

# PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday October 18th, 2023, 6:00 PM

Providence City Office Building, 164 North Gateway Drive, Providence UT

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## Opening Ceremony:

Call to Order: Mayor Alder

Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Alder, Council Members Paulsen, Kirk, Sealy, Speth (Via Zoom) & Nebeker.

Staff in Attendance: Ryan Snow (City Manager), Rob Stapley (Public Works Director), Skarlet Bankhead (Community Development Director), Ty Cameron (City Recorder).

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Nebeker

Opening Remarks/Prayer: Council Member Kirk

## **5 MIN 40 SEC.**

Council Reports: Items presented by the City Council members will be presented as informational only; no formal action will be taken.

- Mayor Alder called for council reports.

## Council Member Nebeker:

- Has walked around the city recently and has seen the roads and sidewalks that have been worked on and noted that there were some that looked like they could still use some work and would talk to Ryan about future plans for them.
- Has been responding to citizens emails and concerns regarding projects around the city.
- There was no official mosquito abatement meeting this month.

## Council Member Sealy:

- Is legislative policy committee representative for the council and has been attending numerous meetings to discuss the state legislature's priorities and upcoming bills. Reported that housing and water are high on their list of issues to address. Trying to communicate to legislators that there are over 165,000 housing units in the State in development, and that the cities want the State to slow down on housing legislation so the cities can catch up on implementing policies.
- The Planning Commission has been making efforts to address various amendments as required by the State and noted that the city has a diverse group of members on the Planning Commission and that has helped bring in a lot of ideas and expertise.
- The School Board is considering a \$139 million bond on the ballot this election, which would change Spring Creek Middle School into an Elementary School and build 2 new Middle Schools in the valley.

This would mean that there will be two elementary schools in Providence City, which will benefit the community and surrounding cities.

- Attended a Library Board meeting where they discussed the upcoming bills and school bond.

#### Council Member Kirk:

- Expressed concerns about the State's spending on high density housing and the potential overreach of government at the state level and city levels.
- Informed that the Youth Council have been involved in various events, such as Sauerkraut Days, Apple Days Parade, Ridgeline Homecoming Parade, and Providence Elementary Bingo Night etc. They also attended the Top of Utah Half Marathon
- Highlighted the ULCT conference where they discussed high density housing and other housing issues. Has made an appointment with Chris Wilson, State Representative, and will be urging him to understand that what is happening on the Wasatch Front regarding housing doesn't necessarily fit or translate to the needs of Cache Valley.
- Commented on the state initiative for zero-scaping, stating that citizens are not being held back from it, but that the city is not necessarily requiring developers, new developments, or their citizens to have zero-scaping; nor does the city want to mandate and monitor it.
- Has loved being on the council and seeing all the different perspective residents have regarding the city's growth and new projects and commended them for showing up and expressing their opinions.

#### Council Member Speth:

- Reported on the success of emergency preparedness fairs throughout the State, including here in the valley, and announced that one was coming up in couple of weeks which will be held at the Providence Stake Center that's just east of Macy's.
- The city is looking at alternative power sources such as generators for if or when there's a power outage, especially for pumping water.
- Reported that the Historic Preservation Commission is moving forward with placing new markers and is looking into hiring a backhoe to help dig the holes and lay the concrete and wonder if the city could help with that. Also mentioned that he has a CD from a resident full of historic photos of the city and would be giving it to the Commission to see if they could use it on their website.

#### Council Member Paulsen:

- Nothing to report, thanked everyone for coming tonight.

#### Mayor Alder:

- Also attended the ULCT conference and expressed the concern and need for accountability for both the City and State. Commented on the housing market and being unable to control the price of houses and developments.
- Encouraged citizens to stay active and watch and be involved with the legislature, as constituents make a significant difference when they call and work with legislators.

- Mentioned the local Chamber of Commerce, which offers opportunities for small business owners to learn and grow and encouraged business owners to take advantage of those opportunities.
- Closed the council report portion of the meeting.

#### **Approval of the minutes:**

**21 MIN. 40 SEC.**

- **Item No. 1 Approval of the Minutes:** The Providence City Council will consider for approval the minutes of September 20th, 2023 . [\(MINUTES\)](#)

- Mayor Alder called for the approval of the minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- No corrections were made or brought forward.
- Council Member Kirk noted she would abstain from voting as she was not present at the last meeting.

**Motion to approve the minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Council Member Paulsen. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Council Member Sealy.**

**Vote:**

**Yea- Council Members Paulsen, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.**

**Nay\_**

**Abstained- Council Member Kirk**

**Absent-**

**Motion passes, minutes approved.**

**Public Comments:** Citizens may express their views to the City Council on issues within the City's jurisdiction. The City Council accepts comments: by email providencecityutah@gmail.com, and by text 435-752-9441.

- Mayor Alder opened the floor to public comments.
- Jim Roberts, resident, commented that he has concerns with the intersection of Center Street and Abby Lane and noted that there is a lot of speeding in that area. Reported that he had lost 4 mailboxes in 4 years due to cars going too fast and getting out of control. Suggested that the city put in a 4 way stop, speed bumps, water ways, elevated pedestrian walkway or something to make that intersection safer.
- The parties discussed the area and thanked Mr. Roberts for his comment.
- No further comments were made. Mayor Alder closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

#### **Presentations/Public Hearings:**

**30 MIN. 05 SEC.**

- **Item No. 2 Providence City Code 6-2-6 & 6-2-8 Amendments:** The Providence City Council will take comments and questions regarding a proposed ordinance to amend PCC 6-2-6 & 6-2-8. The proposed amendments are seeking to change night and winter parking dates, times, and restrictions.

- 133 • Mayor Alder called item 2, gave a brief introduction and asked Ryan Snow to give an overview  
134 of the ordinance before opening the floor for public comment.
- 135 • Ryan Snow reviewed with the Council the ordinance and the requested amendments which  
136 proposed a change in the start date, increased plowing hours, damage liability, snow removal by  
137 residents, increased fines and year-round overnight parking of RVs, trailers etc.
- 138 • Council and staff discussed the comments that had come in via email. The Council requested that  
139 the comments be read on the record.
- 140 • Ty Cameron, City Recorder, read the emailed comments on the record. \*Comments are attached  
141 to the minutes down below.
- 142 • Mayor Alder opened the floor of public comment.
- 143 • Joe A, resident, acknowledged the challenges faced by the city and its residents. Described his  
144 love for the area and the opportunities it offers. Discussed the need for collaboration with the city  
145 in dealing with snow, as it affects everyone, including the city and the people who plow the  
146 roads. Commented on the importance of good intent in ordinances, as he finds that good  
147 intentions are often lost in the details. He mentioned that snow piles on their lot that can get over  
148 10 feet tall and 15 feet wide, and how it has become a nuisance to the post office. Suggested that  
149 the details of the issue should be considered and to consider the good intentions of the citizens.
- 150 • Kirsten Winterton, resident, has been resident of Providence for over 10 years. Expressed  
151 concerns about the proposed change in the snowfall or parking start date from December to  
152 November. Has concerns about the new times as she believes that most normal jobs require  
153 snowplows before 10 a.m., which she finds problematic if the new time is approved.  
154 Additionally, has issues with the current ordinances being enforced too restrictively. Reported  
155 that she had a problem with a neighbor parking their RV in front of her house, and that it took a  
156 month to resolve. Believes that changing the ordinances to make them more restrictive is  
157 unlikely to be enforced or followed.
- 158 • Lindsey Jenkins, resident, discussed concerns about the winter parking changes, particularly the  
159 potential delay in plowing until 10 am if this ordinance is approved. Believes this could be  
160 problematic for efficiency and safety, especially for transporting people to and from work and  
161 school. She believes roads should be plowed earlier, as city workers already struggle to maintain  
162 a consistent time for plowing. Advocated for convenience and freedom within the city, allowing  
163 visitors to park at 9 am without worrying about space or tickets. Also mentioned the need for  
164 service calls to park on the street before 9 am.
- 165 • Deno Blau, resident, commented on plowing snow and pushing snow back into the driveways  
166 and the issues that causes. Commented on the RV parking issue and believes some of the  
167 problems are due to planning and zoning and not allowing enough parking. Conveyed that in the  
168 summer RVs should be allowed to be parked in the street but does agree that during winter they  
169 should be parked elsewhere. Suggested that people should be more responsible in clearing areas  
170 in front of their homes to prevent snowplows from clogging up their driveways. Asked about  
171 parking officer and who patrols the area and if the patrolling is equal. Staff responded that we do  
172 have a code compliance staff member and that we contract with the County Sheriffs for policing  
173 needs.
- 174 • Vern Budge, resident, commented on the big new bike sign outside is house and the painted bike  
175 lanes on the road. Expressed that he does not like the sign right outside his house and asked that  
176 it be removed. Commented on the bike lanes in the area and the lack of bike riders.

- 177 • Emily Hansen, resident, discussed the parking ordinance and how it will affect her  
178 neighborhood, especially cars driven by teenagers and college kids who often park on the streets  
179 and leave late at night. Relayed that she worries about the winter parking issue and her kids and  
180 there friends being worried about getting a ticket for parking on the street with nowhere else to  
181 park. Commented on the bike lane signs and new bike lanes on the road and some of the issues  
182 they bring as well as the speeding on Abbey Ln that was mentioned earlier.
- 183 • Blair Thompson, resident, commented that he and his family have been parking on Main Street  
184 for almost 40 years, parking eight feet off the asphalt. They have been compliant with parking  
185 requirements and have only received one citation for parking. Indicated that this ordinance, if  
186 approved, would cause lots of problems for his area. Expressed concern regarding the wording of  
187 how the ordinance reads for not allowing certain parking on the streets. Commented on snow  
188 plowing and shared appreciation for the staff the keep the roads clear. Explained that he does his  
189 best to keep his driveway and in front of his road cleared so that it doesn't cause problems for the  
190 trucks.
- 191 • Jay Hackey, resident, expressed concern about overnight parking on the road, and stated that  
192 parking on the road helps slow cars down but that it does create obstacles for those trying to exit  
193 their driveways at night. He agrees that regulating parking is necessary to help with the  
194 snowplows. He believes that restricting parking so much will be a great inconvenience for  
195 everyone.
- 196 • Quinton Eversall, resident, indicated that he is a multifamily homeowner with three children.  
197 Discussed the necessity of parking on the street for various activities throughout the year. He  
198 mentioned cleaning his garage and preparing for camping trips, which requires a larger space for  
199 their trailer and the need to park it on the street for a bit. Suggested setting a timeframe of how  
200 long something can be parked on the street. Expressed concern with limiting street parking.
- 201 • David Kunz, resident, raised concerns about the lack of overnight parking in his neighborhood  
202 and the need for it. He noticed that his neighbors family would use the street for their RV for  
203 camping or visiting the family and would park it on the street as there was nowhere else to go.  
204 Commented that this is not a bother and suggested extending the 24-hour parking period to 48  
205 hours to accommodate people staying over for a couple of days to visit family. Mentioned his  
206 own father's tendency to park across the street, where there isn't a driveway when he comes to  
207 visit and the need for some on-street parking.
- 208 • Zack Jensen, resident, commented on the issue restricting street parking would cause if it was  
209 enforced year-round. Commented on the bike lanes and hope they will be used.
- 210 • Dave Smith, resident, discussed the issue of winter night parking for teenagers and is more  
211 concerned about having their kids out at night if they can't park on the streets, he prefers to have  
212 them stay at home and hang with their friends than be out and about. Commented on RV's  
213 parking in the street and how some park on the street to visit family or grandkids for a week or so  
214 and the need to park on the street than having to go somewhere else.
- 215 • Micala Jensen, resident, expressed her concerns about the timing of the November 1st parking  
216 ban. She believes that the ban is too early and would prefer it to be later. Believes RV parking on  
217 the street is necessary at certain times of the year as most people get their RV ready the day or  
218 night before and leave it on the street so in the morning they can get up and go. Commented on  
219 trailers in the street and the needs for those who work daily and use the trailers daily for work  
220 and that's its just easier to leave from the street in the mornings.

- No further comments were made. Mayor Alder closed the public hearing.

## **Resolutions/Ordinances:**

### **1 HR. 17 MIN. 05 SEC.**

- **Item No. 3 Ordinance 05-2023 – Providence City Code 6-2-6 & 6-2-8 Amendments:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss, and may take action on a proposed ordinance that seeks to amend PCC 6-2-6 & 6-2-8. [\(ORDIN. 05-2023\)](#)

- Mayor Alder called item 3 and opened it up for council discussion.
- Ryan Snow commented that the 48-hour restriction on street parking that was mentioned and discussed in the public hearing was a State law.
- Council Member Sealy motioned to adopt ordinance 05-2023 code amendments to PCC 6-2-6 & 6-2-8. Seconded by Council Member Kirk.
- The council discussed the November 1<sup>st</sup> date and the 11 pm to 10 am timeslot. The council indicated that 10 am seemed to late and November 1<sup>st</sup> seemed to early. Councilman Paulsen commented that he liked the first measurable snowfall wording. Councilwomen Kirk clarified that changing the timeslot would not delay when the snowplows would start plowing the roads, just give them more time to completely clear the roads before cars could park on the streets.
- Parties discussed the snowplow crews schedule and start times. Parties highlighted the importance of maintaining a consistent schedule for snow removal and maintaining a safe driving environment for all. The council reported that the snowplow crew could perform better if there were fewer cars on the street. They also discussed the importance of not parking on the street until the start time, whatever that time may be.
- Skarlet Bankhead commented on behalf of the staff, that frustrations of snowplow drivers and community members are due to improper street parking during snowplowing times. The issue is exacerbated by people intentionally parking their cars in front of their driveways preventing the plows from coming in and plowing in front of their house. Noted that the city also receives complaints from community members about neighbors improperly parking on their streets.
- Councilman Speth commented that moving the time from 10 am to 9 am was more reasonable.
- Parties conveyed the importance of finding a compromise so that staff could do their job and that the residents would be happy and safe with the cities plowed roads.
- The council talked about changing the time slot from 11 pm to 10 am to midnight to 9 am or from 1 am to 9 am.
- Rob Stapley mentioned concerns about parking on the streets in the early mornings. Reported that the plows are limited due to the number of streets and the limited number of drivers. Suggested increasing the window to allow more time for proper snow removal and that any extension of the time would help.
- Rob Stapley discussed with the Council the staff snowplowing routine and hours as well as some of the issues they see.
- Council members commented on ice piles that are hard on the snowplows and how a lot of them could be avoided if residents removed their snow properly. They stated that residents need to be reminded that putting snow back into the road causes problems and tracking snow into the streets with their side by sides or four wheelers with plows causes problems as well.

- Rob Stapley commented on the importance of snowplows in minimizing drift into driveways and that their goal is to disperse snow equally. Staff does not intentionally bury driveways, but they need to widen roads to prepare for the next storm. Rob instructed the Council on snowplow driving techniques and what staff is trying to accomplish when they plow snow next to driveways.
- The Council commented on general snow fall in the valley and enforcing code or ordinances. The council discussed the start date of November 1<sup>st</sup> and that it seemed to early.
- Council addressed the liability wording of the section and that it made sense and seemed reasonable. Staff commented that the liability would be on the resident.
- Parties conveyed issues with enforcement and selective enforcement. cited areas of the city where they see the most problems. Enforcement is not always necessary, as many people will respect the rules and understand the concerns. The police also know these areas and work with them to remind neighborhoods of the rules. The Council acknowledged that enforcing all ordinances may not be possible in one day, but it is expected to resolve over time.
- Staff indicated that code enforcement often gives notice and education to educate people about the rules, such as putting out pamphlets or stickers on vehicles and encouraging residents to comply. Parties agree that enforcement is a challenging task, but believe that with time and effort, compliance will improve.
- Council and staff discussed the benefits of having an actual start date that helps remind people of when codes or ordinances take effect. Staff commented on the variables in the city that dictate where plows start, when to salt the roads etc. The way snowplows are used varies based on the snow, the area, and the neighborhood.
- The Council talked about the issue of abandoned vehicles and their removal. Vehicles that have been plowed around are considered abandoned or violated and can be removed. The State Code suggests that the time when a vehicle can be removed is 48 hours. Parties also talked about the issue of parking eight feet off the pavement.
- Staff commented on the difficulty of knocking on doors and trying to find the owner of the vehicle who had parked on the street and needed to move in order to repair the road. This is especially so with roads outside apartment or condo developments.
- Parties addressed the bike lane and on-street parking and if the city nuisance order should be reviewed to include some of these parking restrictions. Ryan Snow commented that the bike lanes have been a learning experience, and the city is working on resolving some of the issues that have been brought up.
- Parties conveyed the issues they and residents have with RVs & trailers parking on the streets, blocking the view and causing issues with drivers. Ryan Snow commented that one of the reasons that staff are proposing this parking restriction is because next year the city will be taking on garbage removal which will be 4 days a week. The city is also hoping to have a street sweeper to help keep the streets clean.
- The council commented on noticing individuals before enforcement and understands that there is an issue in the city with RV and trailer parking on the streets. The council reviewed the wording of the overnight parking section and indicated that it may seem to restrictive. The council discussed continuing the amendment of the overnight parking section as there seems to be a lot more to review and discuss.
- The council talked about the process of bringing the year round parking amendment back before the Council and if there would be a need for another public hearing.

**Motion to amend previous motion of approving Ordinance 05-2023 Providence City Code 6-2-8 Winter Regulations with the following changes: The start of November 1<sup>st</sup> will be changed to November 15<sup>th</sup>, times will be changed from 11:00 pm and 10:00 am to 1:00 am and 9:00 am. The wording of ‘more than 48-hours’ will be added to section 4 (PCC 6-2-8(A)(4). Section 6-2-6 Certain Purposes Prohibited (night parking) will be revisited at a later date. Fee increase from \$25 to \$50 is also approved – Council Member Sealy. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Council Member Kirk.**

**Vote:**

**Yea- Council Members Paulsen, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.**

**Ney-**

**Abstained-**

**Absent-**

**Motion passes. Ordinance 05-2023 is approved with the recommended changes. PCC 6-2-6 will be addressed or discussed at a later date.**

## **2 HR. 24 MIN. 55 SEC.**

- **Item No. 4 Resolution 09-2023 Noise Variance Special Permit – Well Drilling:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss, and may take action on a resolution granting a noise variance special permit to Hydro Resources for the drilling of a test well for a future planned water production well.

### **(RES. 09-2023) & (APPLICATION)**

- Mayor Alder called item 4, gave a brief introduction and the purpose of this item and resolution.
- Ryan Snow reported that Steven Wood the engineer for this project was here to present. Mayor Alder asked Mr. Wood if he would come to the podium and present their request.
- Stephen Wood from Sunrise Engineering discussed their work on drilling production wells and test wells per the city’s water master plan. They have encountered water bearing formation at the dew tank site but due to the amount of water found the water destabilized the formation due to the lack of stabilizing fluid. To address this issue, they propose using mud drilling, which involves filling the hole with a higher density fluid to hold the material back and prevent further cave ins. In order to do this they would need to drill 24/7.
- Mr. Wood continued that the company is seeking a 24-hour drilling route to complete a 10 inch diameter hole in about a week and a half instead of a month. The production well is expected to be drilled in the spring. The test well and the noise involved will be isolated, with compressors on site, compressed air, and a pump running to inject fluid. The noise will be localized to the drill site, with a night crew operating on the hillside until eight in the morning and a day crew operating on the hillside until eight at night. He reiterated that the sound will be localized to the drill site and noted that there is a thousand feet of separation between the dew tank and the nearest home. Their plan is to deliver flyers to any home within a quarter mile of the hole. The company is excited about the potential water and is planning to explore the area further to determine the actual water availability.
- The parties discussed the cities current wells and water production.
- Staff and Mr. Wood noted that a grant opportunity has been submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation, which will help recoup some of the drilling cost and pay for the design of well houses



and production. The team has received support from Congressman Moore's office on the federal level and from representatives and a senator on the state level. The team will find out if they receive the grant in July, but it is retroactive, meaning the money spent now can be reimbursed if awarded in July. The team has asked for a grant of \$450,000, which is a significant amount for the project. The team is working with Congressman Moore's office on the federal level and with representatives and senators on the state level to secure the grant.

- The council asked if a specific date or time needed to be included in the request or resolution. Staff responded that it would go into effect the day they start drilling.
- The parties talked about notifying the residents. Mayor Alder asked that something be posted on the city's website and social media when the time comes.
- The council thanked Mr. Wood and staff for all that has gone into this project.

**Motion to approve Resolution 09-2023 Noise Variance Special Permit for Hydro Resources for drilling of a well in the area of the Dew Tank. – Council Member Kirk. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Council Member Paulsen.**

**Vote:**

**Yea- Council Members Paulsen, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.**

**Ney-**

**Abstained-**

**Absent-**

**Motion passes. Resolution 09-2023 is approved.**

## **Plans and Other Business:**

### **2 HR. 39 MIN 40 SEC.**

- **Item No. 5 Property Purchase Contract:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss, and may take action on the possibility of purchasing property located at 480 S 100 E Providence City. Parcel 02-123-0016. [\(PURCHASE CONTRACT\)](#)

- Mayor Alder called item 5 and indicated that item 6 would also be included in the presentation and discussion.
- Ryan and the council reviewed the property purchase contracts for 480 South 100 East Providence City parcel 002-123-0016 and the next two parcels 03-086-0005 and 03-086-0006. Mr. Snow commented that the first parcel is the south piece, which is sloped but has a right of way for a trail. The council has been working with the Bakers who own the far north lot, which is not being discussed tonight to connect the trail to 100 East, but they have not been able to reach an agreement. The city has a safe route to school grant to fund a sidewalk on the west side of 1st East from Center Street to 4th South.
- Ralph Daniels, resident, commented on the needed trail for the area but questioned if this is what the city should be spending taxpayer money on, especially if they are not going to use all of the land.
- The council talked about the school children in that area and how they get to school. They have not been able to get from Edge Hill onto 1st and 100 East other than on Canyon Road, which is

narrow and steep. The city has visited with the current landowners of these parcels, and they have been willing to sign the contract to sell.

- The city states that the goal is to purchase the northern two pieces to connect the trail, but there are other road issues, such as storm drain and safety concerns. The three pieces have a trail plan that could provide more options. The council may consider these potential pieces if desired.
- The Council talked about the grant and how and when it would be used. Parties discussed the buildability of the trail and the steepness of the land. The council commented on what else the land could be used for, such as a possible dog park.
- The Council and staff commented on the need for pedestrian safety for that area as the road is narrow and cars drive fast down that road.
- Parties addressed the tax assessed value and whether they need the south piece of property.
- Chris Neilson, representative of the landowners, commented on the value and his clients willingness to sale. Conveyed the history of the lot and issues with value and buildability.
- The council talked about the need to possibly go into a closed session to discuss what's best for the city and what the city would be willing to do with negotiating the price.
- Mayor called for staff reports before going into closed session.

**Motion to go into closed session after staff reports. – Council Member Sealy. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Council Member Kirk.**

**Vote:**

**Yea- Council Members Paulsen, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.**

**Ney-**

**Abstained-**

**Absent-**

**Motion passes. The council went into closed session.**

**Executive Session Notice:** The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation as allowed by Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(c). The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss professional competence or other factors allowed by Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a). The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss land acquisition or the sale of real property Utah Code 52-4-205(1) (d) and (e).

- **Item No. 6 Property Purchase Contract:** The Providence City Council will review, discuss, and may take action on the possibility of purchasing property located at 420 S 100 E Providence City. Parcels 03-086-0005 & 03-086-0006. **(PURCHASE CONTRACT)**

- \*Item 6 was discussed concurrent with item 5 as all 3 properties where in the same area and represented by the same realtor.

**3 HR. 15 MIN. 30 SEC.**

**Staff Reports:** Items presented by Providence City Staff (including but not limited to: City Recorder, Public Works Director, Community Development Director, and City Manager) will be presented as information only.

Ty Cameron (City Recorder):

- Reminded everyone of the coming election and that there will be a Meet the Candidates Night on October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 pm at the Spring Creek Elementary School.

Rob Stapley (Public Works Director):

- Reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> East road project is nearly complete. Indicated that a few other road projects were nearing the end and should be completed soon.
- Council thanked Rob for his hard work and quick response with the water pipe burst that happened on Sherwood Dr. Mr. Stapley discussed the situation and what lead to the pipe bursting.
- Reported what current projects have yet to be completed and what they plan on working on in the future.

Skarlet Bankhead (Community Development Director):

- Reported that On Saturday, the annual car show was held, which was a great success, especially with the eclipse. They had 106 cars registered and a great atmosphere. The city attorney, Tracy Cowdell, and his band, the Denovos, were the main attraction, and the vendors did a great job.
- The tree lighting is coming up in December, and the holiday lighting contest is also in the works.
- The city is working on several ordinances, including a land use subdivision ordinance, and accessory dwelling ordinances. The subdivision ordinance is being reviewed by the Planning Commission, and the ordinance is expected to be in place by February 2024.
- The Planning Commission is working on a moderate-income housing plan, which includes dwelling units, accessory buildings, and internal accessory dwelling units. They have discussed a reward for people who file a document proving they are running an internal accessory dwelling unit, which will compensate them for their efforts. This will allow people to still have a nice neighborhood while utilizing their property more effectively.
- Talked about the States requirement in reporting the city's efforts to provide affordable housing. Discussed short term rentals, and peoples hesitancy to report ADUs etc.
- The city is working on an outdoor youth grant that may provide skateboarding classes to our young residents.

Ryan Snow (City Manager):

- Commented on the city's implementation of various plans which have culminated this year, with improvements in safety measures, pavement, sidewalks, and trail through Zollinger Park. The trail through Zollinger Park is projected to be paved on Friday. The project or trail from the school through Zollinger Park to Macy's will be completed by the end of October, allowing for a one-mile track through and around Zollinger Park. People are already starting to walk on the sidewalk and trail.
- The pickleball courts have been poured in and fence posts have been put in, and 100 South is expected to be finished soon. Fiber is expected to be completed as well as the contract is up in spring. Many drops and installations are continuing in different zones. The network is now over 850, and flyers and letters are being sent out to those who are not involved and have not connected yet to let them know its available.

- The city applied for the COG grant but was unsuccessful. The city is looking for different projects and grants to fund projects and receive outside funding. The city appreciates the ordinance and the support of the community but acknowledges that it is not always easy to bring problems to the attention of the public and council. The city is grateful for the support and understanding of the community.

**Motion to exit closed session. – Council Member Kirk. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Council Member Paulsen.**

**Vote:**

**Yea- Council Members Paulsen, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.**

**Ney-**

**Abstained-**

**Absent-**

**Motion passes. Council exited closed session.**

**Motion to adjourn meeting – Council Member Paulsen. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Council Member Sealy.**

**Vote:**

**Yea- Council Members Paulsen, Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.**

**Ney-**

**Abstained-**

**Absent-**

**Motion passes. Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next meeting scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**Minutes approved by vote of council on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Kathleen W Alder, Mayor**

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**Ty Cameron, City Recorder.**

**Emailed Comments.**

Providence City Council,

I was just made aware that tonight at City Council there are amendments proposed to the parking ordinances in Providence City.

I agree that cars need to be off the road while plows are going, however, if it is not snowing, I see no reason why cars cannot be parked on the street during the night, especially during the summer. As for winter parking, 11:00 is far too early to restrict parking. Midnight is plenty early. Just because the city says that street parking needs to end at 11:00 doesn't mean that everyone will be at their own home at 11:00 pm parked in their driveway. I would prefer teenagers at my house till midnight rather than loitering somewhere or driving around causing trouble because they can't be parked on the street after 11:00 p.m.

I do agree that trailers parking excessively on streets can be a problem. However, one night before someone is leaving on vacation or night after coming home from a vacation is in no way a significant problem or disruption and should absolutely be allowed. Could there be an ordinance to prohibit excessiveness? Such as greater than 3 consecutive nights? There also needs to be exceptions for construction trailers to be parked at a residence while work is being performed - even if it is overnight.

As for all the bike lanes and signs, is this really necessary? I thoroughly enjoy riding my bike but don't need a sign to let me know that I can ride it on a certain road, or a bike lane to stay in on wide roads. I ride my bike on the side of the road regardless of drawn lines or no lines. I think this is a complete waste of money. I think there could be more effective ways to spend money and encourage people to get out and ride their bikes.

I strongly believe the proposed parking amendment changes are very flawed and should not be approved.

Sincerely,

Emily Smith  
Citizen of Providence Utah

Mayor and council,

I am writing to voice a vote of enthusiastic support for the proposed changes to the city's winter parking and night parking ordinance. These proposed changes are positive for fostering a safe and clean community and are needed.

I would ask for consideration for a minor amendment to the night parking proposal to address multi-axle vehicles in general rather than the specific call out of RVs and motorhomes. It would be helpful if this regulation were inclusive of large semi trucks without trailer, construction equipment, buses, etc.

Thank you for your service to the city and your consideration of this comment.

Tyler Riggs

Hello Providence City Council,  
Thank you for your service. After reviewing the "proposed" changes to the Certain Purposes Prohibited

(Parking) & Winter Parking, I would like to share my opinion and suggestions regarding section #6 - "Night Parking".

As an owner of an RV Trailer, I have a parking spot on the side of my house, and don't intend to park my trailer on the street. With that said, there may come a time when I would need to for a short time, park my RV trailer elsewhere (preferably in front of my house since there isn't another place close by and so I can keep an eye on it) because of needed repairs to my house, driveway, need to paint my house or some other short term project. As I read the proposed changes, if approved, I would not be allowed to park my RV trailer on the street for a "short time" to accomplish these necessities. This would be an unnecessary and inconvenient burden to place on any RV owner.

If the section (#6) is proposed to address a chronic problem or not allow "long-term" street parking, then may I suggest that there be time limit placed on the parking instead of a complete prohibition? I'm certain there are other options which could be arrived at that can address the needs of the city and the good people who live in Providence to address any issue. Prohibiting parking of RV trailers or any RV on our streets is already a challenge and this would create further problems for all. I implore the city council to reconsider this proposal and make the appropriate changes which will address any issues which need addressing as well as to understand and accommodate the appropriate street parking for owners of RVs.

Thank you for considering my opinion and suggestions and I trust you will make a decision for the best of everyone in Providence.

Sincerely,  
Cary Green

I am writing in regards to the proposed amendment change for winter regulations on street parking.

I foresee a few issues with changing the restricted hours to include 11pm-10am.

First off, companies are already open for business before 10am so a house call or service call will be very difficult to make if no parking along the street is allowed until after 10am. On the other end, just a thought but not as crucial in my opinion is many high schoolers curfews are 12am, especially on nights of dances so many would still be out and parked along the street.

I do however think that the time frame for not allowing trailers to park on the street overnight from 11pm-7am is fine.

And I think it would be more appropriate to have the other restricted hours similar. I would be more supportive of one of these schedules:

12am- 8/9am

11pm-8/9am

Thank you for considering my input.

Dayna Allen  
Providence city resident

I just want to make sure that the city and council realizes that this ordinance change will/should also affect construction sites. Is it practical to have every construction trailer removed every night when a new home is being built or a remodel is being done? On the other hand, most construction equipment stays on the street forever. A compromise, would be to only allow construction equipment trailers to be on the street Monday - Thursday nights. So on Friday, when they wrap up the work day, they would need to remove all of the trailers from the street. Would this ordinance also include construction equipment like backhoes? I think it should. The biggest offender in my neighborhood this summer has been all of the Strava equipment...which the city would probably classify as a utility company and not have to follow the overnight parking ordinance.

Overall, I'm in favor of this ordinance. And I think that it will make our streets safer.

Darcy Rees

Providence City Council Members:

I have some concerns about the proposed changes to the winter parking ordinance that will be discussed at a public hearing on October 18, 2023.

It is unnecessary to change the date to begin winter parking from December 1st to November 1st. Usually, we do not have any measurable snow in November. The words in the current ordinance clearly state that "beginning 24 hours after the first measurable snowfall or December 1, whichever comes earlier" parking on the road during the night hours is prohibited. If we do have a big snowstorm in November, the current wording in the ordinance already covers parking in this event. There is no need to restrict parking on the road for a whole extra month. Many of us have guests that visit for Thanksgiving weekend, and having some overflow parking on the edge of the street is helpful, especially if the weather is nice, which it often is at that time of year.

Regarding the next proposed ordinance change:

"It shall be unlawful to park or leave parked any vehicle upon the paved portion of a city street, while snowplows are operating or while streets are snow or ice covered; excluding around school buildings while school is either in session or holding official school activities"

Does this mean that no one can park at any time on any road, day or night, when there is ice on the road? Really? No one can park on the road to visit a friend during the day for most of the winter? There is ice on the side streets for much of the winter, even after the roads have been plowed. This would place restrictions on any on-street parking during the daytime for the whole winter. Although I imagine that this was proposed to enhance safety, it seems like an excessive restriction.

Thanks for listening.

Michelle Palmer