

MINUTES OF THE MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL

(Work Meeting)

Tuesday, 3 May 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Midway Community Center, Council Chambers
160 West Main Street, Midway, Utah

Note: Notices/agendas were posted at 7-Eleven, Ridley's Express, the United States Post Office, the Midway City Office Building, and the Midway Community Center. Notices/agendas were provided to the City Council, City Engineer, City Attorney, Planning Director, and The Wasatch Wave. The public notice/agenda was published on the Utah State Public Notice Website and the City's website. A copy of the public notice/agenda is contained in the supplemental file.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. She excused Council Member Drury and Council Member Orme.

Members Present:

Celeste Johnson, Mayor
Steve Dougherty, Council Member
Kevin Payne, Council Member
JC Simonsen, Council Member

Staff Present:

Corbin Gordon, Attorney
Michael Henke, Planning Director
Wes Johnson, Engineer
Brad Wilson, Recorder/Financial Officer

Members Excused:

Jeff Drury, Council Member
Lisa Orme, Council Member

Note: A copy of the meeting roll is contained in the supplemental file.

2. RAP Tax / Discussion (City Recorder - Approximately 40 minutes) – Discuss imposing a sales and use tax for botanical, cultural, recreational, and zoological organizations, or facilities.

Brad Wilson gave a presentation regarding the RAP Tax and reviewed the process for adoption.

Note: A copy of Mr. Wilson's presentation is contained in the supplemental file.

The Council, staff, and meeting attendees discussed the following items:

- Was then the right time to try to adopt the tax?
- Residents favored the tax when it was explained well.
- 60% of the County's sales taxes were paid by tourists.
- The tax should be a net positive.
- How much of taxes stayed in Wasatch County?
- Should the City encourage the County to try again to impose the tax?
- The tax should be imposed in cooperation with the County.

Mayor Johnson asked that a draft letter, be placed on a council meeting agenda, notifying the County of the City's intent to put the tax on the ballot.

3. Rural County Grant / Discussion (City Attorney – Approximately 20 minutes) – Discuss applying for a rural county grant.

Corbin Gordon gave a presentation regarding the rural county grant and reviewed the following items:

- Overview
- Application process

Mr. Gordon also made the following comments:

- The grant was limited per county.
- Heber Valley Tourism and Economic Development (HVTED) was the clearing house for the grants in Wasatch County.
- The City could present to HVTED before the application deadline.
- Two types of rural county grants were available. The City could apply for both.
- Once HVTED approved the grant then they would help the City apply to the State.

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Council Member Dougherty suggested that Nancy O'Toole could write the grant request.

Mayor Johnson asked that the City be on the next agenda for HVTED.

4. County Assessor / Revaluation

Mayor Johnson explained that properties in Midway were being reevaluated. She indicated that the Wasatch County Assessor would be at the next work meeting to answer questions regarding the process.

5. Culinary Water System / Update

Wes Johnson distributed a packet of information regarding the City's culinary water system. He indicated that the documents had been reviewed with the Council the prior year. He noted that the calculations were based on each day of the year requiring peak demand.

The Council, staff, and meeting attendees discussed the following items:

- The Alpenhof-Weber well should be tested to see if it could produce more water.
- The test would require removing the pump and testing for 24 to 48 hours.
- This process would take several days.
- Should this be done during a drought?
- Could the existing springs provide enough water?
- A test well could be drilled next to the Alpenhof-Weber well.

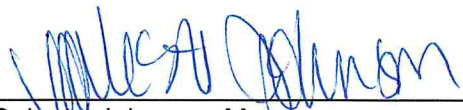
6. Pressurized Irrigation / Notice Water Restrictions

Council Member Payne asked if a notice, of the water restrictions for pressurized irrigation, would be sent to residents. Council Member Dougherty responded that a letter had been mailed.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Council Member Payne moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Celeste Johnson, Mayor



Brad Wilson, Recorder