

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

2 **September 24, 2019 6:00 PM**

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

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5 **Opening Ceremony:**

6 Call to Order: Mayor Drew

7 Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Drew

8 Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Drew

9 Opening Remarks – Prayer:

10 Attendance: John Drew, Kirk Allen (arrived at about 6:24 PM), Kristina Eck, Brent Fresz, Dennis Giles, Roy
11 Sneddon

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13 **Staff Reports:** Items presented by Providence City Staff (including but not limited to: City Engineer, City Attorney,
14 Public Works Director, and Administrative Services Director) will be presented as information only.

15 Max Pierce, City Engineer:

- 16 • We have updated the maps that the Planning Commission wanted us to update.
- 17 • The transportation plan is moving along. Scott (from CRS) will need some more data on some of the
18 intersections. We may need to use cameras and have a city staff member do the counting.
- 19 • Spring Creek Crossing: We are in the process of trying to set up meetings with two of the land owners. We
20 got the appraisals back.
- 21 • Zone 2 Tank: We got the easement across the Stevenson property. We are now in the design phase. We
22 are hoping to have it ready to submit to the state by the end of the year or the beginning of next year.
- 23 • Zone 1 tank: We met with Russ Liechty last week. He wants us to send our information to his engineer so
24 that he can consider the options and see how they will affect his subdivision.
- 25 • Mayor Drew explained that Zone 1 tank is proposed to be on property currently owned by the Liechty
26 family. It is at 300 South and 300 East.
- 27 • 500 South water line construction started on Monday. The contractor assured us that they will be able to
28 get it done before the snow comes. If they can't, they will do a temporary patch and repave it in the
29 spring. M Pierce said that in a typical year, we can pave until about Thanksgiving.
- 30 • Spring Creek Storm Drain: R Stapley and M Pierce met with the contractor at the Vineyard subdivision. We
31 need to come up with a simple design that he can bid on. We need to pothole some of the existing utility
32 so that we can get the design done.
- 33 • Cemetery: The contractors are planning to lay down the sod and finish things up next week. We are
34 waiting on the power company to get power to our sprinkler clock before laying down the sod.
- 35 • South West Sewer: We haven't made any headway for a while.
- 36 • Storm water rate study: We are processing data.
- 37 • 100 South: Mayor Drew said that the next COG meeting is on October 10th.
- 38 • Secondary Water Feasibility: We met with the president of the Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company. We
39 need to quantify the amount of water (in shares) that is used in the exchange pump.
- 40 • Water and sewer rate studies: on hold until the storm water study is done
- 41 • Capital facilities plan: A draft copy should be available by the October 8th meeting.
- 42 • Pedestrian tunnel under Highway 165, and Highway 165 Access Management Plan: S Bankhead is
43 scheduling a meeting with UDOT about both of those issues.
- 44 • Sidewalk study: We are putting together criteria to rank the sidewalks in the city. We will be determining
45 a remaining service life for the sidewalks. We need to choose an area for the first phase.
- 46 • K Eck asked which fourth of the city we will start in. She suggested starting on the south by 500 south.
- 47 • Mayor Drew said that we have had trouble in the past with concrete contractors. They have done poor
48 work and charged too much. The best way is not to do spot fixing. We need to survey what we need fixed,
49 and then give a contractor multiple years' worth of work so that they have something predictable that
50 they can bid on.
- 51 • B Fresz said that we should start where the sidewalks are used most, such as near schools.
- 52 • K Eck asked about the property south of Providence by Millville with regards to secondary water.
- 53 • M Pierce said that we wanted to meet with the irrigation company first. The irrigation company requested

- 54 that we get our water shares quantified.
- 55 Rob Stapley, Public Works Director:
- 56 • Our street sweeper is back from repairs. We have been cleaning up the chips from the chip and seal.
 - 57 • Thermal tape: We are waiting for an adhesive tack to arrive before finishing the 100 North roundabout.
 - 58 We didn't get enough of it in the beginning.
 - 59 • 500 South: Ormond construction is working on it. They seem to be doing a good job.
 - 60 • Water system: We had a lightning strike that damaged Redd reservoir. It took out the communications,
 - 61 the computer and the pressure transmitter. We also lost the transducer at Jay's well that same week. We
 - 62 are not sure why.
 - 63 • 500 North: We need to do some pothole work so that the survey crew can do some measurements for the
 - 64 storm drain project.
 - 65 • Hillcrest Park: things are moving very quickly. We are putting cobble and fabric around the retention
 - 66 pond. It is looking good. It is a bit expensive, but it might be something we should consider elsewhere for
 - 67 aesthetic reasons.
 - 68 • Mayor Drew said that the west spring creek crossing is mired by attorneys discussing legal terms.
 - 69 • R Stapley said that we hope to get it done so that we can put it out for bid in the spring.
 - 70 • East Crossing: We are waiting on FEMA. However, phase 1 of the Vineyard has begun. They are working
 - 71 on the land drain.
 - 72 • B Fresz asked about the fall inspection with Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company. R Stapley said that we
 - 73 will try to set it up.
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75 **Approval of the minutes**

76 **Item No. 1.** The Providence City Council will consider approval of the minutes of September 9, 2019

77 **Motion to approve the minutes of September 9: — B Fresz, second — R Sneddon:**

78 **Yea: K Allen, K Eck, B Fresz, D Giles, R Sneddon**

79 **Nay:**

80 **Abstained:**

81 **Excused:**

82 Corrections:

83 Line 36: principal

84 Line 87 & 95: reservoir name = Coombe

85 Line 63: Public comments

86 Line 180: Plastic water lines

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88 **Public Comments:** Citizens may appear before the City Council to express their views on issues within the City's

89 jurisdiction. Comments will be addressed to the Council. Remarks are limited to 3 minutes per person. The total

90 time allotted to public comment is 15 minutes. The City Council may act on an item, if it arose subsequent to the

91 posting of this agenda and the City Council determines that an emergency exists.

- 92 • No public comments

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94 **Public Hearing(s):** None

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96 **Business Items(s):**

97 **Item No. 1. Utopia Fiber - Discussion:** Representatives from Utopia Fiber, a Utah-based fiber optic internet

98 company, will review their services.

99 Roger Timmerman, executive director of UTOPIA, gave a presentation about UTOPIA:

- 100 • There is a need for some telecommunications competition in Cache Valley. This is a good time right now.
- 101 • R Timmerman explained that UTOPIA is an interlocal entity. It was formed by local cities who felt that they
- 102 were held hostage by the existing providers. UTOPIA builds the fiber infrastructure, and then it is available
- 103 to whoever wants to use it (internet service providers, etc). It is pro-competition.
- 104 • UTOPIA has permission to put their fiber cable from Tremonton to Providence through UDOT conduits.
- 105 They would finance that and make it happen.

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- R Timmerman explained the history of UTOPIA fiber. Since 2009, each project that they have done has had revenue exceed the cost.
 - K Allen asked about the bond. R Timmerman said that the original founding cities are on the hook for the original bond. The cities in the next phase have no obligation to it.
 - Mayor Drew asked whether the demand has increased since the founding of UTOPIA. R Timmerman said that when UTOPIA was founded, the top uses for the internet, such as Netflix, didn't exist. Now there is much more demand.
 - R Timmerman said that UTOPIA builds the fiber, but it is not the service provider. Other companies then use the fiber to provide the internet service. The incumbents who are trying to protect their monopoly don't like this very much.
 - R Timmerman said that good internet connections help small business and attract companies to the city. Putting in public infrastructure that can be used by multiple providers saves the city right-of-ways from having to be torn up again and again.
 - R Timmerman said that UTOPIA installs sensors for air quality. They provide connectivity for traffic sensors, etc., as well as other smart city applications.
 - R Timmerman said that each house has its own dedicated connection so that there are no speed struggles during peak hours.
 - R Timmerman said that 5G will not replace the need for high speed home service. It doesn't have the capacity.
 - R Timmerman said that UTOPIA is the highest rated provider in the state. The all-in cost for UTOPIA is \$65/month for 256 mbps, and \$78/month for 1 gbps. He spoke about the growth that UTOPIA is experiencing. Both UTOPIA and its related entity UIA are doing well financially.
 - R Timmerman said that the project for Providence will break even at about a 35% subscription rate. UTOPIA requires a partnership agreement with the city equal to the financing expense of the 35%. If 35% of households subscribe to UTOPIA, the city pays nothing. UTOPIA pays to operate and maintain the system, and for expanding it into new subdivisions as they are built, etc. R Timmerman said that they are very confident that they can meet the 35% subscription rate in Providence.
 - UTOPIA expects there to be an average savings to residents of about \$27/month. Property values also typically increase. UTOPIA service has no contracts, and so residents can easily cancel if they want to. No residents will be required to sign up.
 - R Timmerman said that the benefit of partnering with UTOPIA is that they have economy of scale, they have the knowledge, and they have the competitive environment already set up with providers. Residents will have a choice between 11 different providers. If they switch between providers, it is all the same fiber line, so there is less set up cost.
 - R Timmerman explained the process for partnering with UTOPIA fiber. We have already done the survey. The next step would be for the city to do an RFP (Request for Proposal). This would allow the incumbent providers to come to the table in an open bidding process to put forward their own proposals.
 - R Timmerman said that the project would include two phases. We would build the interconnect route between Tremonton and Providence. This would take 4-6 months. Then we would build out the city. This would take about a year.
 - K Allen asked how the fiber would come from the highway to each house.
 - R Timmerman said that they build "fiber huts." The city would probably have two. From there, the line will follow the existing utility lines for power. If it is underground, they will use directional drilling. Then it goes to an underground box at each house.
 - K Allen asked about how it gets from the box to the house.
 - R Timmerman said that they use a "missile" to put it through the ground to the house, and then it enters the house through a hole.
 - Mayor Drew asked about routers. Even if you are paying for 1 gbps, your router may not be able to handle that speed.
 - R Timmerman said that with UTOPIA's recommended router, with a wired connection, you can get around 950 mbps [with a 1 gbps service]. With wireless, if you have a pretty good device and a pretty good router, you can get within the 500 mbps range.

- 158 • B Fresz asked who owns the fiber to Ethernet converter. R Timmerman said that UTOPIA does. There is no
159 rental cost to the subscriber for it.
- 160 • R Sneddon asked how much the bond amount would be that the city would have to guarantee.
- 161 • R Timmerman said that the bond that UTOPIA would take would be about \$4 million. It would have about
162 a \$25,000 monthly debt service. For each customer who signed up, the monthly amount the city could
163 potentially be responsible for would go down by about \$30. If we got to the 35% sign up rate [before the
164 expiration of the two year period] the city would pay nothing. If we didn't get there, the city would then
165 be responsible for the amount represented by the remaining percent.
- 166 • R Sneddon asked who the city is signing with. R Timmerman said that the city is signing with UIA [which is
167 an entity representing the second phase of UTOPIA].
- 168 • B Fresz asked how long the contract lasts.
- 169 • R Timmerman said that it is 25 years, which starts after the two years which is given to allow for
170 marketing and sign up [and to allow the city to reach the 35% take rate].
- 171 • B Fresz asked whether if the take rate is higher, then the city gets a lesser term.
- 172 • R Timmerman said that it does not. UTOPIA uses the higher take rate to finance future growth.
- 173 • R Sneddon asked if the survey was set up to take into account all income groups, including low income
174 levels.
- 175 • R Timmerman said that the survey did not ask about income. The survey was sent out in utility bills and on
176 the city website. He is confident that it would have received a significant response from all income
177 categories. The number of responses was close to 15% of the city.
- 178 • Mayor Drew said that 5G providers will also want to use the fiber.
- 179 • R Timmerman said that 50% of the amount that those providers pay [to UTOPIA] decreases the city's
180 obligation.
- 181 • K Eck asked what the marketing is like.
- 182 • Kim McKinley of UTOPIA said that they do all aspects of marketing. There will be digital and Facebook ads
183 to build awareness, even in the engineering and construction phase. Anywhere where people consume
184 information, they will be there. They also have a demonstration trailer that they can bring to the
185 community.
- 186 • K Eck asked if they only market it for the first two years.
- 187 • K McKinley said that they continue marketing, even in the cities where it was first installed.
- 188 • Mayor Drew said that some of the providers have TV services, etc that can cost more than the base rate. K
189 McKinley said that this is correct. Some have TV services, some have phone services, etc.
- 190 • B Fresz asked about connecting city services such as reservoirs and pump stations to the fiber network. R
191 Timmerman said that they have several products for cities. One option is a \$7 per month fee for low use if
192 the city covers the construction costs to connect devices to the network. Cities can also finance the cost of
193 construction into a monthly fee.
- 194 • B Fresz asked about installing a wifi router in all of our parks. R Timmerman said that they do that for a lot
195 of cities. They have IT professionals who can design and maintain the networks.
- 196 • R Stapley asked about the engineering and the protocols that are followed with the oversight and
197 inspection of the installation. We have had problems with missile and directional bore companies. They
198 don't have much engineering and no oversight. He has had to decline a few permits lately because they
199 were too general. R Stapley said that he doesn't like fiber lines directly over water lines. There is also
200 problems with potholing utilities and then having the potholes sink.
- 201 • R Timmerman said that they do full engineering of all of the projects. They are stamped by engineering
202 firms. Their primary contractor is B Jackson construction, whose primary work is with municipalities. R
203 Timmerman said that that they have full time inspectors who supervise the work.
- 204 • R Stapley asked if the RFP is for every street in the city.
- 205 • R Timmerman said that it is. UTOPIA would propose to install fiber to every house.
- 206 • R Stapley asked about using the existing innerducts or conduits that are owned by other companies. R
207 Timmerman said that they can sometimes use UDOT conduits, but not others. The assumption is that they
208 would need to install new fiber pathways down every street.

- 209 • Jeff Young, Mayor of Richmond, said that we should have multiple cities joining on this project to
- 210 minimize the risk of running the line from Tremonton.
- 211 • R Timmerman said that they are assuming three cities in the valley will partner with UTOPIA, each with
- 212 1/3 of the risk of that connection from Tremonton. With three cities participating, about a 35% take rate
- 213 is necessary for Providence.
- 214 • J Young said that he [his company] is an internet service provider. Prices in Cache Valley are going up,
- 215 while Wasatch Front prices are going down. He pays \$2500 per gigabit per month to get wholesale
- 216 internet from Syringa, but with UTOPIA he could get it for less than \$1000. We need more competition in
- 217 Cache Valley. In the cities where UTOPIA went in [on the Wasatch Front], other internet service providers
- 218 lowered their prices. All residents benefitted. He said that for the price of what 7 mbps costs now in
- 219 Cache Valley, you can get 250 mbps with UTOPIA. He said that he has been chatting with UTOPIA for years
- 220 to get them to come here.
- 221 • J Young said that he is trying to get UTOPIA to do a presentation at the October Mayor's association
- 222 meeting. He said that there are other cities that are interested.
- 223 • B Fresz asked whether if more cities sign up, we can negotiate a lower take rate. R Timmerman said that
- 224 we can.
- 225 • Mayor Drew asked about who the other fiber providers are. J Young said that Syringa does fiber, as well as
- 226 Comcast and Century link.
- 227 • K McKinley said that UTOPIA is the largest open access fiber network in the country.
- 228 • B Fresz asked about what happens after the 27 years. R Timmerman said that the city will not be on the
- 229 hook for anything. The board of UIA may decide to lower the rate to the customers because it no longer
- 230 needs the \$30 per month to pay the bond. It will be decided by the board. The board is made up of city
- 231 officials from various cities.
- 232 • J Young said that it could be beneficial for UTOPIA to keep that rate so that they have money for
- 233 reinvestment for when the technology needs an upgrade.
- 234 • B Fresz asked if there is Request for Proposal language that UTOPIA recommends. R Timmerman said that
- 235 they can send examples from other cities, but they do not want to dictate the language.
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237 **Item No. 2. General Plan – Draft Review:** The Providence City Council will review the draft of the comprehensive
 238 revision of the Providence City General Plan.

- 239 • Mayor Drew said that we should figure out how to split the discussion up. We won't have time to discuss
- 240 it all at once. We hired CRSA, an outside firm, in 2016 to put this together. It has been worked on for three
- 241 years.
- 242 • K Eck said that we need to split this up. She hasn't had enough time to read through it. She would also like
- 243 bigger maps, and would like city council packets to come earlier so she has time to read through them.
- 244 • K Allen said that chapter 1,2, and 3 should be one chunk. He would like the council to have workshops
- 245 about it.
- 246 • Josh Paulsen of the Planning Commission said that the General Plan is a lot to get through. From his
- 247 experience talking about it on the commission, he recommends reading it and processing comments
- 248 outside of the meeting and then sending the comments to the group ahead of time. The Planning
- 249 Commission spent too much time marking it up during the meeting.
- 250 • J Paulsen asked about a tool to facilitate collecting and aggregating the comments.
- 251 • Jesse Bardsley, City Staff, said that S Bankhead set that up last time. He is not sure which tool she used.
- 252 • Bob Perry of the Planning Commission suggested making chapters 1-3 a chunk.
- 253 • J Paulsen recommended that the council not get into the weeds of typos. The commission had a problem
- 254 with that.
- 255 • K Eck said that she would like the packets several days in advance. Some cities get them a week or more in
- 256 advance.
- 257 • B Fresz said that chapters 4 and 10 should be a chunk, 5 should be a chunk by itself, 7,8, and 9 should be a
- 258 chunk, and part 1 and the appendices should be a chunk. We should ignore the moderate income housing
- 259 plan since we already approved that.
- 260 • The commission discussed which chunk should be done first. B Fresz suggested 7, 8 & 9. The council

- 261 agreed.
- 262 • K Allen asked if we could do a workshop on it so that we can focus on it and not have to worry about
- 263 moving on to the next item.
- 264 • B Fresz asked if we want to approve the plan in chunks, or all at once. K Allen and B Fresz said that we
- 265 should vote on it all at once.
- 266 • Mayor Drew liked the idea of having the council comment on the plan outside of the meeting so that
- 267 proposed wording changes can be set in advance.
- 268 • Mayor Drew asked J Bardsley to find out what tool we can use for comments. B Fresz asked that a clean
- 269 version of the general plan be emailed to the council.
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271 **Item No. 3. Policy for Enterprise Fund Reserve Accounts - Discussion.** The Providence City Council will discuss
 272 policies for Enterprise Fund reserve accounts. Providence City has four enterprise funds: Water Fund, Sewer Fund,
 273 Storm Water Fund, and Secondary Irrigation Water Fund.

- 274 • Mayor Drew said that we could find out the fully loaded costs that developers are paying per foot of line
- 275 in the ground, and then use that to estimate our future cost of replacement.
- 276 • Mayor Drew asked about IWORQ. R Stapley said that in the water system, the only things that are in
- 277 IWORQ are the fire hydrants. Mayor Drew asked if the we have something that has an inventory of
- 278 everything that the city owns. R Stapley said that there is not.
- 279 • M Pierce said that we are working on putting things into the GIS. This could give us the lengths of pipe,
- 280 etc.
- 281 • R Stapley said that we do know how many connections we have. We have about 2300 service laterals to
- 282 every parcel in the city. Then we have the fire hydrants.
- 283 • M Pierce said that they have been working on the capital facilities plan. They have about a dozen projects
- 284 broken down into cost estimates. The draft will be done in a few weeks.
- 285 • M Pierce said that as we get more data into the GIS, it will sort it for us by age of pipe, etc. Mayor Drew
- 286 asked how long it will take to get all the information into the GIS. M Pierce said that we decided years ago
- 287 not to try to do it all at once.
- 288 • B Fresz asked M Pierce if GIS is the right system to be tracking this. M Pierce said that it definitely is. B
- 289 Fresz asked how much of the city's infrastructure is in GIS. M Pierce said about 5%. B Fresz asked how
- 290 much time and money it would take to get that up to 50%. M Pierce said it would take a few hundred
- 291 thousand dollars. Then you have to spend the time to keep it up to date. The city bought a GPS unit in
- 292 order to work on this, but currently nobody is out using it. There is new pipe going in for developments,
- 293 and unfortunately we are not getting the data as it is going in. M Pierce said that his firm has an intern
- 294 who is doing some of the work. They have put the fire hydrants into the system, and are working on
- 295 getting the sewer manholes put in. They may also do more work on the fire hydrants as they do the
- 296 sidewalk project.
- 297 • M Pierce said that even now, we can get rough estimates [of what is in the ground].
- 298 • Mayor Drew said that we can make assumptions based on the length of the roads. M Pierce said that this
- 299 is true.
- 300 • M Pierce said that we could probably get within 10% accuracy.
- 301 • R Sneddon asked if we could do a sample area of Providence, and then extrapolate from that. M Pierce
- 302 said that this is possible, but it might not be any closer than what we already have. We have water
- 303 modelling software that can help, but we need to update it.
- 304 • Mayor Drew said that we don't know the age of our pipes. R Stapley said that we do know the age of most
- 305 of our pipes.
- 306 • R Sneddon said that he is concerned that we are not getting what is currently being built entered into the
- 307 GIS.
- 308 • M Pierce said that we are getting some of what is being done with interns, but not all. Mayor Drew said
- 309 that we should be getting everything that Providence City builds entered in, and that there should be a
- 310 budget for getting new subdivisions entered in, etc.
- 311 • B Fresz asked if we can ask developers to give us the GIS information.
- 312 • M Pierce said that Butte Montana is requiring the developer to provide the information. However, when
- 313 you ask a developer to do that, the quality of the information is less certain. As the engineer for a project

- 314 in Butte, M Pierce is having to travel over there to make sure that the data is actually legitimate. There
315 may be a lawsuit because he will not stamp something until he has verified the data, but yet the
316 developer doesn't want to pay him to go out and verify it.
- 317 • Mayor Drew said that he will talk with R Stapley about budgeting for GIS.
 - 318 • Mayor Drew asked M Pierce to make sure that every pipe that goes in the ground gets entered in to the
319 GIS.
 - 320 • B Fresz said that if we are going to do that, we will need two GIS machines.
 - 321 • Mayor Drew spoke to someone from Zions Bank about rate studies and reserve policies. When Zions Bank
322 does a rate study, they are looking at protecting the bond holders. With a city, we are looking at it from a
323 longer-term perspective. If we set a policy about how we want to budget for replacement before we get a
324 rate study done, that will help us get the result that we want from the rate study.
 - 325 • B Fresz asked if the bonds are 20 or 25 years. He would like to see the 25 year cash flow projected based
326 on design life of what is in the ground.
 - 327 • M Pierce said that we are working on the rate study for the storm water before the other rate studies
328 because currently the storm water rate is a shot in the dark. They have had no study so far. We are trying
329 to work on an inventory. M Pierce said that there are storm water pipes that we are not even sure who
330 owns them.
 - 331 • Mayor Drew spoke about water production as it relates to the sewer system. He said that he called a few
332 cities and got their winter water use. We can compare them because we can assume that winter use is
333 indoor use that will end up in the sewer.
 - 334 • Mayor Drew said that our indoor (winter) water use is actually less than then the other two cities he
335 compared us to (Smithfield and Nibley). However, our total year use is more than theirs.
 - 336 • The council discussed the data that Mayor Drew passed out. Providence is at about 115 gallons per
337 person per day for indoor water use. B Fresz said that according to the Statewide Water Infrastructure
338 Plan, we should be using about 55 gallons per person per day for indoor water use. For indoor/outdoor
339 combined, we should be at about 168 gallons per person per day, and for total production, we should be
340 at about 242 gallons per person per day, which includes secondary water usage. Providence's culinary
341 system uses 305 gallons per person per day averaged over a year. If Spring Creek is included in that figure,
342 that is another 35 gallons per person per day. If we include ¼ of Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company's
343 water, that is another 25 gallons per person per day. This would put us at a total of about 375 gallons per
344 person per day. The goal for 2021 according to the Plan is 222 gallons per person per day. This is a 40%
345 reduction from where we are at now.
 - 346 • B Fresz said that if we want to try to focus on conservation, we need to focus on landscape, because most
347 of Providence's water use is outdoor.
 - 348 • J Bardsley, city staff, said that there is a code amendment application that came in to allow rocks as
349 landscaping in larger park strips. The resident is currently watering that ground because city code will not
350 allow them to put rocks in a park strip that size.
 - 351 • R Stapley said that the proposed change needs to be thought through. We won't want 1-inch washed
352 rock, because it will wash away. R Stapley said fractured rock would work better because it doesn't roll.
 - 353 • Mayor Drew spoke about sewer infiltration. We pay more than Smithfield or Nibley for our sewer system
354 because we send more discharge. We need to solve this problem. We have a reserve shortfall in the
355 sewer fund that might be linked to this.
 - 356 • K Allen asked if storm water getting into our sewer lines impacts this. He wondered if somehow this
357 impacts us more than other cities.
 - 358 • R Stapley and M Pierce said that some does get in. Water can get into manholes. But they try to adjust
359 the manholes so that it doesn't.
 - 360 • R Sneddon asked if R Stapley believes the numbers that we get from Logan [about our sewer flows]. R
361 Stapley said that he does.

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363 **Council Reports:** Items presented by the City Council members will be presented as informational only; no formal
364 action will be taken. The City Council may act on an item, if it arose subsequent to the posting of this agenda and
365 the City Council determines that an emergency exists.

- 366 • B Fresz said that he went to some sessions on water at the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference.

- 367 There is a local water bank proposal that allows secondary water users to put their shares into a water
368 bank and sell the water without any risk of their shares being reduced. Right now, if you don't use it, you
369 lose it, which is not good for conservation.
- 370 • B Fresz went to a session about recycling costs. The prices have gone down significantly.
 - 371 • B Fresz went to a session about 5G. He said that the legislature has decided that they want 5G. If it is in
372 the right of way, you can't say no to their towers. They can put them on any appropriate polls, and we can
373 only charge \$250. They can be every 200-600 ft. They require power and a fiber connection.
 - 374 • B Fresz reported on the Prepare60 session. He said that on average, our area should be saving 18% of the
375 water which we currently use by 2020, and 25% by 2030. It will take \$500 million to increase the water
376 supply in the Bear River area, and \$400 million to replace water infrastructure that is getting old.
 - 377 • B Fresz brought up the America Water Infrastructure Act of 2018. It requires that we do a risk and
378 resilience assessment by June 2021. This includes IT security. He suggested that we get it done at the
379 same time as our SCADA improvements.
 - 380 • Mayor Drew said that he met with the mayors of southern cities. We will be revisiting the idea of sending
381 our waste water to Hyrum. There may be a surveyor study for the entire south end of the valley. A
382 representative from the Department of Water Quality was at the meeting. He said that they like to fund
383 studies. They may pay for part of the study.
 - 384 • Mayor Drew said that the mayors at the meeting also spoke about establishing a fire district. He spoke
385 about the low quality of some of the fire services that are in the valley. D Giles was concerned about the
386 homes that have been built in the county with insufficient fire protection.
 - 387 • Mayor Drew explained the city manager interview process. It will start at 7:30 AM on Friday. Greg Cox of
388 Logan will coach us on what we can and can't say, etc. Then the groups will break off and go into separate
389 rooms and decide which questions they want to ask. Then there will be interviews, and then the groups
390 will rank the candidates 1 through 4. We will then tabulate all the rankings, etc.
 - 391 • R Stapley asked if there will be an HR professional at each group. Mayor Drew said that this is the plan.
 - 392 • Mayor Drew explained who will be on the various panels.

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394 **Executive Session Notice:**

395 The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation as
396 allowed by Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(c).

397 The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss professional competence or other factors
398 allowed by Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a).

399 The Providence City Council may enter into a closed session to discuss land acquisition or the sale of real property
400 Utah Code 52-4-205(1) (d) and (e).

- 401 • No executive session

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403 **Motion to adjourn: — K Eck, second —D Giles**

404 **Yea: K Allen, K Eck, B Fresz, D Giles, R Sneddon**

405 **Nay:**

406 **Abstained:**

407 **Excused:**

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409 Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:23 PM

410 Minutes prepared by Jesse Bardsley

411 Minutes approved by vote of the council on October 8, 2019

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415 John Drew, Mayor

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415 Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder