

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, in the Logan Municipal Council Chambers located at 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah 84321 at 5:30 pm. Logan Municipal Council Meetings are televised live as a public service on Channel 17 and the City of Logan YouTube channel at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLPAOK5eawKS\\_RDBU0stRQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLPAOK5eawKS_RDBU0stRQ)

Council Members present at the beginning of the meeting: Chairman Mark A. Anderson, Vice Chair Jeannie F. Simmonds, Councilmember Amy Z. Anderson, and Councilmember Tom Jensen. Administration present: Mayor Holly H. Daines, City Attorney Kymber Housley, Finance Director Richard Anderson, City Recorder Teresa Harris, and Deputy City Recorder Esli Morales. Excused: Councilmember Ernesto López.

Chairman M. Anderson welcomed those present. There were approximately 10 in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

### **OPENING CEREMONY:**

Councilmember Jensen offered the opening ceremony.

*This morning, I listened to the news and celebration of the safe return of Jeff Bezos and his team from space as a private citizen (not from NASA). They are pioneers in their own right, Richard Branson said, "He was not a pioneer but a tuner. In our opinion, it is extremely high risk, a big challenge, with enormous preparations, and extraordinary costs that pushed the boundaries of exploration."*

*This week commemorates Pioneer Day, a different set of pioneers. There are many pioneers in America including Christopher Columbus, the Spanish Explorers, Mountain Men, Trappers, Explorers Lewis and Clark, Oregon Trail, and the Mormon pioneers that arrived in Utah in 1846 and 1847. In February 1846, the Mormon pioneers first crossed the frozen Mississippi river which had frozen for one of the few times in history. Many of the pioneers crossed barefoot fleeing the mob violence. They were at gunpoint; their leader had been murdered under the care of the Marshall. The governor of Missouri had issued an extermination order to kill any Mormons in the state. Their homes were destroyed, now, families of women and children would be forced to walk barefoot seeking shelter. These humble pioneers only sought to live in peace, raise their families and crops, and worship their God. There have been many religions that have suffered equal persecution including the Lutherans, Catholic, Baptist, and Muslim communities. Why is this?*

*On the pioneer's journey from Nauvoo to Winter Quarters (near Omaha, Nebraska), they suffered from many dangers including disease of which 10% of the company perished from cholera, dysentery, mountain fever, food poisoning, scurvy, smallpox, and pneumonia. On average, there were 10 to 15 deaths per mile. Other dangers included lack of food and water, accidents when crossing icy rivers, rattlesnakes, buffalo, gunshot wounds self-inflicted (by gun explosions), river crossings, and even severe weather such as those experienced by the Willie Martin Handcart company.*

*From Nauvoo to Winter Quarters is 300 miles, they averaged 3 miles per day. There were 60,000 to 70,000 pioneers left, there were 200 companies organized in groups of 100, '50s, and 10's. There were groups of handcarts, 3,000 in total forced to push their belongings on foot. They were highly organized for their own safety. They experienced the transformation of what would have been an unfortunate necessity to what became a shared spiritual experience of suffering. The death rate of the companies was only 3%, but a third of the companies did not have any deaths. Their sacrifice changed lives and built a civilization.*

Councilmember Jensen expressed his gratitude for living in this community and for all those who help make this community great. He led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the Council meeting held on June 15, 2021, were reviewed and approved with no corrections.

**Meeting Agenda.** Chairman M. Anderson announced there are two public hearings scheduled for tonight's Council meeting.

**ACTION. Motion by Councilmember A. Anderson seconded by Vice Chair Simmonds to approve the June 15, 2021, minutes and approve tonight's agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting Schedule.** Chairman M. Anderson announced that regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 pm. The next regular Council meeting is Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Chairman M. Anderson explained that any person wishing to comment on any item not otherwise on the agenda may address the City Council at this point by stepping to the microphone and giving his or her name and address for the record. Comments should be limited to not more than three (3) minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Council Chair. Citizen groups will be asked to appoint a spokesperson. This is the time and place for any person who wishes to comment on non-agenda items. Some items brought forward to the attention of the City Council will be turned over to staff to respond outside of the City Council meeting.

Gail Yost lives at 100 East in Logan. She has been part of the Friends of the Logan Library since the beginning. She is profoundly grateful for the library and having access to its resources. She invited the public to attend the public library book sale that ends on July 31st, and in addition, the library is also accepting donations.

### **MAYOR/STAFF REPORTS:**

Mayor Daines informed the Council on the current drought conditions. The Water Department posted a press release with information and recommendations to citizens that

can be viewed on the City's Facebook page and on the City website. The Parks & Recreation Department has cut the park's watering schedule by half to preserve more water resources. Mayor Daines said the idea is to preserve the parks enough that the grass will become dormant but will not die. She encouraged the public to do the same and asked that understanding be given if the parks are not up to their usual standard.

### **Disposal of Significant Parcel of Property**

City Attorney Kymber Housley announced that a public hearing will be held on August 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the exchange of City-owned property located at 920 West 1800 South, Logan, Utah to Hyclone Laboratories, LLC, in exchange for real property located at 980 West 1800 South, Logan, Utah to be used as a City power substation location.

Mayor Daines elucidated that with the City's growth on the south end, the Light & Power Department had secured a new property for use of a new substation. The City was approached by Cytiva (formerly known as Hyclone Laboratories), who are performing a company expansion and need the parcel of property where the proposed new substation would be located. The trade will work for both parties.

Chairman M. Anderson inquired if Light & Power is content with the land exchange.

Mr. Housley replied that the land exchange is a better location for the substation as the exchanged parcel will be closer to the existing infrastructure.

No further Mayor/Staff Reports were presented.

### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

#### **Planning Commission Update – Vice-Chair Simmonds**

Vice Chair Simmonds reported that the Planning Commission determined a property line adjustment for the development on 600 West 200 North. The line adjustment occurred not because the property has been sold, but rather for financing purposes. No further Council Business items were presented.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **Consideration of a proposed resolution approving a lease agreement with USU to locate a Logan City substation on USU property – Resolution 21-38 – Mark Montgomery, Light & Power Director**

At the June 15, 2021 Council meeting, Light & Power Director Mark Montgomery addressed the Council regarding the proposed resolution. The City desires to place a Substation on USU property and any lease that is over 5 years must be approved by the

Council. The City desires to lease the area as long as possible, but the longest term USU would grant is 40 years with a 10-year option.

Mr. Housley briefly summarized the lease agreement for the substation.

Councilmember Jensen inquired about the location or area size of the substation.

Mr. Housley replied that the area is roughly 100ft by 100ft and is close to the transmission line.

Mayor Daines explained that a key requirement for a substation location is the nearby vicinity of a transmission line and thereby limits potential sites. The powerlines will be put underground of 1200 East to the substation to minimize the impact.

**ACTION. Motion by Councilmember A. Anderson seconded by Councilmember Jensen to approve Resolution 21-38 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustment FY 2021-2022 appropriating: \$309,474 funds for a 40-year land lease for an electric substation – Resolution 21-39 – Richard Anderson, Finance Director**

At the June 15, 2021 Council meeting, Finance Director Richard Anderson addressed the Council regarding the proposed resolution.

Rueben Nelson, Controller from the Finance Department stated that with the approval of the substation now the funds must be allocated for the project.

Mayor Daines added that there is a cost associated with the electric substation even if it had occurred on City property as the funds are coming from the Light & Power budget.

Chairman M. Anderson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

There were no comments and Chairman M. Anderson closed the public hearing.

**ACTION. Motion by Vice Chair Simmonds seconded by Councilmember A. Anderson to approve Resolution 21-39 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

**Budget Adjustment FY 2021-2022 appropriating: \$25,000 funds to CAPSA to assist with the cost of running a qualified homeless shelter in Logan (January to June 2022) - Resolution 21-40 – Mayor Daines**

Mayor Daines addressed the Council and explained that three years ago the State legislature created a funding source for the law enforcement costs of homeless shelters primarily for Salt Lake and other larger metro areas. At that time, the State appropriated

City's sales taxes from cities that did not possess homeless shelters. CAPSA is considered a shelter because they have homeless victims of domestic abuse. CAPSA has recently expanded its facilities and the laws have changed slightly permitting the local CAPSA organization to qualify for these funds. Without local CAPSA services, the City would be sending approximately \$100,000 to the State from the general funds. CAPSA has requested that a portion of the funds that would have been allocated to the State be allocated to assist them. This is a long-term goal to address the topic at a local and a state level.

Councilmember Jensen asked if the classification of CAPSA eliminated the need to provide \$100,000 to the State.

Mayor Daines confirmed that was the case. The proposal is that \$50,000 will be returned to the general fund and then \$50,000 would be provided to CAPSA to be used locally.

Vice Chair Simmonds inquired if some of those funds should be directed towards local law enforcement.

Mayor Daines clarified that the change in the law is allowing for grants. Fortunately, CAPSA runs an excellent organization, there have not been additional law enforcement costs associated with them. There is a good partnership between both parties, but the City will be applying for additional grants for the purposes of law enforcement funding.

Vice Chair Simmonds asked if this was an ongoing appropriation or a one-time appropriation.

Mayor Daines responded that currently, it will be a one-time appropriation while other long-term solutions are explored.

The proposed resolution will be an action item and public hearing at the August 3, 2021 council meeting.

**Budget Adjustment FY 2021-2022 appropriating: \$201,201 funds for a grant Parks and Recreation received from the State of Utah for the Logan River Trail 600 South Mendon Road Project; \$160,000 RAPZ Grant FY22 Trapper Park Restroom and Parking Lot Asphalt; \$115,000 RAPZ Grant FY22 Bridger Park Pickleball Court Lights; \$197,000 RAPZ Grant FY22 Logan City Center Block Plaza Splash Pad and Ice Rink; \$19,263 a grant from the State of Utah to the Library to purchase digital content for the Library; \$12,000 a grant the Library received from the State of Utah to be used to purchase books for the Library; \$125,741 2021 RAPZ Tax Municipal Population Allocation. These funds will be used for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day and July 24<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Day fireworks, Logan River Trail Flood Wall, Riverside Spring Creek Trail, and the Sports Complex Infield Groomer; \$6702 funds received for tree planting; \$15,000 a grant the Library received from the State of Utah to be used to purchase a book bike, outdoor equipment, and laptops; \$85,000 State Task Force Grant the Police Department was awarded from the State of Utah to be used**

**to reduce, prevent, and investigate drug use; \$40,000 insurance recovery funds and department reserves for the purchase of a replacement Community Development vehicle (reserve account 293101); \$2,531,866 a grant the Public Works Department was awarded from the Cache County Council of Governments (COG) for the 100 West Corridor Improvement Phase #1 project; \$1,500 a grant the Police Department was awarded from the State of Utah to purchase police equipment – Resolution 21-41 – Rueben Nelson, Finance Department**

Rueben Nelson, Controller from the Finance Department addressed the Council regarding the proposed resolution. At this time of the year, the majority of grants are accounted for and most are grants which Mr. Nelson further explained.

Councilmember A. Anderson asked if the \$160,000 RAPZ grant for Trapper Park was just for the construction of the parking lot and not the road.

Russ Akina, Parks & Recreation Director replied that the money will be stretched as far as possible.

Vice Chair Simmonds asked if the budget for the fireworks was based on the \$125,741 RAPZ Tax Municipal Population Allocation.

Mr. Akina responded that the funds of the population allocation will fund the fireworks events that were completed for July 3<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day and for what will be done on July 24<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Day. In the past the fireworks events are usually \$90,000 for both events, this year it is \$30,000.

Mayor Daines explained that this year because of the pandemic there was no stadium rental, band expense, etc. The lack of expenditures permitted the remaining funds to be applied to other capital projects.

Vice Chair Simmonds asked for further clarification on the projects.

Mr. Akina explicated that the remaining population allocation budget will be for the Logan River Trail Floodwall, the Riverside Spring Creek Trail, and the Sports Complex infield groomer. These projects are based on recommendations, but more can be done with these funds as there were fewer expenditures for the fireworks this year.

Councilmember A. Anderson requested further information on the book bike.

Karen Clark, Logan Library Director explained that a book bike can be taken to parks or the gardener's market to check out books to the public. A new outdoor canopy is being purchased as the current one is worn. In addition, new laptops are being purchased for the use of Storytime in the park including a new Soundsystem. This is for the duration when the library is demolished and under construction. Since there won't be any available programs indoors, the Library will do outdoor programs called "Reaching out of the Library." It is an effort by the library staff to reach out the library to the public. The

purchase of the book bike is a bit more expensive since it will be an electric bike to aid the staff to go up and down any hills, they might encounter.

Councilmember Jensen asked if the books to be checked out using the book bike would function like normal.

Ms. Clark replied that the book bike functions the same, but the hope is that many books won't be returned at the same time.

Mayor Daines interjected that as part of the \$2,531,866 grant for Phase #1 of the 100 West Corridor Improvement, there will be a trail with a pedestrian underpass.

The proposed resolution will be an action item and public hearing at the August 3, 2021 council meeting.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Councilmember A. Anderson reported meeting with the audit committee. The City has a regular internal audit as part of the State legislation changes.

Mayor Daines said that with the dry season, the public has been very cooperative in limiting their use of fireworks and if using fireworks being responsible when using them. Though she requested that the public be equally as cautious during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Chairman M. Anderson asked for updates for other boards meetings that Councilmembers have attended.

Councilmember Jensen gave an update on the Water Advisory Board regarding the water tank that will be built as requested by the State.

Paul Lindhart, Public Works Director interjected that they are waiting for more information, before presenting to the Council.

Chairman M. Anderson said he had been approached by several members of the community about the National Day of Service on September 11<sup>th</sup>. He asked if the Council or staff members had any ideas to encourage the public to participate in local projects.

Councilmember A. Anderson stated that Cache Community Connection, an inter-faith organization that has existed since 9-11 occurred is hosting videos on their website of different members of the community. She invited the public to view these videos.

Councilmember Jensen asked about the schedule for the demolition of the downtown plaza.

Mayor Daines replied that the current anticipated date is to start demolition November 7, 2021.

There were no further considerations discussed by the Council.

**ADJOURNED.** There being no further business, the Logan Municipal Council adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Esli Morales, Deputy City Recorder