 P.M.; Mayor Paul Erickson was in the chair. The opening remarks were made by Amber Ervin.

The following Council Members were in attendance: Tucker Thatcher, Lyle Bair, Kelly Crafts, Terrie Wierenga and Amber Ervin.

Deputy City Treasurer HollyJo Karren, City Treasurer Chris Purser and City Recorder Justin Lewis were also in attendance.

VISITORS: Rod Johnson, Becky Johnson, Weston Bellon, Darek Kimball, Alyna Ohling, Mike Nield, Nadine Bair, Cindy Allen, Marlowe Adkins, Aaron Curdy, Micah Curdy, RaNae Curdy, Conner Cole, Jeni Theobald, Madilyn Theobald, Alia Mecham, Norah Knutson, Naivie Knutson, Lee Anderson, Tyson Coulam, Kip Panter, Jennifer Panter, Jeff Young, Breanne Young, Michael Hall

### RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CITY TREASURER CHRIS PURSER FOR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

MAYOR: This is a special moment. It is not often we get to recognize a staff member. Chris has had the same job the entire time she has worked for the city. She has worked with four mayors. It is humbling to be here with all of them tonight. Chris has touched our lives for many years. She has worked with Kip, Mike, Jeff and myself.

KIP PANTER: I was the mayor when Chris was hired. The city council consisted of Leslie Erickson, Cordell Johnson, L.D. Bowcutt, Allen Lundgreen and Kim Christensen. It was one of the best decisions we ever made. She is a calming influence. She has done an excellent job. Chris, we love and appreciate what you have done for the city. I wish you a long and happy retirement.

MICHAEL HALL: I echo Kip's comments. What a great decision. I had a lot to learn when I became mayor. I appreciate everyone I served with. They are all great friends. Chris was a joy to work with. Her and Albert are great friends. Chris is a person of high integrity. She is the face of the city. Nobody has ever represented the city better. I wish her nothing but the best.

**JEFF YOUNG:** I am humbled to be here. I have the same feeling as Mayor Erickson. It is hard to imagine the city without Chris. I started to serve as a council member before becoming mayor. I didn't know anything and Chris had to teach me. She is such a valuable part of the community. Change is hard. People adore Chris. Chris is very comforting to talk with no matter what is going on. I am grateful for her.

**MAYOR**: Those who work behind the scenes in the backroom are the ones with the information. It is people like Chris who work in the backroom with no fanfare who do the work. I am thankful for the many years Chris has served the city.

The council presented Chris with a gift of appreciation for the many years of dedicated service she has provided to the city.

### APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

\*\*\*A motion to approve the September 28, 2022 city council meeting minutes was made by Tucker, seconded by Lyle and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

#### RECOGNITION OF YOUTH COUNCIL MAYOR MICAH CURDY.

**KELLY:** Micah it is good to have you here. Micah has been involved with the Youth Council for five years which is very impressive. Many youth start with the youth council but don't continue on because of so many other activities. Micah has lots of good experience and leadership skills. Micah was the youth council mayor his senior

year. I talked to some of the leaders and youth council members. Here are some of the things they had to say about Micah. He is a breath of fresh air. He needed little guidance. His strongest ability is inclusion and making everyone feel welcome. I have lived by Micah for many years and he always has a smile on his face. The youth council mayor helps to orchestrate and delegate activities and meetings. I have asked Micah to talk about some of the activities as well as the youth council's involvement in Black & White Days.

MICAH CURDY: I really enjoyed the youth council training activity at Utah State University. It was a challenge getting the youth council going again after COVID-19. I think we all learned how to be better and work together better. The activity at Utah State was very successful and probably my favorite activity. Sherrie Davis and Nadine Bair made it and many other activities happen. I got to help rein in the younger kids. I made a lot of new friends. It was fun going to Lagoon and getting some of the kids to try rides they had never done before. We had a lot of meetings to plan activities such as going to Bear Lake, Lagoon and especially Black & White Days. I think we had around six to ten meetings just to plan operating the Hamburger Stand during Black & White Days.

**MAYOR**: I asked the leaders around how many hours the youth council donates per year. It is just shy of 2,000 hours of service. We are very grateful for you, the leaders and all of the youth council members.

MICAH: I am proud of that as well. What have I learned? A lot of leadership skills. How to help people work together. I have gotten better at this. There were a lot of things I had to plan at home. Katelyn Davis was a great vice mayor. Lindsey Shields was the key to making everything come together. I think patience is the key. We don't all have the same ideas on what to do or what needs to be done. A big project was helping repair the Hamburger Stand to get it ready for Black & White Days.

**KELLY**: We will be presenting Micah a scholarship as youth council mayor which will help him continue his education in the future.

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON APPOINTING HOLLYJO KARREN AS CITY TREASURER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2022.

**MAYOR**: Holly worked for the city for a period of time and the left for another employment opportunity. When I came on as mayor, we had to make a game plan of how to replace Chris when she announced she was going to retire. The city is growing. We have a lot of new homes and a grocery store coming. We advertised a position as an assistant to Jeremy with the intent the role would eventually become the City Treasurer. Holly was hired at the time.

\*\*\*A motion to appoint HollyJo Karren as City Treasurer effective November, 1, 2022 was made by Terrie, seconded by Tucker and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

# PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF CAPSA ON OCTOBER BEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

ALYNA OHLING: I am the community event marketing director for CAPSA. October is domestic violence awareness month. We have monthly meetings with business leaders and community members where we talk about the things we are working on. Recently we talked with law enforcement. The question was asked. What would be different in the community without CAPSA? The officer responded he didn't know because CAPSA has always been here. CAPSA was started in 1976 as a rape crisis center. The founders were Thad and Jenny Box. They started by helping families. They helped three families the first week. If there was not CAPSA in the last year 2,000 people would not have been served. Eight thousand calls would have gone unanswered. Three hundred individuals and 89 families would not have been given shelter. CAPSA owns 21 homes. One of our biggest items is providing prevention education in the local schools. We track cases by zip code for those who will provide it. In fiscal year 2022, we served 21 clients and dealt with 244 service needs from the city. We are happy they came in for support. We cannot help without support from the city. Thank you for what you are doing to help us.

**MAYOR**: It is striking and sobering to hear those numbers. It is sad 20 families in our area needed shelter. **ALYNA**: A donor helped double our workspace. We have about 65 employees. We are currently adding 20,000 square feet of additional workspace. Our homes are in neighborhoods. We want to help the families and keep them as independent as possible.

**TERRIE**: CAPSA is such a prime example of back-office work. They offer such a valuable service to the community. I wish people didn't need their services but the fact is society cannot do that. I am so happy and thankful you are here offering this service.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ORDINANCE 2022-11, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHMOND CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 13-000 "POLICE DEPARTMENT", CHAPTER 13-200 "ANIMAL CONTROL", PART 13-255 "ASSIGNMENT OF OFFENSES AND BAIL RATES".

**JUSTIN**: The sheriff's office notified us due to recent changes in the state code we needed to amend our code in one area to replace the words "Class C misdemeanors" with the word "infractions". It is a very simple Ordinance as this is all that is being changed.

\*\*\*A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Lyle, seconded by Kelly and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

The public hearing opened at 7:13 P.M.

There were not any comments or questions.

\*\*\*A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Terrie, seconded by Amber and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

The public hearing was closed at 7:13 P.M.

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2022-11.

\*\*\*A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-11, an Ordinance amending the Richmond City Municipal Code, Title 13-000 "Police Department", Chapter 13-200 "Animal Control", Part 13-255 "Assignment of Offenses and Bail Rates" was made by Tucker, seconded by Terrie and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE SELECTION OF A SOLID WASTE SERVICES CARRIER.

MAYOR: In January, Logan City notified all of the cities in the valley and the county they would stop offering garbage service as of July 1, 2023. We were originally part of a group of mayors and the county in a group called the consortium. As time went on the elected officials of the city wanted to have more options available. Three cities exited the group: Smithfield, Lewiston and Richmond. There were no collusion among the cities which left the consortium. There has been cooperation between the cities. Smithfield was the first to leave the consortium. We talked with them. They issued their own RFP (Request for Proposal). We engaged a consultant to determine the cost if we offered the service on our own. We have talked with Lewiston City as well. We put out our own RFP. Four vendors submitted proposals. The prices ranged from \$9.56 to \$20.80 per month. One vendor said they would not be able to honor their RFP because they need to be able to service more than just Richmond and the consortium has not yet selected a carrier. Smithfield did not choose that contractor. Smithfield has about 4,000 garbage cans. We have around 1,000 garbage cans. The vendor who withdrew was the lowest bid. On top of the carrier charge is going to be an additional charge for garbage cans, tipping, labor and administration of the program. There were two vendors

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with pricing in the middle. The council, staff and work group have met several times to discuss various scenarios. Selecting a carrier is the first step in moving forward. We have worked with Logan City for over forty years. If we select a vendor, we will start working with the new carrier on July 1, 2023.

**LEE ANDERSON:** How much is currently being charged?

**JUSTIN:** The current charge is \$15.20 and \$17.45 per month.

**TERRIE:** The recycling charge is \$3.00 per month.

**MAYOR**: The contract with the carrier would be for five years. A lot will happen in the next five years. More vendors will be in the valley to provide this service long term. Over time we can review quality, problem resolution, cost changes, how the city has changed and if it is feasible to offer the service on our own. A garbage truck costs around \$300,000. We have three remaining vendors to choose from.

**TERRIE:** I have been involved in the work sessions. We have listened to what other cities are doing. The consortium wanted to keep the Logan City model. Larger cities would end up subsidizing smaller cities. We cannot afford that model. We will have control of who we work with and how we do things moving forward. The contract is for five years but can be terminated. This gives me confidence. I appreciate the local vendors who applied. They don't have the experience the others do. I think Econo Waste is the best choice moving forward.

**AMBER**: I like Econo Waste. They know what they are doing. My roots are here in the city. I want to support local businesses. I would support voting for Itty Bitty. They are local and can offer local help and that is security for me.

\*\*\*A motion to accept the Request for Proposal from Econo Waste for solid waste carrier services was made by Terrie, seconded by Lyle and the motion passed by a vote of 4-1.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: Ervin

**MAYOR**: The council has easily spent over 100 hours on this. Many things still need to be done. A fund has been created. We need to purchase garbage cans. Route information needs to be determined. Provisions for billing will be considered. This is something we will continue to discuss in the coming months. We will share this information with the public as we move forward. More questions are coming and information gathered. We will start working with the vendor now.

LEE: Who did Smithfield select?

MAYOR: Econo Waste.

**AMBER**: I respect the decision of the council. This has been a difficult process. Terrie, Tucker, the mayor and staff have spent a lot of time on this. Nobody thinks about garbage until they put their can out on Friday. We don't think about it until we have to deal with it.

**MAYOR**: Justin and Jeremy have carried the workload on this gathering information. Terrie and Tucker have spent a lot of time as well. Tucker, Terrie, Jeremy and myself attended a Smithfield City council meeting. We learned about the process they are doing. We found out what questions they are asking. We learned about their areas of risk and concern. We talked to a rate study advisor. We have a model to use moving forward. Cost was one of the factors in the decision but not the only factor.

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON MAINTAINING MANDATORY RECYCLING SERVICE IN THE CITY AFTER JUNE 30, 2023.

**MAYOR**: Here are the results of the survey we sent out to the residents:

Question: Would you be willing to pay an estimated \$10 to \$15 per month, starting in July 2023, in order to continue having recycling service available at your residence? The current cost is \$3 per month.

Yes 117 30.15% No 271 69.85% Total 388 100.00%

**MAYOR:** There has never really been a defined basis of how Logan City charged \$3.00 per month. The estimated cost moving forward would be \$10 to \$15 per month. The service would continue to be mandatory and the cans would be dumped twice per month. The waste would be hauled to Hyrum City which is where the waste collector has their facility. The vast majority of what is put in the recycling cans is recycled. We were able to verify that with

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Logan City. There were 388 responses to the survey and the overwhelming response was to get rid of recycling service.

**AMBER:** Have we narrowed down an exact cost?

**MAYOR**: We could not because it would be based on which carrier was selected tonight and that was an unknown until now.

**AMBER**: I have no desire for mandatory service. I think we could see if other vendors want to offer the service. The price of garbage service is increasing. Making the service mandatory is to much for me.

**TERRIE:** It was made mandatory in 2005 when Logan City proposed the program. We had no choice to opt-in or opt-out. The waste stream which can go in the cans has been reduced by 80% since that time. We now have to pay a recycler to take the waste. Paper is used for insulation but that is about all that is recycled. I am not surprised by the survey results. I am actually surprised more recycling waste is not rejected based on what I see going in the cans. Residents will have the option to have a second garbage can if needed.

**KELLY:** Will the second garbage can be cheaper?

**LYLE:** It will be the same cost. Most of the items placed in the recycling can are not compressed. It is a lighter load. The tonnage shipped is less.

**KELLY**: I agree with Amber and Terrie's comments about not supporting mandatory recycling service.

LYLE: The survey says enough for me. The majority of the city don't want it at that price. I support the survey.

TUCKER: At that cost, the survey speaks for itself. I don't support mandatory recycling either.

**LYLE**: If the city changes over time we can reevaluate as well.

\*\*\*A motion to discontinue recycling service in the city as of July 1, 2023 was made by Tucker, seconded by Amber and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

LYLE: If what can be recycled changes we can reconsider. If we can do it cheaper in the future we can reconsider.

**TERRIE:** We can always consider making changes when new information becomes available.

MAYOR: I believe in recycling service and always have. I am against mandatory service.

**TERRIE**: I don't have a lot of recycling waste. I put my can out once every two to three months.

**TUCKER**: I am okay paying for the service but I support the results of the survey and don't like making it mandatory.

**LYLE**: There might be independent contractors who offer this service in the future.

**LEE ANDERSON**: Will there be recycling bins in the city?

MAYOR: No. There will only be 60-gallon and 90-gallon garbage cans. Commercial service will not be offered by the city or Logan City. Logan City will cease commercial service in the city as of June 30, 2023. There are not a lot of commercial users in the city. They will start making their own arrangements as of July 1, 2023. They can recycle if they choose to do so. Our current recycling agreement will stay in place until June 30, 2023. Logan City owns the garbage cans. We might consider buying ours from them. We will likely buy the black garbage cans from them. They have presented us a price. I also like garbage service is not a tax but a user fee. We met with the vendors. We respect all of them. We met with the two local vendors in person.

**MARLOWE ADKINS**: If you are going to buy the garbage cans from Logan City look at them closely. The cans are being damaged and cracked by the drivers. I am not sure if the driver is doing it on purpose or not.

**MAYOR**: An inventory of the cans will be done before we purchase them.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

**MAYOR**: Jeremy is not here this evening as he is working with the staff on a significant culinary water leak which happened this evening right before the council meeting.

#### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW WITH DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS AS NECESSARY.

**JUSTIN:** We received our first Class "C" Road Funds allocation in the amount of \$20,132. This is a tax that has not really increased over the last few years. We get six allocations per year so we would receive around \$120,000 based on the current allocation. When it comes to roads, this is not very much as we could not even pave one block of road

per year. On a positive note, interest earnings are up substantially. We budgeted \$3,000 in the General Fund and have already received \$6,324 in the first three months of this fiscal year. We budgeted \$3,600 in interest revenue in the Capital Projects Fund and have already collected \$5,447. Water fund interest revenue is already \$10,275 and we budgeted \$5,000. Sewer fund interest revenue is \$4,323 and we budgeted \$3,000. We paid Smithfield City \$48,016 for fire service for July through December. This is a contractual amount. We collected \$75,000 in water dedication payment revenue in September. There were not any new home building permits issued from July through September so no impact fees have been collected. Subdivisions are being built but building permits for new homes have not happened in a few months. The audit is now complete and will be presented at the November council meeting.

MAYOR: The mayor works with the audit staff. I was interviewed by them. They also interview and work with several staff members. We have a good system of checks and balances in place for what we do.

#### CITY ENGINEER REPORT

**DAREK:** Mayor Hall hired J-U-B during his term to provide engineering services for the city. All city councils and mayors have different challenges. Mayor Kip Panter started the sewer upgrade project and it transitioned to Mayor Hall. Mayor Hall dealt with a new well and water tank as well. Subdivisions are always going in. Now you are dealing with solid waste. There are always challenges. The council looks out for the community. You manage the community. I appreciate all the mayors and city councils I have worked with. I have worked with the city for fifteen years. I have been involved in Black & White Days and the city party. I have been involved a lot with the city. I am going to work for Logan City. I originally came to J-U-B from Logan City. J-U-B is a great company to work for. Weston Bellon will be working with the city. He has been part of the General Plan update. He is well suited to work with the city moving forward. Forsgren does engineering for the city as well. I think you are in good hands. My daughter served on the youth council of the city. She received a scholarship from the youth council. She worked for the city on a part-time basis. We are all friends and neighbors. I am happy to continue to live here.

MAYOR: Thank you for all of the hours and time. You have donated a lot of time to the city.

**DAREK:** It is nice to live and work here. I have helped with the water and sewer systems when the staff was out of town. I was involved in the big flood in 2018. It is nice to be able to help. I helped on a sewer line project on the highway. I have always been willing to help.

**WESTON BELLON:** I will miss Darek. He has been like a father to me. I started at J-U-B six years ago. I live in Providence. I grew up in Utah County. I received my master's degree in hydraulics from Utah State University. I will be working closely with the city. I have all of the other J-U-B experts to help where needed as well.

MAYOR: Who will be working with us on the 500 North Road project?

**DAREK:** Weston will represent the city and Sam from J-U-B will represent the county.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR REPORTS

Tucker did not have any additional items to review or discuss.

**LYLE:** The truck with the dump bed owned by the cemetery is in severe disrepair. I have suggested they look at a dump trailer to replace the truck. It would be a better price than a new truck. The age and the condition of the truck makes it not worth repairing.

**MAYOR**: Who pays for this?

**JUSTIN:** The cemetery district as the truck is owned by them.

**MAYOR**: This is not a city issue but more of an update than anything for the council.

Kelly did not have any additional items to review or discuss.

**TERRIE**: The Trails Master Plan is being updated to include parks and open space. A key member of the team, Zac Covington, accepted a job out of state and has relocated to Missoula, Montana.

**MAYOR:** We are excited for him and his family but will miss him.

**TERRIE**: Zac is working long distance with BRAG right now and will keep helping us. We are starting to write the initial draft of the plan. An open house will be held in the future. Maybe in November or December. We hope the council can adopt the plan in January or February. Carly Lansche was the Cache County Trails Coordinator. She recently accepted a position with the State of Utah. Carly has graciously agreed to help complete this project. She was also responsible in helping us secure \$6,100 in grant funding through the county. The funding will be used to do

a high-level analysis of the Highway 91 crossings. Right now, we only have one controlled intersection which has the signal light. There is a need for more crossings on the north and south ends of town. The project is moving forward. We are working with a design and planning firm. Zac is involved in this. The county recently hired a new trails coordinator. They will get trained and oriented with things starting next week. Jeremy and I are meeting with a design engineer and UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) to get their input. We need to know what they will consider and what they won't consider. That meeting takes place on November 1<sup>st</sup>. I am a member of the CVTD (Cache Valley Transit District) board and a committee member for long range planning and service support. We are looking at how to expand future routes. The new building was originally going to cost around thirty-eight million dollars. With markets drastically changing and costs increasing, we are about eight million dollars short of paying for the project. We are working with local legislators to get some one-time funding for the project. If those funds are not received then the building will be constructed in phases. There is enough funding available with grant funding and funding in the capital projects fund they won't have to raise taxes or issue bonds.

**MAYOR:** Where is the new building being built?

**TERRIE**: In North Logan. They own around ten acres. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held in March. As an update on the General Plan. The survey was completed and had about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times the number of responses than last time. There are a lot of comments to consider. The next steering committee meeting will be held on November  $2^{nd}$ . We will narrow down and select priorities. We hope to adopt the update by June of next year. Another open house will be held in the future.

**MAYOR**: When is the irrigation water being turned out?

JUSTIN: It was turned out of the system today.

**TERRIE:** Everyone needs to make sure and drain their system. During the last legislative session, a bill was passed making it mandatory all residential irrigation connections be metered. It is not an option to not meter the system. The irrigation company submitted a grant application. The total cost of the project is approximately \$2,600,000. The grant would pay for 70% of the project cost. The remainder would be a loan at an interest rate of one percent. The board is waiting to proceed because of the misunderstanding of some legislators. Some of them have realized they thought they were voting for something else. There is a chance drastic changes are coming to this in the next session. We cannot store water. We use it or lose it. We are not able to conserve it because we don't have any lake to put it in. The legislators are looking at the systems which pull from big reservoirs where water can be saved.

MAYOR: I want to thank you for all the time you spend on all of the assignments you have been given.

MAYOR: I have asked Amber to provide an update on the Utah League of Cities and Towns meetings.

AMBER: I was leery. I have been to conventions in the past. Overall, it was a great experience. There were a lot of constructive sessions. There were some which were not as constructive. I try and be positive. There were over 700 people in attendance which is more than they have ever had before. It was held at the Salt Palace. The food was good. The area was clean. The people were very helpful. One session I really like was leading in a crisis. The discussion was held by the Spanish Fork City Administrator and Engineer. They talked about how they handled COVID-19. The key to leading in a crisis is to band together. Come together. Stand together. Understand what is going on. When it comes time to present things to the community, they need to know we are together and doing what is best for the city. It doesn't matter the event. There are many different types of crises. Stay together and have good communication. Be present in the community. We also need the community to be present as well. It is good to see people here tonight. Being present is a big factor. The diversity in information in the sessions was broad. The senior center is amazing. I cannot wait for the lights to be on and the doors open. There are a few items to finish up. The parking lot is the largest remaining item. We have some great volunteers. We have received some fabulous donations and contributions. I think we will get more volunteers once we are open. Once the parking lot is complete, we will schedule an open house. The planning commission will be meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

MAYOR: Holly, what were your thoughts about the league meetings?

**HOLLY:** Utah is the number one state for students. There was a lot of discussion on growth.

MAYOR: There was significant discussion on low to moderate income housing.

**HOLLY**: Some cities think they have done enough in this regard and other cities want to do more. We all have different things to deal with. I looked at the population of the city from which the person was speaking. Our growth rate is big to us but is nothing to other cities. Every city is impacted differently. The key to leading in a crisis is to be prepared. People need to know their role in a crisis. Also, be confident in the role you are given.

**MAYOR:** I would encourage all of you to attend if your schedule allows. The three of us met together several times to discuss what we learned. The high growth caucus had people wall to wall. There was a moderator and a lot of going back and forth between parties. We don't fit in some of the classifications which were discussed. We are not

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high growth but we have some growth. Going away from the solid waste consortium was not personal but we needed to deal with the needs of our community. We came up with a consensus of what was best for us. We cannot make decisions for the county or another city. They need to make their decisions and we need to make ours. We need to solidify now what we are doing in the event of a crisis. Not when it happens. We have two generators on order. One of them is for this building. We have purchased a Starlink system for this building. If we lose our fiber connection to this building we can still communicate through that system. We will continue to make improvements. We need to keep the residents informed and involved. Darek thank you for your many years of service to the city. Weston, we welcome you to the city. Get out and vote. Utah is a vote by mail state. Take the time and vote. This is a critical election. There is a lot of bickering and back biting right now. I am embarrassed by it. We don't have that problem. A proposal was made back in 2018 to widen 500 North. Most of the project is in the county. Based on current costs the project has a \$511,000 shortfall. In the COG (Council of Governments) they allocate about one million dollars per year for small city projects. We have applied for additional funding. I am not sure if our application will be approved or not. If the application is not approved; I don't see this project happening. The entire project cost is around \$1,300,000. Our portion will be around \$40,000. This is a combined effort between the city and county. Our next city council meeting will be held on November 17th. I suggest you review the sheriff's report from last month to see what is going on in the city. We are very grateful for their service to the community.

\*\*\*A motion to adjourn was made by Terrie, seconded by Amber, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Erv No Vote: None	'in
Adjournment at 8:22 P.M.	

Paul J. Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Justin B. Lewis, City Recorder

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