

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

JUNE 6, 2024; 5:35 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

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

STAFF PRESENT:

ALEX JENSEN, CLINT DRAKE, CHAD WILKINSON, TRACY PROBERT, STEPHEN JACKSON, DAVID PRICE, ISABEL LIMON, AND KIM READ

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

Mayor Petro opened the meeting.

AGENDA:

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Petro provided an update on the following:

- She mentioned the update she had provided to the Council from North Davis Sewer District (NDSD) regarding the construction and improvement projects throughout the City.
- Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) would be determining its allocation of funding for projects. She reminded the Council, the City had been the recipient of this funding for the Kays Creek overpass. She indicated WFRC had requested the City share a presentation/report regarding that project during a future committee meeting.
- Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District's (WIWMD) Board had adopted the revised or amended resolution pertaining to recycling during its meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. She clarified participating cities had a choice of two options: the bundling program or the opt-out program; however, both of those were tied to the incentive.
- Davis County's Homeless Task Force had been tasked with identifying its plans to address Code Blue situations by Thursday, August 1, 2024. She reported the Committee had concluded to utilize the three Senior Citizen Centers within the County; however, there was still some pushback and the request was for each City to identify a warming center within its boundaries to be used for this purpose. She identified those things which the County had agreed to provide with the proposal. Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commissioner, emphasized the Winter Response Task Force was requiring the Plan and warming facilities and not Davis County, although the County had one representative on that Task Force.

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTS

Councilmember Bloxham informed the Council UIA (Utah Infrastructure Agency)/UTOPIA had reported 65,000 subscribers, with 1/6 of those from Layton; equivalent to an approximate 43% take rate, which continued to increase. He announced a rate increase was proposed and clarified this would be specific to 'user fees'; there would be no additional obligation to the City. He requested Alex Jensen, City Manager, provide an update regarding revenues. Mr. Jensen explained circumstances anticipated to take place within the next two or three years and the projected result that the City's contribution would decrease and a discussion followed. Councilmember Bloxham reassured the Council the plan had worked as originally intended and the discussion continued.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson mentioned the following associated with Communities that Care (CTC):

- Utah Prevention Conference was scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024 through Friday, June 14, 2024 in Bryce Canyon.
- Community Board Meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2024.
- Key Leader Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

‘A Bolder Way Forward’, a coalition working toward closing the Women’s Equality gap in Utah and explained this was a concerted effort throughout the State of Utah working to close that gap in 18 key areas. She reported she had been designated the co-lead for Davis County and would be identifying groups/organizations and connecting them to work together.

Councilmember Thomas announced the Youth Council had begun recruiting new members. He reported the organization had decided to attend the Youth Council Conference every other year. He mentioned Laura Ott was the new advisor.

Councilmember Roberts stated Parks and Recreation were very busy and highlighted the following events:

- Sunday, June 30, 2024 – Voices of Liberty concert
- Full day of events were scheduled for Thursday, July 4, 2024.
- Popsicles would begin being distributed before the parade around 10:15 AM and instruction would be provided to the volunteers on how distribution should take place to ensure those at the end of the parade would receive popsicles. Mayor Petro indicated she had increased the number by 2,500 popsicles.

He reported George Wilson’s (Planning Commissioner) time serving on the Planning Commission would be expiring. His last Planning Commission Meeting would be Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

He also mentioned residents should visit the Mosquito Abatement’s website to request fogging during the summer months.

UPDATE – DAVIS COUNTY

Lorene Kamalu, Davis County Commissioner, and Ashleigh Young, Davis County Animal Care Director, shared an update regarding the need for a new animal shelter. Ms. Kamalu introduced Ms. Young to the Council and announced she was highly respected in her field of expertise and not only recognized within the State, but Nationally, as well.

Ms. Young reminded the Council the agency was working to construct a new shelter and shared information regarding the feasibility study. She reported the County was moving forward and was in the current RFP (Request for Proposal) process and was anticipated to break ground toward the end of the calendar year. The County would be paying for the construction of the new facility; however, it intended to proceed through Truth in Taxation for shelter operations, resulting in an increase of approximately \$11 per year, per household. She indicated construction of the new facility was proposed for the current property and described how that would take place and what that would look like.

Mayor Petro requested an update specific to the issue of nuisance animals. Ms. Young stated the Animal Control Officers’ vehicles weren’t equipped to collect/pick-up deer carcasses along roadways. She added the facility quit interacting with raccoons around 2021 and reported the 10 full-time Animal Control Officers had been picking up approximately 4,000 raccoons every year, diverting them from more critical animal issues. She reported the facility experienced a 95% adoption rate for shelter animals; one of the highest in the State and explained the new shelter would provide a better situation for adoption to take place. She also explained other benefits of a larger lobby for the facility. She reported the shelter had a robust volunteer program with 900 volunteers in a variety of capacities.

The Council expressed appreciation for the update and the shelter staff for their efforts in providing care to animals within the County.

Ms. Kamalu and Ms. Young left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

PRESENTATION – VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT

Isabel Limon, Victim Services Coordinator, shared an update regarding the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant.

Ms. Limon provided an update regarding housing funding and announced as of May there currently were no available funds until the beginning of the fiscal year in July.

She distributed the ‘Safe at Home’ handout and explained the program provided confidentiality of an actual address for survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, abuse, and stalking. She explained what this would look like and how it worked. She reported the program began in May and two victims had already requested participation in the program. She asked if there were any questions and a discussion followed.

Ms. Limon reported she had been notified by HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) the grant specific to housing would be decreased by approximately 20% for this next fiscal year. She reminded the Council, the City had run out of funds this current fiscal year and pointed out the decrease would most certainly impact services offered by the City to victims.

Ms. Limon left the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE LAYTON CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Tracy Probert, Finance Director, reminded the Council a public hearing had been set and noticed for the City Council Meeting, immediately following the Work Meeting, to accept public comment on the proposed budget, property tax rate, and changes to the schedule of compensation for elective, statutory, and appointed officers for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. He clarified the Council would be accepting public comment.

He identified and reviewed the following changes from the Tentative Budget adopted by the Council on Thursday, May 2, 2024:

- (\$500,000) – Use of General Fund balance for the EOC (Emergency Operations Center/Dispatch Building
- \$500,000 – Use of EMS (Emergency Medical Services) funding for the EOC/Dispatch Building
- \$32,800 – Tier II hybrid employee retirement stipend
- \$129,477 – Emergency Manager position in EMS Fund
- \$8,548 – Additional crossing guard at Angel and Weaver
- \$915,735 – Sewer rate increase – 8.2% increase

The Council requested clarification regarding the Emergency Manager position and Mr. Jensen identified the individuals who had previously filled this position and explained his proposal to move forward with hiring for the position. He pointed out there was Staff within the Fire Department who would be qualified for this position and reviewed some of those duties.

He also explained the process used to determine the need for the crossing guard at Angel and Weaver and a discussion followed.

He also mentioned a long term solution regarding the Tier II retirement issue would be addressed next year by the State and believed this would be a good short-term solution.

He informed the Council of the separate public hearing regarding compensation for certain positions, due

to recent legislation. He also reminded the Council of the process used to determine the market survey adjustment for the Mayor and City Council positions and distributed a handout.

Councilmember Roberts inquired whether the comparison cities had the same form of government as Layton City and a discussion regarding the proposed increase followed.

Clint Drake, City Attorney, clarified the public hearing was required to take place tonight; however, the Council could table adoption of the Ordinance to the City Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024, and the discussion continued.

ADOPTION OF THE SANITARY SEWER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE – RESOLUTION 24-20

This item was not addressed during the Work Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Kimberly S Read, City Recorder