

Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
City Hall  
Price, Utah  
April 10, 2024

Present:

Mayor Kourianos

Jaci Adams, City Recorder

Councilmembers:

Nick Tatton, Administrative Director

Joe Christman

Miles Nelson, Public Works Director

Amy Knott-Jespersen

Layne Miller

Terry Willis

Excused: Councilmember Richardson

Staff/Others: See Public Meeting Sign-In Sheet

#### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kourianos called the regular meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Eric Nelson, Trinity Christian Center offered a word. Mayor Kourianos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called with the above Councilmembers and staff in attendance.

#### 3. SAFETY SECONDS

Councilmember Knott-Jespersen reminded everyone to pay attention when driving, watch speed limit signs, do not drive drowsy or distracted.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Miller stepped away from the dais to the podium and read aloud an email from Amanda McIntosh, SEUHD Suicide Prevention Specialist because she was unable to attend the meeting in person. The email sent by Amanda states that she is supporting K-9 training for PeeDee, Price City Police K-9, which is an agenda item on consent agenda. Councilmember Miller read the following:

Dear Mayor Kourianos and Price City Council Members,

My name is Amanda McIntosh, and I am a Price City resident. Thank you for the opportunity to make a public comment tonight while being absent. I would like to express my support on agenda item 6b: **K-9 TRAINING. Consideration and possible approval for facility psychiatric service dog training package for PeeDee, Price City Police K-9, with Dog Training Elite Utah County.**

Although I am not an expert on Emotional Support Animals, through my work in mental health and suicide prevention with the health department and the HOPE Squad of Carbon, Emery and Grand Counties, as well as my position with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, I have personally seen the positive impacts emotional support animals have on mental health conditions and more specifically PTSD and trauma. When we talk about protective factors for positive mental health and

building support systems for people with depressive symptoms, their animals are often a part of their healing journey. I suspect it would be nothing less for our law enforcement officers. Price City Police Department and I have worked very hard together to bring funding to the Peer Support Fund through the "Peer Support Fundraisers" for our officers. Training PeeDee would only amplify those self-help-seeking measures.

I would like to encourage the council to approve PeeDee's training through Dog Training Elite. I have talked with Chief Sicilia and believe he is committed and passionate about taking on this endeavor to improve the department and our city. We have already seen the love and support that PeeDee has received in the community; he is beloved and is Price City's protective factor. I support Chief Sicilia and PeeDee in receiving this training and know it will only strengthen our officers' mental well-being and continued service to Price City and beyond.

Thank you  
Amanda McIntosh  
702-419-3471

**Layne, IF there is time, please add the following**

Admittedly, there are not a lot of evidence-based studies that look into the benefits of an emotional support animal and police officers however, I found a few published papers that echo my beliefs. The first one published by the International Association of Chiefs of Police entitled "The Impact of Dogs on Resilience: Facility and Therapy Dog Programs to Enhance Officer Wellness" (linked in this email) says:

"Interactions with dogs have been shown to lower an individual's heart rate and blood pressure levels. Studies also show that interactions between humans and dogs help alleviate Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms. By serving as a distraction or relief from symptoms, dogs can help individuals cope with depression and other mental health conditions. When recovering from trauma, regular, structured interactions with dogs have been found to reduce participants' self-reported fear, anxiety, depression, and sleep disturbance. In other words, dogs help reduce anxiety by providing immediate calm and offering support without judgment."

Another paper entitled "Animal Assisted Therapy on Law Enforcement Mental Health: A Therapy Dog Implementation Guide" states:

"Mental health and mental illness are struggles experienced by many people in our society, but a population that is affected even more than average by it is that of law enforcement. Compared to the general population, law enforcement officials report much higher rates of depression, PTSD, burnout, and other anxiety-related mental health conditions (NAMI, 2020)." **"Some of the most common mental health issues seen within the law enforcement field are that of anxiety, depression, PTSD, and suicidal ideation or behavior. Within the United States, it is estimated that there are likely at least one-quarter million first responders suffering from full- or partial-PTSD (Haugen et al., 2012) and in 2019 alone at least 228 police officers died of suicide alone (Barr, 2020; Shannon, 2020). This number is higher than the number of police officers killed in the line of duty last year and is evidence of the state of mental health in our law enforcement officials, making the provision of effective interventions for this population both necessary and justified."**

Councilmember Miller returned to the dais.

Maria Garcia, local resident, was in attendance to voice her concerns with the restrooms at the Price City parks. Bob Teny, Price City resident was in attendance to voice his concerns regarding the road conditions near 300 East and 800 North.

## 5. GENERAL BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

a. QUARTERLY SAFETY PRIZE DRAWING. Drawing for the quarterly safety prize for qualifying Price City employees.

Linda Allred was the winner of the quarterly safety prize.

b. RECOGNITION. Recognition of Angela Jones for her effort and work assisting the Price City Youth Council.

Mayor Kourianos, Price City Council and Price City Youth Council recognized Angela Jones for her time and dedication with assisting and working with the Price City Youth Council.

c. ROAD SCHOLAR CERTIFICATION RECOGNITION: BRETT BLACKHAM & WILL PAYNE. Price City Council to recognize Brett Blackham and Will Payne for their recent individual achievements in successfully completing all of the requirements for the Road Scholar Program through the Utah Local Technical Assistance Program (Utah LTAP).

Charlie Westbrook, Price City Fleet Supervisor recognized Brett Blackham and Will Payne for completing the requirements for the Road Scholar Program. They were each presented with a plaque for their accomplishments.

d. PROCLAMATION. Reading and possible approval of a proclamation declaring May 10, 2024 as (child care) Provider Appreciation Day in Price City.

Mayor Kourianos read aloud the proclamation declaring May 10, 2024 as Provider Appreciation Day in Price City.

### **MOTION.**

Councilmember Willis moved to approve a proclamation declaring May 10, 2024 as (child care) Provider Appreciation Day in Price City. Councilmember Miller seconded and motion carried.

e. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-006. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution Updating and Amending the Price City Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

### **MOTION.**

Councilmember Knott-Jespersen moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-006 amending the Price City Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Councilmember Willis seconded and motion carried.

f. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-007. Consideration and possible approval of A Resolution Authorizing a Tax Certificate and Agreement for UAMPS' Firm Power Supply Project; And Related Matters.

**MOTION.**

Councilmember Christman moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-007 authorizing a tax certificate and agreement for UAMPS' Firm Power Supply Project; And Related Matter. Councilmember Miller seconded and motion carried.

g. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-008 DESERT WAVE POOL ADMISSION AND SWIM PASS FEES INCREASE. Consideration and possible approval of proposed increases for daily admission and pass fees for the Desert Wave Pool. Effective date of pricing increase is May 1, 2024.

**MOTION.**

Councilmember Willis moved to approve proposed increases for daily admission and pass fees for the Desert Wave Pool, effective May 1, 2024. Councilmember Knott-Jespersen seconded and motion carried.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION.**

Councilmember Miller moved to approve consent agenda items a. thru g. Councilmember Christman seconded and motion carried.

- a. MINUTES for 03-27-2024 City Council Workshop & City Council.
- b. K-9 TRAINING. Consideration and possible approval for facility psychiatric service dog training package for PeeDee, Price City Police K-9, with Dog Training Elite Utah County.
- c. FLEET INCREASE REQUEST STREET DEPARTMENT 10-WHEELER. Consideration and possible approval of a fleet increase request for a 10-wheel dump truck for the Street Department. Vehicle will be added to Price City's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan and will be purchased in a future year.
- d. APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF GRANT SUBMISSION. Approval and ratification of a grant application to the State of Utah OED for the 40101(d) grant funds for electric system hardening improvements.
- e. UPPER PRICE RIVER EIS – NRCS PL 566 CONTRACT EXTENSION LETTER. Consideration and possible approval of a request for the NRCS to extend the ending date for the Upper Price River EIS to May 22, 2025.
- f. UMSP CONTRACT. Consideration and possible approval of an amended scope of work for a Utah Main Street Program grant from signs and window screens to sidewalk replacement in the downtown area (highest hazard areas), \$13,000 UMSP grant and \$10,000 Price City cash match.
- g. BUSINESS LICENSES. Nathaniel Woodward, Attorney at Law, at 37 E Main St. (location change only)

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed or reported.

Mayor Kourianos asked for a motion to close the regular City Council meeting.

Councilmember Willis moved to closed the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Knott-Jespersen seconded and motion carried.

The regular City Council meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Michael Kourianos, Mayor

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Jaci Adams, City Recorder