

KAYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
October 17, 2019

Minutes of a regular Kaysville City Council meeting held on October 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kaysville City Parks and Recreation Center at 85 North 100 East, Kaysville.

Council Members present: Mayor Katie Witt, Council Member Larry Page, Council Member Jake Garn, and Council Member Michelle Barber

Council Members absent: Council Member Dave Adams and Council Member Stroh DeCaire

Others Present: City Manager Shayne Scott, City Attorney Nic Mills, City Recorder Annemarie Plaizier, Information Systems Manager Ryan Judd, Police Chief Sol Oberg, Stephen Noel, Caleb Stroh, Greg Carlile, Olivia Natasha Carlile, Brian Perry, Andre Lortz, Jacob Willoughby, Timothy Hodges, David Saunders, Ed Moffett, Brigg Lewis, Mike Blackham, Paul Hayward

OPENING

Mayor Katie Witt opened the meeting.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 4-8, 2019 AS CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT WEEK

Mayor Witt read a proclamation declaring November 4-8, 2019 as Citizen Engagement Week and invited all residents to vote in the municipal elections by mail or in-person on November 5, 2019.

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were disclosed.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Paul Hayward said that the city sent out a mailer to residents about the candidates in the election, however there was no contact information for them, with the exception of one candidate's e-mail. A different mailer was sent out with information regarding Proposition 5, but there was also no contact information to be able to contact the sponsors. If the city is going to send out information to residents it should include contact information so that residents may contact the people involved and get more educated on the matter. Mr. Hayward said that he is an existing Centurylink customer and Comcast has not said anything about joining with Kaysville Fiber, and he does not want to have to pay for the fiber if he's not using it. The opt-out form is worded badly and needs to state that the seller of a home may disclose that they had opted-out, rather than forcing them to disclose it. The city should have had residents opt-in rather than opting-out.

David Saunders asked about the timing of fiber bonding. Mr. Saunders said that he likes the idea

of fiber, but isn't happy with the way it's been done. He would like the option to opt-out of fiber for the time being, and then if the city finds that there is sufficient interest from residents to move forward with fiber then he would like the option to be able to rescind his opt-out letter. There hasn't been clarification if this would even be feasible.

Jacob Willoughby said that he has read all of the documents that have been presented to the Council and found them to be well-written. It was very sensible of the city to pursue LightHub because there will be cost efficiencies, and the city will have a lot of choices in what it does and how it is done. There is a lot of misinformation being given to residents about LightHub. People have been misinterpreting the documents and its intentions completely. When he has spoken to neighbors about this, people have been reasonable and favorable of the project, but he understands why some have hesitations about it. After examining all of the information available, Mr. Willoughby said that he understands why the city has gone with this fiber model. The Council has done a lot of research about this and the Technical Advisory Committee has been advising Council wisely. Mr. Willoughby said that he has full confidence in the represented democracy and thanked everyone who has been involved in this project, as well as the discussions that have occurred.

Brigg Lewis said that he is surprised about the amount of misinformation that people have regarding fiber. One person stated to him that they were under the impression that if they were to opt-in for fiber that they would save money on their water bill, which doesn't make any sense. Mr. Lewis said that he had spoken with the city of Ammon, Idaho, who has implemented a similar fiber project, and was told that less than twenty percent of their residents had signed up for fiber. Mr. Lewis stated that he is afraid that we are hurrying into something we don't know all of the details about. Fiber might be a good thing, but is not something he needs. The internet service he has is fast enough and he's never had a problem with it. The City Council needs to slow down and think about what they are doing. There might be some better technology coming down the road in a couple of years. There is a rumor that Salt Lake City wouldn't put in fiber in new structures because it wasn't sufficiently reliable. There are a lot of questions about this project and not a lot of answers. There are too many unknowns, and the citizens will be stuck having to pay for this for many years in the future. What if this project doesn't work out?

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Barber said that the city and Technical Advisory Committee have been holding information sessions at the Fire Department on Monday evenings this month at 7:00 p.m. It is a good place for residents to come and ask questions about the fiber project or the Fiber Opt-Out forms. Residents can also contact anyone from the Technical Advisory Committee to ask their questions as well.

Council Member Garn commented that the Public Works Department has been able to make a lot of progress on improving specific roads around Kaysville this year, and thanked them for their work. Council Member Garn added that he appreciated the individual who contacted the city about the Citizen Engagement Week proclamation. It's good to have more people involved in the election and encouraged more residents to become registered voters.

Council Member Page said that the City Hall remodel is going well and they are on schedule.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Garn made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:17 p.m. and reconvene into a closed meeting for a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, seconded by Council Member Page. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Page made a motion adjourn the closed session at 8:30 p.m. and reconvene into the City Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Barber. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Page made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Council Member Garn and passed unanimously.