

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

JUNE 16, 2022; 5:46 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR JOY PETRO, ZACH BLOXHAM, CLINT
MORRIS, TYSON ROBERTS, AND BETTINA
SMITH EDMONDSON**

PARTICIPATING ELECTRONICALLY: DAVE THOMAS

STAFF PRESENT:

**ALEX JENSEN, GARY CRANE, STEVE GARSIDE,
CHAD WILKINSON, TRACY PROBERT,
STEPHEN JACKSON, AND KIM READ**

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

Mayor Petro opened the meeting.

AGENDA:

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Councilmember Smith Edmondson reported a Communities That Care (CTC) Board Meeting took place earlier in the week and announced it was seeking a media representative. She mentioned it was also seeking citizens interested in being more involved to serve on work groups. Mayor Petro suggested contact should be made to 360 Marketing for the media representative.

She also reported Davis County was sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness event for the Latino community in Kaysville City on Thursday, June 23, 2022. Mayor Petro requested the information be forwarded to Steve Garside for City advertisement.

Councilmember Bloxham announced UTOPIA recently adopted its budget and reported original cities, Layton was one of those original cities, had been paid back for their respective operating expenses. He reported the revenue generated from communities outside of Utah was also being recognized by the City. He believed this illustrated UTOPIA was in a good position and mentioned Layton City was experiencing a take rate of approximately 35%, which was the most subscribers on the entire network. Mayor Petro suggested efforts should be made to increase subscribership to protect what was already in place and Alex Jensen, City Manager, confirmed those efforts were already taking place. Councilmember Bloxham mentioned Syracuse and Clearfield were in the process of participating with the fiber network.

Councilmember Morris informed the Council the RAMP Commission had met on Monday, June 13, 2022 to revise the scoring system used to review grant submissions. He mentioned grant applications would be available for submission in August.

Councilmember Roberts reported the Parks and Recreation Commission had started planning for Liberty Days and July 24 activities and complimented the individuals on that Commission. Mayor Petro suggested the schedule should be forwarded to the Council.

Mayor Petro announced the residential fee of \$5 at the landfill would be increasing to \$10 beginning July 1. She reported commercial rates had already increased. She informed the Council it had also implemented a \$15 cost for each mattress and also mentioned glass recycling was available at the landfill.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson mentioned she had received a letter from an elementary school student requesting affordable housing within the City. She announced Monday, June 20, 2022, was

designated Juneteenth and mentioned Layton City would be observing that holiday.

Councilmember Morris mentioned Governor Cox, during his monthly press conference, had identified Layton City as a ‘best practice’ specific to fireworks with its two designated parks to allow residents to discharge fireworks. Mr. Jensen mentioned one of the news channels had already contacted Kevin Ward, Fire Chief, as a follow-up to the Governor’s comments.

AMEND WATER RATES AND OTHER FEES LISTED IN TITLE 3, CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE – ORDINANCE 22-09

Tracy Probert, Finance Director, reviewed the proposed changes to the Consolidated Fee Schedule:

- culinary water rates
- water meters
- street lighting fixtures and installation
- adding secondary water rates and fees to the City’s Fee Schedule
- secondary water re-connection fee

He explained the secondary water fee would be reflected as a monthly cost of \$20.83 per month, totaling \$250 per year. He mentioned the \$500 re-connection fee was brought over from Kay’s Creek Irrigation Company to discourage residents from disconnecting from that available service.

He asked if there were any questions.

Councilmember Roberts requested clarification if residents without access to secondary water were paying for or subsidizing the secondary water system. Mr. Probert responded the Water Master Plan and Rate Study considered it one complete system, with the culinary and secondary systems working together as one system. He pointed out there were separate rate structures depending on whether the resident/address had access to secondary water and explained as more secondary water was brought into the system, the culinary rates wouldn’t recognize significant increases. Stephen Jackson, City Engineer, indicated if the trunk line wasn’t constructed for secondary water, another trunk line would need to be constructed to bring in additional needed culinary water which reiterated how the two systems worked in tandem and a discussion followed.

Mayor Petro mentioned Weber Basin recently announced secondary water users could now water outdoors two days a week. She believed the announcement had created confusion among residents; some being allowed to water one day a week and others two days a week.

Alex Jensen, City Manager, suggested moving adoption of the Consolidated Fee Schedule from the Consent Agenda since it would need to be acted upon following the adoption of the Budget during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. The Council concurred with the suggestion. A discussion took place specific to confusion associated with Weber Basin’s allocation for secondary water use and the data behind the restrictions and allowances.

Mr. Jackson, City Engineer, shared a visual presentation specific drought contingency plan based on data from Weber Basin Water Conservancy District. He stated the City would be following the drought contingency water plan previously identified and emphasized it was regularly monitored. The presentation addressed the water supply and drought update based on data as recent as June 7, 2022. He reported the soil moisture level increased over the Memorial Day weekend which allowed runoff water to fill reservoirs. He shared an illustration which identified reservoir storage data as of June 15, 2022.

He reviewed the culinary water use and reported the City recognized a significant decrease in culinary water use during the month of May. He estimated the City had conserved approximately 250 million gallons of water during the last month and concluded residents had positively responded to the request of consuming less water. He shared information identified in the drought contingency plan which allowed agencies to move from one day watering to twice a week under the same allowances. He reviewed

modified water restrictions with the Council and expressed his opinion it would be practical to follow guidelines established by Weber Basin allowing residents to move from one day to two days per week for outdoor watering. A discussion followed during which comments were expressed moving to the two days so early in the season and whether it diminished the authority of the Council should it be determined later in the year to revert back to the one day per week depending on the reservoir storage, the Council concurred with the recommendation.

AMEND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 – ORDINANCE 22-08

Mr. Probert asked if there were any questions pertaining to the proposed budget amendments and mentioned most of them were specific to grant funding and there were none. He requested the Council call out the modification for the Davis Metro Strike Force of \$17,500 when making the motion in the Regular Meeting. He explained the funding was specific to operations for the remaining fiscal year and clarified the funding would be recognized from grant revenue for this fiscal year.

ADOPT THE BUDGET, PROPERTY TAX RATE, AND COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR ELECTIVE, STATUTORY, AND APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 – ORDINANCE 22-07

Mr. Probert mentioned he would address budget highlights during the Regular Meeting and explained some changes in the proposed budget were specific to utility projects. He also identified speaking points he intended to share during the Regular Meeting specific to the proposed water rate increase.

Mr. Jensen requested clarification whether the presentations and speaking points presented by Staff answered questions which were being asked of the Council by residents and a discussion followed.

CLOSED MEETING:

MOTION: Councilmember Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting and convene in a closed meeting at 6:48 p.m. to Discuss the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property, Including Any Form of a Water Right or Water Shares. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith Edmondson moved to open the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Councilmember Roberts seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Mayor's Report was shared.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 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 **16th day of June, 2022**, was to Discuss the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property, Including any Form of a Water Rate or Water Shares.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2022.

ATTEST:

JOY PETRO, Mayor

KIMBERLY S READ, City Recorder