

KAYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
August 15, 2024

Minutes of a regular Kaysville City Council meeting held on August 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Kaysville City Hall at 23 East Center Street, Kaysville, UT.

Council Members present: Mayor Tamara Tran, Council Member John Swan Adams, Council Member Mike Blackham, Council Member Abbigayle Hunt, Council Member Nate Jackson, and Council Member Perry Oaks

Others Present: City Manager Jaysen Christensen, City Attorney Nic Mills, City Recorder Annemarie Plaizier, Information Systems Manager Ryan Judd, Information Systems Assistant Ardi Harsano, John Crofts, Val Starkey, Laurene Starkey, Jason Largey, Flemming D. Hyllested, Michael Lambert, Jill Dredge

OPENING

Council Member Jackson opened the meeting with a thought and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Nothing was brought under this item.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PRESENTATION BY USU BOTANICAL CENTER DIRECTOR, JERRY GOODSPEED

Utah State University Botanical Center Director Jerry Goodspeed expressed his gratitude for the invitation to speak at the council meeting and thanked the council members for their service, acknowledging the challenges they face and commending their efforts. Mr. Goodspeed then provided an update on activities at the Botanical Center, including the new indoor agricultural arena. Since its opening between late October and early December last year, the arena has hosted 53 paid events with 4,150 registered participants, not including additional visitors such as family members and friends. Events held at the arena have included team roping, barrel racing, team penning, mounted Western shooters, adult horse shows, 4H youth horse shows, dog shows, community Christmas events, and livestock shows. Mr. Goodspeed highlighted a new equine-assisted services program they are working to implement, which is aimed at helping individuals with traumatic experiences, depression, and veterans. The program is in the process of acquiring horses and ponies for therapeutic purposes. He also mentioned the success of the "Art in the Arboretum" event held in the spring and ongoing activities such as Tai Chi and yoga in the garden. The Botanical Center has been educating the public through its "Taste, Tour, & Ta-Dah!" in the Garden event, where participants can sample various fruits and learn about gardening, particularly in light of food security issues. Additionally, the center is preparing for its annual Scarecrow Walk

and a new event, the "Reindeer Express," scheduled for December 14th. Mr. Goodspeed also discussed the new Rasmussen Garden, which features plants that are colorful, drought-tolerant, and native to the Intermountain area. These plants are part of ongoing trials with Colorado State University.

Mayor Tran asked if the "Taste, Tour & Ta-Dah!" event required registration to attend.

Jerry Goodspeed confirmed that the event was free and provided details on the schedule, including a performance by a local band.

Council Member Blackham asked for clarification on the extent of the Utah State University Botanical Center's property and whether university students still conducted research projects there.

Jerry Goodspeed explained that the center encompasses 50 acres from Main Street, with an additional 100 acres used for demonstration purposes. Research is still conducted on-site, but the center primarily focuses on demonstrating successful agricultural practices to the public. He also mentioned that interns from various universities, not just Utah State, work at the center.

Council Member Jackson expressed enthusiasm about the introduction of new perennial colors and asked about UDOT's construction of a sound barrier near the Botanical Center. He suggested that a sound barrier would enhance the area, particularly near the pond.

Jerry Goodspeed acknowledged the noise issue and stated that UDOT had previously proposed a sound barrier, but Utah State University had opted for more exposure instead. He agreed to revisit the subject with the University.

Mayor Tran reminded the council that Mr. Goodspeed was honored as Kaysville City's 2024 Unsung Hero for his contributions, particularly his work at the USU Botanical Center. She encouraged more residents to visit the center and take advantage of its resources.

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were disclosed.

CONSENT ITEMS

Council Member Oaks made a motion to approve the following consent items:

- a) Approval of Minutes of July 18, 2024 Council Meeting

Council Member Hunt seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Council Member Adams, yea
Council Member Hunt, yea
Council Member Jackson, yea

Council Member Oaks, yea
Council Member Blackham, yea

The motion passed unanimously.

WORK ITEMS

CODE BLUE SHELTER UPDATE

Mayor Tran provided an update on the progress of Davis County's Code Blue winter response plan, which had an August 1 deadline. Kaysville, as part of the task force, collaborated with other members to explore the idea of a warming bus. City Manager Jason Christensen conducted research and helped build momentum for this initiative. The task force unanimously supported the bus concept, and the plan was submitted to the state by the deadline. On August 6, Mayor Tran and City Manager Christensen met with the Utah State Department of Homeless Services to discuss the warming bus idea. The state expressed interest but indicated that there was a funding gap. The city requested \$150,000 to \$200,000 to purchase the bus, along with ongoing maintenance funds for the upcoming Code Blue season. The state responded on August 7, acknowledging the plan's submission but noted that it was non-compliant due to the funding gap. However, the state agreed to continue discussions about the warming bus idea with the task force. Mayor Tran emphasized her gratitude for the collaboration within the task force and stated that the city is awaiting further updates from the state. She also shared a personal experience of visiting Vero Beach, Florida, where she met with the mayor and representatives from The Source, a nonprofit that retrofits retired tour buses into warming buses, or what they call dignity buses. She and her husband inspected one of these buses, which featured 20 beds, a toilet, and other amenities. She was impressed by the cleanliness and practicality of the buses and felt confident in the initiative.

City Manager Christensen supported Mayor Tran's remarks, highlighting the successful collaboration within the task force and the positive steps taken in recommending the bus idea to the state.

Council Member Oaks expressed frustration with the state's unfunded mandate, noting that the state requires the city to implement the plan without providing the necessary funding.

Council Member Jackson acknowledged the challenges at the beginning of this Code Blue winter response process and praised Mayor Tran, Mr. Christensen, and Council Member Blackham for their efforts. He expressed optimism that the state would recognize the importance of the plan and potentially provide funding in the future.

Jill Dredge requested that she be allowed to present information to the council.

Mayor Tran responded that the council was not taking public comment for this item but would be happy to speak with her following the council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Council Member Blackham reported an increase in positive West Nile virus detections in mosquito pools within the area. The Davis County Mosquito Abatement regularly collects and tests mosquito pools throughout Davis County, and although there have been no human cases reported yet, the presence of the virus is concerning. He advised the public to use mosquito repellent, especially during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

Mayor Tran asked why there has been an increase in West Nile virus activity.

Council Member Blackham responded that he was unsure but suggested that the council reach out to Gary Hatch, the manager at Davis County Mosquito Abatement, for more information. He praised Mr. Hatch's efforts, noting the use of new technology, such as drones, to treat smaller, hard-to-reach areas. Positive mosquito pools have been found in areas like West Kaysville and Farmington. He reiterated the importance of public awareness and preventive measures, as the disease is serious.

Council Member Adams inquired if there had been any noticeable changes in mosquito patterns.

Council Member Blackham responded that no significant changes have been observed, but as urban sprawl extends westward, more people are encountering mosquitoes, leading to an increase in complaints and the need for treatment. He mentioned that areas once considered marshland are now more populated, requiring additional attention.

Mayor Tran announced a new initiative from the Kaysville Youth City Council: a "Why I Love Kaysville" video contest. The contest will invite participants, including high school and junior high school students, as well as other community members, to create one- to three-minute videos showcasing why they love Kaysville. The contest, which will be judged by the City Council, will start in the next couple of weeks and conclude on November 15, with the winning videos being displayed publicly.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jaysen Christensen discussed the ongoing transition of the city's dispatch services from Davis County to Bountiful, following the council's approval earlier this year. This change, effective January 1, will involve a consolidated dispatch group serving cities from Kaysville to the southern border of Davis County. The transition is expected to be seamless, similar to the successful transition that occurred with Centerville a few years ago.

Mr. Christensen also mentioned that Kaysville Creamery, which won "Best Float" in the recent parade, will be presented with a traveling trophy. The presentation will take place at Kaysville Creamery at 3:20 PM on Monday, and a photo op is planned for the event. He commented on the creativity of their parade float, which recreated a scene from the movie Ferris Bueller's Day Off.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Blackham made a motion to recess the city council meeting at 7:29 p.m. and convene into a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, in accordance with Utah State Code §52-4-205. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hunt and passed unanimously.

Council Member Oaks made a motion to adjourn the closed session at 8:23 p.m. and reconvene the city council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Blackham made a motion to adjourn the city council meeting at 8:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.