

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

MARCH 5, 2020; 6:07 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR JOY PETRO, ZACH BLOXHAM, TOM
DAY, DAWN FITZPATRICK, CLINT MORRIS,
AND DAVE THOMAS**

STAFF PRESENT:

**ALEX JENSEN, GARY CRANE, CHAD
WILKINSON, LON CROWELL, DAVID PRICE,
MICHELLE HOWARD, KEVIN WARD, AND KIM
READ**

The meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Layton City Center.

Mayor Petro opened the meeting.

AGENDA:

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT

Councilmember Bloxham informed the Council the Davis Arts Council had sent some information requesting legislators support Governor Herbert's grant to benefit the arts. He stated he would provide that information to the Council and councilmembers could individually contact legislators.

Mayor Petro mentioned the Davis Arts Council's private invitation to last year's donors announcing this summer's concert schedule. Councilmember Bloxham mentioned Davis Arts Council had hired performers which would be providing programs at assisted living facilities within the City.

Mayor Petro informed the Council Wasatch Integrated was experiencing issues regarding the construction of the transfer station at its facility and the completion date had been moved to June. A discussion took place regarding where the waste was intended to be taken. She reported the location accepting the trash was still being considered and no final decision had been made.

Councilmember Fitzpatrick reported she had met with Davis Behavioral Health regarding the Communities that Care Program which focused on youth mental health and youth suicide. She announced Shoreline Jr. High Hope Squad would be hosting a conference and walk on Saturday, March 21. She explained each junior high school within the City had a Hope Squad, a peer group program designated to provide support to students at the respective schools. She mentioned she would be attending their next meeting on Friday, March 20, to learn and gain more information.

Councilmember Morris mentioned one of the proposed bills at the Legislature which, if passed, could have negatively impacted several cities and elected officials. He reported the Utah League of Cities and Towns and many cities opposed the land use legislation and reported Gary Crane, City Attorney, had been significantly involved in drafting amendments and was instrumental in drafting the final bill. Councilmember Morris applauded his efforts and requested Mr. Crane explain the fringe gambling bill. Mr. Crane reported fringe gambling allowed the use of gambling machines in convenience stores without them paying any taxes on the funds. He explained this bill was defeated and expressed appreciation for everyone's work on this issue. He also explained the bill scheduled to be argued tomorrow specific to building inspections and plan reviews. He also mentioned the proposed bill to eliminate design tools for home exteriors.

Mayor Petro expressed appreciation to Mr. Crane for his representation during this past session of the

Legislature.

REVIEW OF LAYTON CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

David Price, Parks and Recreation Director, informed the Council, the City had approved 84 Special Events last year and mentioned that was up from just five events ten years ago. He reported the costs associated with these events and reviewed the different services which the City was required to provide for these events. He stated it was his intent to educate the Council on the City's sponsorship or involvement with different events.

Alex Jensen, City Manager, explained the varied scale of the events and spoke to the City's participation pointing out the dollar value associated with Staff's involvement had been significant. Mr. Price reviewed the identified special events and the typical costs associated with each one. He also informed the Council of the events which the fees were not entirely waived, but discounted.

Councilmember Morris asked if the City had requested payment or the philosophy behind granting discounts or waiving fees. He expressed concern the City was increasing fees for youth sporting and recreation events but waiving fees for large community events. Mr. Price explained fees had been waived or discounted for these large events because there was some benefit to the community as a whole.

Councilmember Bloxham suggested the question should be asked whether the sponsorship truly benefitted the City as a whole to an extent that the City should be increasing fees for youth programs and a discussion followed. Councilmember Bloxham stated it was difficult for him to justify sponsoring events for certain businesses.

Mr. Jensen explained some of the activities had been ongoing for several years and had evolved into a large event gradually over time. He continued to explain some of these events had been brought to the City at the discretion of elected officials over a period of time. He explained the challenges associated with Staff being called back to work after regular hours during evenings and weekends.

Councilmember Bloxham mentioned the Council had recently toured the Parks and Recreation Department and stated he was amazed at how much the Staff did and expressed concern this was an added burden to Staff.

Councilmember Morris suggested the City consider the events like a "grant" process and designate a specific amount of funds for this purpose during the budget process and expressed his opinion the current process didn't allow for equal access to funding for activities. Mr. Price emphasized some of the non-sponsored special events started small and had just escalated over the years and shared some examples and pointed out Staff had difficulty explaining why some events were sponsored by the City and others were required to pay for their events. A discussion took place regarding the different events and costs associated with them.

Councilmember Thomas didn't believe the City would ever get away from eliminating special events even if specific criteria was adopted.

Councilmember Fitzpatrick asked if the City had considered hiring seasonal help specifically designated for special events. Mr. Price pointed out there was a need for some of the skilled, experienced personnel and suggested he would work with his staff to prepare a proposal which would provide for some type of evaluation process for special events. Mayor Petro suggested implementing something similar to the RAMP grant application to identify the benefits to the community.

Councilmember Day asked Mr. Price if there were specific events the City should consider eliminating its sponsorship. Mr. Jensen indicated Staff could certainly make that recommendation. Councilmember Bloxham suggested the Council should decide whether it believed sponsorships were a good use of taxpayer dollars for the community and believed information and guidance from Staff would be helpful in

making that determination. Mr. Price stated he would bring back a proposal for the Council to consider.

Councilmember Morris suggested this topic be included in the budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Councilmember Day asked if the registration fees proposed needed to be adopted by the Council. Mr. Jensen stated he had authorized those new fees.

DISCUSSION – KENLEY AMPHITHEATER PLAZA SPONSORSHIP

This item was not addressed by the Council.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Chief Ward mentioned the received bids, resolution, and other information specific to the bid award for Station 4 had been included in the Agenda packet. He announced the City had selected Think Architecture, which submitted the lowest responsible bid. He mentioned this was the same company which had provided illustrations for the open house and educational literature regarding “Time 4 Station 4”. He indicated City Staff had met with Think Architecture representatives and stated they had identified a construction time frame for the new station. He asked if there were any questions which needed to be addressed prior to the City Council meeting.

Councilmember Morris asked about the fitness accessibility. Chief Ward explained the training room was designed to be large enough to accommodate a fitness facility and informed the Council of the different options used in the past.

CLOSED MEETING:

MOTION: Councilmember Fitzpatrick moved to adjourn and convene in a closed meeting at 6:52 p.m. to discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Day moved to open the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Councilmember Bloxham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Kimberly S Read, City Recorder

SWORN STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby swears and affirms, pursuant to Section 52-4-205(1) of the Utah Code Annotated, that the sole purpose for the closed meeting of the Layton City Council on the **5th day of March, 2020**, was to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Dated this 4th day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:

JOY PETRO, Mayor

KIMBERLY S READ, City Recorder