

Willard City Council Meeting

May 11, 2023

6:30 pm

Willard City Council Room

The City Council of Willard City met on May 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Willard City Offices, Located at 80 West 50 South, Willard UT 84340.

Present: Travis Mote, Mayor
John Seamons, Council Member
Mike Braegger, Council Member
Fred Ward, Council Member
Rod Mund, Council Member

Excused: Caleb Kunzler, City Council Member

Staff Present: Chris Davis, City Manager
Theron Fielding, Police Chief
Bryce Wheelwright, City Planner
Van Mund, Fire Chief
Susan K Obray, City Recorder
Colt Mund, City Attorney

Others Present: Zac Burke, Jones & Associates, Larry Holmes, Ken Ormond, Ruth Ormond, Diane Barker, Chad Braegger, and Jim Flint.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mote. Prayer given by Mayor Mote and Pledge of allegiance lead by Council Member Seamons.

2. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no comments to be heard so the OPEN COMMENT PERIOD was closed.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

The Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

4. New Business

a. March Financial-Cami Moss, Childs Richards CPA

Cami Moss with Child Richards CPA addressed the council with highlights from the memo page from the March 31, 2023, financials. She said the revenues are a little bit higher than year to date, mostly that are there at 95.7% or only 75% of the year has passed. That is due to the sales tax increase and the additional ARPA funds that have been received of \$101,000. Cami pointed out that sales tax today has been at 80%. The property tax right now shows 125%. She said it is going in a good direction. Expenditures year to date is at 2.5% some of that is because there are one-time purchases. Cami stated we need to watch the parks budget when it gets into park season it has expended about 80% of their budget. She said she would monitor that and knows that it is seasonal. She said there have been discussions of amendments to the budget for that department. Licenses are well below 39.2% of what was budgeted. She reported a lot of that has to do with building slowing down. Currently the court is at 57.6% of the budget she anticipates it going up because of new officers hired. She expressed her

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concerns regarding the water revenue which is at 56.3% and the expenditures are at 75.3%. She stated that it has been discussed that is also water and garbage. She stated she will monitor it. She said regarding the wastewater treatment plant they are at 60 to 63.2% and expenditures are only showing 42.1%. We have not accrued two months' worth of expenses. Meaning Perry has not billed us yet.

Cami reported there are going to be some expenditures out of the capital projects fund for some equipment that is coming in. There are budget monies for that. Council Member Mund stated he talked with Jeff Hollingsworth about the switch gear which will cost around \$415,000. He believes they are moving ahead on that. He said I don't know how that will impact the budget.

Cami said the other item is the budget that has been prepared for the year 2023. She felt they went over it well the other night at the budget work session. She did make adjustments that they discussed in the meeting. Cami said the only line items are the gravel sales tax we have not found the estimate for that and the gravel class C. so, these are not final numbers. We have discussed that it is probably going to be about 2,000,051 and revenues about 2,000,248 and expenditures in the general fund as is. She said the city will be spending a little fund balance, some of that is due to capital projects that have been shifted over to the capital projects fund and getting some equipment that is overdue. The water fund is a little bit over she will continue to monitor it shows it is about \$124,000 over there were some concerns on tipping fees that were not budgeted for.

Mayor Mote asked why the water fund was down, maybe with a drought people did a lot of conserving with their water bill. Cami said we keep telling everyone they need to conserve but that is what we are in the business for to make money, we are shooting ourselves in the foot. She pointed out that people are conserving water, and it is turning out the way we want it to in the aspect we want them to conserve water. Council Member Ward stated it is a double-edged sword. Mayor Mote reported Chris and himself had a conversation with Representative Glenn and his police department is doing what we're trying to do. And they make money on turning those trucks over. He said he feels guilty about it. I think it'll be interesting to see how the truck sales, how that compares. And if we can make that work.

Cami said realistically from what she has seen in her experiences, police vehicle two to three years. They take wear and tear.

b. Action of approve the tentative budget.

Motion: Council Member Mund moved to approve the tentative budget. Council Member Braegger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

c. Discussion of the Willard City Vehicle Policy.

Council Member Ward turned in his written concerns to the Mayor and Council. (Attached with the minutes). Mayor Mote stated one thing he has noticed as Mayor it is difficult to hire and keep good employees. We are in a very competitive job market. At this point. We have used our vehicles and allowed some use of our vehicles, as a benefit really, and as an efficiency for our employees. I would I'm a little concerned not to make it look like we are nighthawking the employees. He would prefer some leeway there and let the employees run and get a drink in their truck. Chris Davis, City Manager stated only in Payden's truck, the only one that has a truck from the Public Works he takes it home. Occasionally, Bryce will take a vehicle two blocks down the road, depending on whether he must go to a

meeting or something the next morning. But that's rare. You're really talking about an employee there in public works, is the rest of them typically will be in Payden's truck when they go somewhere.

Council Member Mund asked Chris if he now how many miles are put on the vehicle a month. Chris said he could find out. Council Member Ward stated the council needs to consider if we end up losing one individual the benefit of using that for commuting is that benefit should be part of the hourly rate.

Council Member Braegger stated you must recognize the benefit is to the city because that individual is on call. He should have a vehicle to be available to help us with the city.

Chris Davis said when Payden takes his home whether he is on call or not we are finding challenges in bringing people to work here as nice of a place that it is. Council Member Seamons said his suggestion would not put family members in the work vehicles. Chris stated he would talk with the Utah Local Governments trust about the liability. Mayor Mote stated that would also carry over the the police vehicles. Council Member Ward asked if they must go to a training class or somewhere outside the work area because he has seen the Willard City vehicle outside the area having lunch somewhere. IF you are one business and that is right on your path, if it not on your path and you must go out of your way it is not okay. Family members in the vehicle he did not like the idea of a police officer having to drop his kids off the side of the road if you've got a call. I think that should be the same for all city workers. I think it's just safer for the city and better for the family to keep them out of the vehicle.

Mayor Mote stated Payden has an assigned vehicle he uses as his commuter vehicle. If he goes to lunch and they tend to go to lunch together right now there's only two of them. They jump in Payton's vehicle; Willard has no place to eat. They either go to Brigham or Trigon. Council Member Ward felt they could pack a lunch ahead of time and eat in the shop where there is a microwave, fridge.

Council Member Mund stated we need to have the ordinance or policy to adopt. Council Member Braegger suggested discussing this in a work session.

d. Discussion/Approval of Ordinance 2023-03 prohibiting the Use of Dynamic Braking Devices in Willard City.

Mayor Mote stated this has already been approved but the ordinance was not complete.

Motion: Council Member Ward moved to approve Ordinance 2023-03 to Prohibit the use of Dynamic Braking Devices in Willard City. Council Member Seamons seconded the motion. Roll all vote.

Council Member Mund Yes

Council Member Braegger Yes

Council Member Ward Yes

Council Member Seamons Yes

Motion carried: 4 Yes 0 No

5. Approval of the Minutes

John Seamons pointed out some corrections to the minutes.

Motion: Council Member Seamons moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Council Member Braegger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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6. Financials

The financials were signed by the /mayor and Council Members.

7. Department Reports

a. Public Works

Chris stated the public works are keeping busy doing the baseball fields. They are painting them instead of chalking them. He stated he was grateful that Mark Hamson is still here as a temporary seasonal employee. They are checking on the rocks they are going to use for the area in front of the building. The Mayor stated we need to create a spot in the park there where it would be similar landscaping.

The city will do the placement of the rock and the Mayor has offered to have the tribe help decide where an appropriate place would be.

b. Police & Fire

Chief Fielding stated he got a hold of Nate Butter they have a program that go the contract of all new radios coming into the State. Until the end of June, they have a program going where the radios are 65% off. He said their department has multiband handheld is \$884 a single band is \$4, I you go with mobile car radios a multiband car radios \$1,255 for radios and a single band is \$1,104.35.

Chief Fielding stated the single band won't work until the new system is rolled out sometime next year. He continued to explain about the radios. Apex radio, like the ones that we have now, was \$3,000. There's a 65% off. Lt. Harris who's got the infrastructure and they're the one selling all the radios. Other radios will work on the system. But they're the ones that have the pricing through UCA, and that's good through June. There is still a warranty on the old radios until the end of December of this year. Mayor Mote asked if the radios should be rotated every few years. Chief Fielding stated the radios should last a long time unless they are dropped, or you fall on it. Chief Mund stated his department also needs new radios. He said it would be ideal to pick up more radios, it would be around \$10,000. Chief Mund stated the fire rating has been 5X since 2015 and they were rated a 5X this year. Chief Fielding said the handhelds they have now will work and are compatible and they will transfer over to the new system. Mayor Mote asked the Chief to get some prices for the next meeting and asked if there was a bulk rate.

8. Council Members Reports

a. Mike Braegger

He stated the flood situation is past most of the problems. Staker Parsons in McGuire Pit has shut down the east half of their pit because it is full of water and running over the banks. He has a big concern regarding Willard Creek because we have had clear water for so long. There is a lot of snow that needs to come down. He stated they have already got a drone guy. But the problem with drone guys is they must fly in line of sight because the FAA doesn't allow them to fly above a certain area, they must do line of sight. In other words, they'd have to hike up Willard Canyon to see the canyon. The Spillway is not leaking any more. Council Member Braegger received an e-mail from the dam safety people for an inspection in the next week.

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b. Rod Mund

Council Member Mund suggested the city take some money from selling off surplus property and buy some light plants, so they are available for when they need them in dangerous situations.

c. Fred Ward

Nothing to report.

d. John Seamons

The city has property, the old Perry house on third north just past the dam above the pioneer cemetery. Bryce Wheelwright sent a letter to them to get their junk removed from their property. Council Member Seamons wanted to make everyone aware of a meeting with UTA on May 25, 2023, at the school.

e. Kaleb Kunzler

absent.

Adjourn.

Council Member Braegger moved to adjourn. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.