

**WOODS CROSS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2019**

The minutes of the Woods Cross City Council meeting held October 15, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the Wood Cross City Hall located at 1555 South 800 West, Woods Cross, Utah.

**CONDUCTING:** Ryan Westergard, Mayor Protem  
Rick Earnshaw, Mayor

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rick Earnshaw, Mayor \*entered the meeting as noted in the minutes

Ryan Westergard, Mayor Protem

Tamra Dayley

Julie Checketts

Wally Larrabee

Matt Terry

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Gary Uresk, City Administrator

Chad Soffe, Police Chief

Jessica Sims, Assistant City Administrator

Annette Hanson, City Recorder

**VISITORS:** None

**INVOCATION:** Ryan Westergard

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Tamra Dayley

The Mayor entered the meeting at this point and took over conducting the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Mayor called for the review of the City Council minutes for the City Council meeting held October 1, 2019.

Following the review of the minutes by the City Council, Council Member Terry made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Larrabee seconded the motion and all voted for the motion through a roll call vote.

**REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Mayor gave the floor to the City Administrator to review the September financial report with the City Council.

**APPROVAL OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS**

The City Administrator continued with the floor to present the cash disbursements to the City Council for the time period of 09/21/19-10/10/19.

Following the review of the cash disbursements, Council Member Westergard made a motion to approve the cash disbursements as presented. Council Member Larrabee seconded the motion and all voted for the motion through a roll call vote.

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**COMMUNITY OF PROMISE REPORT**

The Mayor gave the report for the Community of Promise and said the meeting time had changed to 6:30 P.M. on the second Thursday of every month.

He also noted Lacey Bartholomew and her husband had volunteered to work on the Christmas Tree Lighting event.

The Mayor said the Pumpkins in the Park event was successful and they served about 400 doughnuts. He thanked those who had helped make the activity a success.

He said the Christmas Tree Lighting would be held on December 2 and would start around 6:00 P.M. He also said there would be a live band that would be playing Christmas Carols that night which would be fun.

The Mayor also noted there is still a plan for the city's recreation department to do some activities for the kids during the Christmas break.

**OPEN SESSION (BRIEF ITEMS)**

There were no comments for the open session as there were no visitors present.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Mayor gave the floor to Police Chief Soffe who reported the following to the City Council on the activities of the Police Department.

**DISPATCHED CALLS**

<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>Yearly</u></b>
Jan--875	Jan—904	2018—11,600
Feb--896	Feb—990	2017—11,411
March--934	March—991	2016—12,393
April-- 895	April—887	2015—12,819
May--995	May—1023	2014—9495
June--872	June—1010	2013—8979
July--924	July—982	2012—7347
Aug--	Aug—1118	2011—6918
Sept--	Sept—1020	2010—7167
Oct--	Oct—966	
Nov--	Nov—842	
Dec--	Dec—867	
Running Total --5510	2018--Total—11,600	

The Chief noted they had participated in a department shooting practice and everyone did very well, with some of the participants not missing a single shot.

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ACTIVITY REPORT

SEPTEMBER TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED

Total Citations 183  
Total Violations 272

184 cases opened in September

June-July-August-September traffic citations issued

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Sept</u>
Total Citations	186	283	329	183
Total Violations	256	401	454	272
Officer Colby Green	50 citations in Sept.			

USE OF FORCE

Only one 9/6/19 Taser Point

WOODS CROSS HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Two misdemeanor thefts—both cases led to arrests

Assault case—2 arrests

5 traffic accidents

Recent focus on tobacco and vape enforcement and education in the school

K-9 Activity

Ranger

9/5 Assist NSL on Robbery  
9/6 Assist Bountiful on vehicle arson  
9/6 Assist West Bountiful on nude male wading in the pool at Country Inn.  
Suspect vehicle located, case pending  
9/8 Assist West Bountiful on a robbery

Legend

3 drug searches in WX-No indication  
3 Business checks in WX-Great training  
2 K-9 demos for Scout tours  
Acting as FTO-Legend stays home

DETECTIVE DIVISION

20 Active CANR cases (child abuse neglect report) under investigation in conjunction with DCFS

25 Active Theft/Property/Fraud/Assault/Death cases for the month of September

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CRIME SPOTLIGHT**

Suspect arrested for Sexual abuse of a Child (in family) in July 2019, plead guilty and sentenced to 5 years to life. Case worked by Detective Sgt. Schultz and Sgt. Sheldon.

**FBI CHILD EXPLOITATION TASK FORCE**

Officer Jeremy Howey is participating in training to combat the serious issue of child exploitation.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

There was some discussion about having another shred day and drug takeback. Chief Soffe expressed concern about the escalating cost of shredding services through the current company. The Mayor and Council requested that Chief Soffe research more affordable options.

There was also discussion about having a central dispatch for Davis County. The Mayor indicated that COG is exploring this possibility but there has been some pushback from some of the cities. This conversation will continue to be investigated.

Chief Soffe shared ongoing concerns including need for replacement or repair of vehicles, looking at purchase of body cams instead of tasers covered in current budget, and a problematic trend with youth breaking through vinyl fences for fun.

Council Member Checketts said she had a resident ask why the Woods Cross Police Department was not a member of the program called NEXT DOOR. Chief Soffe said they can easily apply to be members of that program and he would glad to get the Police Department using this application.

Chief Soffe reported that there were quite a few unclaimed evidence items that they would like to auction. He will supply a list of items for the review by the City Council at the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**SAFETY ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT**

The Mayor gave the floor to the Assistant City Administrator who noted there was one Worker's Comp claim by a seasonal worker who had injured his leg. Seasonal employees are not assigned to safety teams, so no team had points taken away. She indicated that this was a good opportunity to educate employees about the importance of safe practices as well as timely reporting of injuries.

**VIEWMONT HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY OUTREACH REQUEST FOR FUNDING  
RESILIENCY AND MENTAL HEALTH NIGHT**

The Mayor gave the floor to the City Administrator who noted that the following for the City Council:

“The Mayor received an email from Nichole Lloyd, a counselor at Viewmont High School, requesting that each of the South Davis cities provide a \$500 donation to help fund a speaker for Viewmont High School's November community outreach night that will be focused on Resiliency.

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“I agree that this is a very worthwhile event and that it merits consideration. The concern is that we do not have funds budgeted for these types of donations. In the past we have had issues that once we make such a donation, we get numerous others requests for funding and it quickly becomes very difficult to determine which requests are relevant enough for us to contribute our financial support. At one time we had a policy for donations, but we soon became overwhelmed by the requests. I would like to get the Council’s direction on handling this request and others like it.”

The Council discussed whether they would like to donate to this program. It was noted that most of the high school students who live in Woods Cross City either go to Woods Cross High School and Bountiful High. The Council said that while they thought this was a good cause, they would like to put their contribution dollars towards programs that would benefit the whole community. It was also suggested a donation policy be established and that there could be a budgeted amount set aside for donations to events that would benefit the whole community.

Council Member Westergard volunteered that he could suggest someone who may be interested in donating to this mental health night and he would provide the information after the meeting.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Mayor then opened the meeting to items from the City Council that they would like to discuss.

Council Member Larrabee noted there were some dead trees in the city that needed attention. The City Administrator said he would investigate the matter.

There was also discussion on the Utah First Credit Union construction project. While this project has had some obstacles, the company is hopeful it will be complete and open by the end of October.

The City Administrator mentioned that a few years ago the city had purchased space at a dinner supporting the Children’s Justice Center. It was noted that child sexual abuse is a growing problem and needs to be addressed. Chief Soffe interjected that the city’s police officers often utilize the Children’s Justice Center to interview children who have been in an abusive situation. The Council said they felt like it was a good way to support the shelter and that they would like to reserve a table or two.

The City Council requested monthly updates on the project to re-write the zoning ordinances. This will be addressed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting each month.

**WASATCH INTEGRATED WASTE REPORT**

Council Member Larrabee reported on the activities of the Wasatch Integrated Waste District. He noted that Northern Utah Energy Resource Agency (NUERA) was formed in 2014. NUERA includes several cities and entities who work together on projects which benefit our collective waste districts. The number one project they have been working on is the Bayview Landfill which serves as a back-up to our landfill. Recently they have also focused on setting stricter EPA standards on waste facilities for emissions. He said that this group recently completed a successful audit.

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MOSQUITO ABATEMENT REPORT**

Council Member Terry reported that he had just returned from an informative annual conference for Mosquito Abatement. An interesting issue coming to the forefront is how to deal with medical marijuana and its use by employees. As laws are still changing regarding medical marijuana, formal policy will likely need to be developed to address this topic in the future.

He completed his report that while the mosquito season is winding down there are still mosquitoes out. Though there were six cases of West Nile Virus in Davis County, there were no deaths in Davis County. There was one death in the southern area of Utah due to the virus.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Council Member Terry reported on the Planning Commission meeting held October 8, 2019. Please see the minutes of that meeting for the details of his report.

**SOUTH DAVIS RECREATION REPORT**

The Mayor noted this meeting would be held next week.

**SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE STATION REPORT**

The Mayor noted this meeting would also be held next week.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor noted Lieutenant Governor, Spencer Cox is looking for service opportunities in October. The Mayor asked the City Council if they were aware of any service opportunities within our city that would be appropriate. It was suggested help with replacing the dead trees noted above may be a good project. The City Administrator said he would work with the Public Works Director to see what other suggestions the City may be able to offer Lieutenant Governor Cox.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The City Administrator reported the following to the City Council:

**1. CDBG Funds:**

“I was contacted by Steve Lyon, Davis County CDBG fund and administrator, to inform us that the County may possibly have additional funds to do another home here in the city since we had originally asked for funding for two homes. He is checking with the committee to determine if they would be willing to make that funding available for our subsidence efforts. I hope to have their decision by the time of our meeting. It would be great if we could get another home done this year.”

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**2. Police Vehicles and Tasers**

“Chief Soffe and I have had a discussion regarding police vehicles and tasers. He is working on pricing for obtaining those items at the best value. He is negotiating a lease program for the vehicles that is much better than the one we had previously explored. He will have that information read to present to the Council in the first meeting in November.”

The City Administrator also noted the Council was going to be invited to tour the Animal control facility for Davis County and would be contacted with a day and time. He said Animal Control needs to upgrade or build a new facility and will be looking into the best options for the future.

He also noted the he and the Community Development Director and Mayor had met with the Smith family about development of their property in the northwest area of the city. The Smith family said they would like to meet with the Planning Commission and City Council in a work session to discuss options. The preliminary idea the Smiths would like to move forward with is a mixed-use development. The City Administrator proposed a work session meeting from 5:30-6:30 P.M. on November 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council, Council Member Westergard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 P.M. Council Member Terry seconded the motion, and all voted for the motion through a roll call vote.

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Rick Earnshaw, Mayor

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Annette Hanson, City Recorder