

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

2 Wednesday July 19th, 2023, 6:00 PM

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

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10 **Opening Ceremony:**

11 Call to Order: Mayor Alder

12 Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Alder, Council Members Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker.

13 Council Members Absent: Council Member Paulsen.

14 Staff in attendance: Ryan Snow (City Manager), Skarlet Bankhead (Community Services Director) & Ty
15 Cameron (City Recorder).

16 Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Kirk.

17 Opening Remarks/Prayer: Hal Hansen (Resident).

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19 **2 MIN. 40 SEC.**

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

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23 **Council Member Kirk:**

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- 25 • Reported that a new Youth Council was now in place and that they had 24 applicants who applied, with
26 most being returning members.
 - 27 • They have been busy organizing a dance for this years City Celebration. Noted that everyone she's talked
28 to is excited for this years City Celebration with a lot of people wanting to be involved.
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30 **Council Member Sealy:**

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- 32 • The Black Smith Fork Irrigation Company has reported that the water season is going very well and that
33 they only have a few concerns regarding weeds that need to be trimmed down or removed. Asked residents
34 to please try and keep their weeds around ditches cut or removed.
 - 35 • There have been reports from residents regarding rattlesnakes in the area of Little Baldy and advised
36 everyone to be watchful around rocky and weedy areas.
 - 37 • There are questions about when the mosquito abatement district sprays for mosquitos. Council Member
38 Nebeker responded that they usually spray every Tuesday.
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40 **Council Member Speth:**

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- 42 • Reminded residents that we are entering wildfire season, and as his fellow Council Members have noted,
43 it would be good to make sure weeds are removed or cut down to help prevent wildfires, especially
44 residents who reside up in the bench area.
 - 45 • There have been reports of Algae blooming in the lakes and for those enjoying the lakes to be aware of
46 that as that can cause swimmers itch. There will be a solar eclipse in October.

- Warned residents that there have been reports that West Nile has been found in the state and malaria has been found in the country, encouraged residents to take precautions.
- Rocky Mountain Power will be conducting disaster training tomorrow at 8:00 am. They also have a new program to help people who have medical conditions that require electricity and making sure that if we have a power outage that they will have the necessary power for their medical needs.
- CERT training will be starting up in the fall and that the LDS church is creating a community response program that will help communities with disasters and emergencies when they occur.

Council Member Nebeker:

- Highlighted that there was a recent news article regarding the Mosquito Abatement District and the great work they are doing and the new drones that they have to help contain the mosquitoes.
- He has received some calls and emails from residents asking about the roadwork on 400 E and how long that will take. Staff responded that it could take 3-4 months to complete.
- Reported that one of his goals this year was to make sure his photo was on the website and confirmed that it is on there now and that the new website looks great.

Mayor Alder:

- Continues to work with the Land Conservation board making visits throughout the state and meeting with landowners about getting their property designated as conservation.
- Helping the Chamber of Commerce get more members.
- Read a letter from resident, Robert Rich, about the positive impact of having access to fiber.
- Thanked the city and its workers for all their hard work with all the projects that are currently going on.

Approval of the minutes:

12 MIN. 30 SEC.

- **Item No. 1 Approval of the Minutes:** The Providence City Council will consider for approval the minutes of June 28th 2023 . [\(MINUTES\)](#)

- Mayor Alder called for the approval of the minutes and if any corrections needed to be made.
- No corrections were needed.
- Council Member Kirk indicated that she has reviewed the minutes but that she would abstain from voting as she was unable to attend the meeting.

Motion to approve the city council minutes of June 28th, 2023 – Council Member Sealy. 2nd- Council Member Nebeker.

Vote:

Yea- Council Member Sealy, Speth & Nebeker

Ney-

Abstained- Council Member Kirk

Absent- Council Member Paulsen

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 for public comment.
- Joe Chambers, resident, asked the Council to review and reevaluate the city's noise ordinance and changing the time if possible. Most cities have a noise ordinance that start at 7 am. Indicated that he lives by the public works building and understands that they are building a new building and believes that construction is starting too early. Commented on the importance of getting a good night's sleep.
- Neil Varner, resident, commented on the construction that is going on north of his house and indicated that there is constant dust, a pond with no fencing and an unsafe entrance to the construction site. Would like the city to look into it. Staff responded that residents in the future to please call Colton Love, our Code Compliance Officer, who could go out there and document the issues, which helps resolve it more quickly than waiting to bring it to the Council.
- No further comments were made, Mayor Alder closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Presentations/Public Hearings:

20 MIN. 35 SEC.

- **Item No. 2 COG Funding Application Public Hearing:** The Providence City Council will take comments and questions regarding the city's request to apply for COG funding for a spot improvement on the 100 S roadway between Hwy 165 & Gateway Dr here in Providence.
- Mayor Alder called item 2 and asked Ryan Snow to give a brief overview before opening the floor for public comment.
- Ryan Snow indicated that the city was seeking to request additional funds or a grant from the Council of Governments to finish the 100 S Roadway. Commented on the recent construction work that has been done on 100 S and indicated that if they received the grant that it would go to additional construction of a right-of-way and additional areas that needed a bit more widening between highway 165 and Gateway Dr.
- Mayor Alder briefly described what the Council of Governments was and how they operated. Opened the floor to public comments.
- Kendall Pace, resident, asked how much money was being requested or would be needed to finish 100 S. Mr. Snow responded that it would probably take around \$300,000 to complete the project. Mr. Pace asked where the money would come from. Staff and Council responded that COG money is from the County and some from the State, indicated that it does not come from resident tax dollars.
- Mr. Pace asked if the grant was awarded to the city if this project was the one it should be spent on. Staff and Council responded that completion of 100 S is among the city's top priority. Indicated that such projects come from master plans, which are extensive studies done by the city with citizen input that show what the city's current infrastructure and utility status and where future work or areas of the city need to be improved.

- Mayor Alder commented that COG grants are ranked and voted on by all cities and that the money comes from sales tax collected on a county level.
- Ryan Snow discussed the city's various master plans and past and current ongoing projects that have come about from the plans such as the 300 S roadway, bike lane improvements etc.
- The Council indicated that it would be great to get the grant and supports the city application for it.
- No further comments were made. Mayor Alder closed the public hearing.

31 MIN. 45 SEC.

- **Item No. 3 Next Meters Award Presentation to the City:** The Providence City Council will accept an award from Next Meters for the city's efforts in water conservation.

- Mayor Alder called item 3, gave a brief introduction, and turned the time over to Adam Paul, CEO of Next Meters.
- Adam Paul introduced himself and his employees who were present with him tonight. Talked about the history of the company and what they do. Their main purpose is to promote and help with water conservation.
- Mr. Paul relayed some of the things the company has done to help save water and promote water conservation both here in the city and throughout the United States and Canada. Reviewed with Council some of the data that shows that what they do works and does save water.
- Mr. Paul presented an award to the Mayor and City Council for all the city's hard work in water conservation and promoting using water wisely.

41 MIN. 05 SEC.

- **Item No. 4 Providence Sauerkraut Festival Committee Presentation:** The Providence City Council will hear a presentation from the Providence Sauerkraut Festival Committee regarding the upcoming Sauerkraut Days Celebration being held August 14-19th 2023. [\(EVENT LIST\)](#)

- Mayor Alder called item 4, gave a brief introduction, and turned the time over to Nicole Bone, Co-Chair of the City Celebration Committee.
- Nicole Bone introduced the new Sauerkraut Days label or logo and indicated that this year they would be doing a traditional recipe.
- Ms. Bone commented that the drone show is being sponsored by Next Meters and thanked them for their participation in this years celebration.
- Ms. Bone shared the event list which includes the events by day. She stated that they are also going to do a ping ball drop this year and that the Ridgeline Marching Band has volunteered to help with the breakfast that will be held Saturday morning after the races.
- Casey Jorgenson, resident, asked about the pickleball registration. Ms. Bone responded that registration would open on August 1st.
- Council Member Sealy asked if the committee would be highlighting a city resident this year. Ms. Bone responded that they would not specifically be highlighting a resident but that they had asked Mayor Leonhardt to be the Grand Marshall during the parade.

- Council Member Nebeker asked if there would be a visible clock this year for the racers, as some of them have commented on being able to see a clock as they cross the finish line. Ms. Bone responded that there would be a clock.
- Parties talked about the scheduled events and what the City Council would like to do or participate in.
- The City Council thanked Nicole for all she's done and commented that they are excited about this year's celebrations.

55 MIN. 50 SEC.

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

Ty Cameron (City Recorder):

- Indicated that there was nothing to report other than staff were still just working on fixing a few little issues on the new website.

Skarlet Bankhead (Community Services Director):

- She is working on finalizing the moderate-income housing report which is due in August and believes it will be submitted on time but had questions on how the State will evaluate and/or measure a city's progress.
- Informed everyone of the city's history regarding housing development, housing market and the need for a variety of housing. Indicated that the city has for years been following the States requests regarding housing development in the city.
- She has been keeping up with subdivision changes to comply with the new state codes and is working on drafting changes to incorporate in the city code, which will come before the city Council in the coming months.
- Commented that she has recently been asked to join the Cache Summit Planning Committee and has talked with the County Treasurer regarding the city's housing numbers and units and comparisons to past numbers and future projections.
- The baseball fields are currently closed but will reopen in August. A softball tournament is coming to town and will be using some of the fields for their games.
- Soccer and Lacrosse organizations have worked out a schedule for field use.
- Staff is still working on weed and parking notices.

Ryan Snow (City Manager):

- Commented on the moderate-income housing plan and the new laws that govern public hearings regarding land use and prohibiting more than 1 public hearing. Emphasized how important it is to get involved at the state level and for residents to voice their concerns.
- Everyone has been busy as there are a lot of ongoing projects currently underway and a few more coming.
- Council Member Speth asked about the ongoing fiber project and issues with lack of depth for the fiber lines. Ryan Snow responded that there have been a few issues here and there, nothing major, and that staff are talking with the construction crew to make sure the appropriate trench depth is being reached. Reported

that they are getting fixed, and that city staff is inspecting when they can. The parties talked about whether a warranty was available or optional from the contractor. Mr. Snow responded that it is being looked at.

- Clarified the current and upcoming projects which included: 300 S, finishing Alma Leonhardt Park, pickle ball courts, the new skate park and the new trail that will connect Zollinger and Macey's, also noted that they are just about to begin the test well process to hopefully find a new water well location.
- Next month they will be seeing a waste removal contract with Logan city to help with garbage services until the city is ready to go out on their own.
- The City Council thanked Ryan Snow and all the staff for the hard work they are putting in.

Motion to adjourn meeting – Council member Brent Speth. 2nd – Council member Kirk.

Vote:

Yea- Council members Kirk, Sealy, Speth & Nebeker

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Abstained-

Absent- Council member Paulsen

Motion passes meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is August 16th, 2023.

Minutes approved by council on _____ day of _____ 2023.

Kathleen Alder, Mayor

Ty Cameron, City Recorder