

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council work session** held Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:27 p.m.,
2 with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street, and electronically via Zoom.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Mayor Clark Wilkinson

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8 Council Members Gina Hirst
9 William Ince
10 Robyn Mecham
11 Spencer Summerhays

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13 **MEMBER ABSENT** George McEwan

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15 **STAFF PRESENT**

16 Brant Hanson, City Manager
17 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
18 Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder
19 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
20 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
21 Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director
22 Bryce King, Recreation Coordinator
23 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
24 Cory Snyder, Community Development Director
25 Kevin Campbell, City Engineer

26 **LEE SKABELUND MEMORIAL NATURE PARK SIGN**

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28 Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Cox showed three design options for lettering on a
29 sign for Lee Skabelund Memorial Nature Park. The Council discussed the options.
30 Councilmembers Ince and Mecham expressed a preference for having "Lee Skabelund" on the
31 top line and "Memorial Nature Park" on the second line. Councilmembers Summerhays and Ince
32 expressed a preference for a uniform font size.

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34 Mr. Cox showed a suggested design for a more permanent sign at William R. Smith Park.
35 Councilmembers Ince and Mecham said they liked the proposed design. Councilmember
36 Summerhays suggested "Smith" and "Park" should be the same font size. Councilmember Hirst
37 said she agreed, and said the proposed design did not seem balanced. Mayor Wilkinson said he
38 agreed "Smith" and "Park" should be the same size. Councilmember Mecham requested staff
39 bring back multiple design options. The Council discussed the possibility of using a font as similar
40 to other park signs in the City as possible.

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42 **WATER RATES**

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44 Public Works Director Mike Carlson outlined needed culinary water system projects.
45 Historically, the City generally budgeted approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000 per year for culinary
46 water replacement projects. In order to keep up with replacement projects as outlined in the
47 Culinary Water Capital Facilities Plan, the budgeted capital outlay amount in FY2023 would need
48 to be \$1.5 million. Mr. Carlson said he recommended a water rate increase of 35% - 40% in
49 FY2023, with an annual CPI increase of up to 5% per year, and a CPI evaluation every five years.

1 He noted the cost of water main parts had increased 25%-35% in the last year, and labor costs
2 had increased approximately 25% in the last year. Water rates were last increased in 2018.
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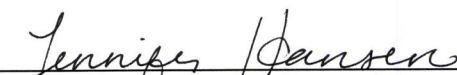
4 Finance Director Nate Plaizier said the Utah Department of Environmental Quality
5 recommended combined culinary/secondary water rates should be 1.4% of Median Adjusted
6 Gross Income (MAGI). The MAGI in Centerville was reported at \$61,800, which calculated to a
7 combined water rate of \$865.20 annually, or \$72.10 per month. He said Weber Basin reported an
8 average household payment of \$16.89 per month. Subtracting secondary water from the
9 combined recommended total put the recommended culinary water rate around \$55 per month.
10 Mr. Plaizier showed a table of current rates and proposed rates, and showed sample water bills
11 for average usage in 2, 4, 6, and 9-person households. The proposed rates would increase
12 average water bills by \$11.40 per month. Mr. Plaizier spoke of cities in the area also looking at a
13 water rate increase.
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15 Councilmember Summerhays said he believed the citizens of Centerville understood
16 when tough decisions needed to be made for the benefit of the larger community, despite it being
17 difficult. He said he was willing to make the hard, right decision. Responding to a question from
18 Councilmember Mecham, Mr. Hanson said a public hearing would be scheduled for the issue.
19 Councilmember Ince said he was fairly sure he remembered being told that the previous increase
20 approved would take care of future needs. City Attorney Lisa Romney responded that staff
21 recommended an annual CPI increase at the time to help meet needs, which was never
22 implemented by the Council. City Engineer Kevin Campbell explained the 10% increase in 2016,
23 2017, and 2018 was approved based on a 2010 report. He said inflation was not added to the
24 2010 Capital Facilities Plan report, and the report did not anticipate replacement of tanks, pumps,
25 or well houses. Mr. Campbell said the currently proposed rate increase was based on 2020
26 numbers, but the cost of pipe had already increased since the numbers were calculated. He
27 emphasized that an annual CPI increase was recommended. Councilmember Ince requested
28 comparative data for more cities.
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30 Due to the time and the need to begin regular Council meeting, Mayor Wilkinson asked to
31 continue discussion of water rates at a future work session. Councilmember Ince said he would
32 want public communications from the City to emphasize the high quality of the Centerville water
33 system, and the high cost of maintenance.
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35 ADJOURNMENT

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37 At 7:15 p.m., Councilmember Ince **moved** to adjourn the work session. Councilmember
38 Mecham seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (4-0).
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42 Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder
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4-19-2022
Date Approved

