

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

2 Wednesday December 21st, 2022, 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 called meeting to order.

12 Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Alder took attendance of members present

13 Council in attendance: Mayor Alder, Council members Sealy, Paulsen, Kirk, Nebeker & Speth.

14 City Staff in attendance: City Manager Ryan Snow, Community Development Director Skarlet Bankhead, Public Works Director Rob Stapley, and City Recorder Ty Cameron.

15 Pledge of Allegiance: Carrie Kirk

16 Opening Remarks/Prayer: Brent Speth

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19 **4 MIN. 20 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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  - Mayor Alder called for Council reports.

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  - Council Member Nebeker indicated that he did not have much to report on other than that he was recently sworn in as a board member for the Cache Mosquito Abatement Board.

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  - Reported that both Cache Transportation and Emergency Preparedness meetings for the County are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month during City Council meetings, which makes it difficult to attend, but he assured everyone he was reviewing the minutes and recordings.
  - He indicated that he attended the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting that was recently held and discussed with the Commission the Councils position regarding the funding for new plaques. Reported that the HPC had resolved to use their remaining funds for this budget year on pedestals and wait until the next budget year in July to buy the remaining two plaques.
  - Council Member Speth commented that the HPC was still in the process of obtaining the Ev Thorpe painting from the Astle family and confirmed with staff that a first draft of a loan agreement was in the works.
  - Reported that there has a bit of a lag with getting the emergency brochures out but assured everyone that they were getting delivered. He indicated that the Stakes who have volunteered to pass those out are reaching out to everyone in their area not just members of the LDS faith. Staff indicated that Millville has reached out for a copy of the brochure as they are interested in doing the same thing for their citizens.
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- 50 • Reported that the new website was making progress. Ryan Snow showed Council the current website  
51 design.
- 52 • Council Member Kirk commented that proposals for design of the Skatepark were out and that they  
53 should see the proposals in the coming month. Indicated that they are working on a grant for the Skatepark.
- 54 • The Youth Council was a big help with the Tree Lighting Celebration and that the weather held out so  
55 there was a great turnout.
- 56 • She discussed with Council the task that resident Sheryll Eames asked of them last meeting regarding the  
57 purpose of public hearings. She stated what she believed the purpose of public hearings were for gaining  
58 new information and alternate solutions from the public regarding the situation.
- 59 • Brent Speth commented on the question regarding the purpose of public hearings agreeing with Council  
60 member Kirks comments and adding that Councils responsibility was to the citizens and that they are to  
61 represent the city as a whole and not just the citizens in attendance.

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63 Mayor Alder  
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- 65 • Commented on the purpose of public hearings and trying to get the public more involved and gathering  
66 information from many sources
- 67 • Thanked Nicole Boone and Ashley Poole for are their hard work with the recent Tree Lighting  
68 Celebration. She reported that the city received over \$2100 in donations from the Car Show and Tree  
69 Lighting Celebration which was donated to the Family Place.
- 70 • She asked Council and those present to spread the word about Logan City's warming station in the  
71 Presbyterian church which is open to those who need a place to get out of the cold for the night.

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73 Josh Paulsen  
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- 75 • Commented that he also didn't have much to report on but discussed with Council what has been said  
76 tonight regarding the purpose of public hearings. Commented on engaging the citizens and giving them a  
77 voice. Also commented on public hearings are put on the record or having a record of them is important  
78 for the city and its citizens.

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80 Jeanell Sealy  
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- 82 • Met with the Healthy Cities Coalition and reported that they are getting ready to turn in their application.
- 83 • She agreed with what has been said regarding the purpose of public hearings and appreciates those who  
84 attend.

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86 Approval of the minutes:  
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88 21 MIN. 30 SEC.

- 89 ➤ Item No. 1 Approval of the Minutes: The Providence City Council will consider for approval the  
90 minutes of November 16th 2022 . (MINUTES)

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- Mayor Alder called for the approval of the minutes of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - Council Member Sealy commented that she emailed staff a few corrections. Staff indicated that they have been corrected.
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96 **Motion to approve the minutes of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Council Member Speth. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Council Member Paulsen.**

97 **Vote:**

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

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100 **Abstained-**

101 **Absent-**

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104 **Motion passes, minutes approved.**

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106 **Public Comments:** Citizens may express their views to the City Council on issues within the City’s jurisdiction.

107 The City Council accepts comments: by email providencecityutah@gmail.com, and by text 435-752-9441.

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- Mayor Alder opened to floor for public comment.
  - Sharell Eames, Providence City Resident, asked if Council member Nebeker reported or commented during Council reports. Council member Nebeker indicated he has made his report and commented on the purpose of public hearings and what his fellow Council members have stated. Commented that public hearings seemed one sided and wished more people would attend.
  - Parties discussed purpose of public hearings, community outreach, Council voting and representation.
  - Sharell Eames commented on her attendance at City Council and why she attends.
  - Staff indicated that no comments had come in via email or text.
  - Mayor Alder closed the public comments portion of the meeting.
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119 **Plans and Other Business:**

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121 **28 MIN. 45 SEC.**

- **Item No. 2 Providence City Bike Lane Improvements and Routes Feedback:** Providence City Council will review the feedback received from the public & staff regarding bike lane improvements and routes per the approved 2020 Transportation Master Plan. **(BIKE LANE MAP)**
  - Mayor Alder called item 2, gave a brief introduction and asked Ryan Snow to give an overview of the feedback they have received.
  - Ryan Snow reported to Council that they had received over 75 detailed responses or comments regarding the bike lanes. He indicated that he has met with the engineer, and they have classified some of the concerns that have been pointed out by the public which included the 850 E roadway having only one bike lane on the East side of that street and taking off the bike lane on the West side, removing some of the no parking signage and no red curbs. He discussed the plans for Gateway Dr. and maintenance concerns that were brought up. He informed the Council that the city did have a street sweeper and would be looking into possibly hiring personnel on a part time basis to sweep the streets.
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- 135 • Mayor Alder commented that the city has 40 miles of road that would need sweeping and that they would  
136 need to be prioritized by how much use they get.
- 137 • Council Member Speth commented on snow being plowed into bike lanes during the winter. He stated  
138 that even though bikes were in less use during winter he still saw a few people on bikes. Staff commented  
139 on snow being plowed into the park strip which is what it is for.
- 140 • Ryan Snow indicated that one of the concerns that was brought up was that the city was focusing too much  
141 time on bike lanes and not on other things.
- 142 • Ryan Snow reviewed with the Council the upcoming projects the city has lined up to complete or start in  
143 the coming year and that the bike lane is just one of many projects. He discussed the upcoming projects  
144 such as new parks, pickleball courts, water improvements, trails, shop expansion etc. He commented on  
145 the master plan that is in place and that this bike lane is the first of several phases.
- 146 • He reported the bike lane up Center Street has been adjusted into a loop as it is a steep climb. He indicated  
147 that the bid will be out in January with plans to construct throughout the year.
- 148 • Mayor Alder encouraged residents to review the master plan to better understand what the city's plans are  
149 in the coming years.
- 150 • Jomarie Ochoa, Providence City Resident, asked about the finalized drawings or plans and what the  
151 timeline was as well as if it was part of this project to move the deer fence up higher on the mountain.
- 152 • Staff responded that they planning to have bids for the project by the first of next year and that there were  
153 no plans in this project to move the deer fence.
- 154 • Bob Washburn, Providence City Resident, commented on the bike lane plans and some concerns regarding  
155 the road width, no parking signs, bike lane on Center Street and safety concerns with including a bike lane  
156 on narrow roads.
- 157 • Ryan Snow commented on road width and the city's future plans to widen as many roads as possible. He  
158 showed a map to the Council of all the inadequate roads in Providence.
- 159 • Parties discussed no parking areas and concerns for a bike lane on Center Street. Parties discussed 3<sup>rd</sup> East  
160 heading West and what the plans were for that area. Parties discussed the bike safety for that area and that  
161 it might give a false sense of security to the bikers.
- 162 • Josh Paulsen asked about the buffers in the area according to the map layout. Ryan Snow responded that  
163 those buffers are the future widening of the road.
- 164 • Jomarie Ochoa commented on road width and stated she would like to see the road widen on 850 E.
- 165 • Parties discussed sharrow roads and what they would look like and how they would function.
- 166 • Mayor Alder commented that bike lanes bring attention to drivers. No further discussions were had  
167 regarding bike lanes.

### 170 1 HR. 03 MIN 30 SEC.

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

#### 173 Rob Stapley (Public Works Director):

- 174 • Reported to Council that things have slowed down a bit in their department but that there are quite a few things in  
175 the planning and design stages. Indicated that plans are being drawn up for the road on 200 N coming of 850 E  
176 which will be a steep road with a sharp turn.  
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- His staff is keeping up with plowing the recent snow and discussed the new truck and how it's been working out.
- Council thanked Rob and asked him to thank his staff for all their hard work in keeping the roads clear and safe.

Skarlet Bankhead (Community Development Director):

- Discussed with the Council the current development projects that are in the works and thanked Council for their help with the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration.
- Commented that the donation to the Family Place was around \$3000 as some people donated directly to them.
- Baseball recreation sign up and park reservations will be opening soon.
- Reported that the moderate-income housing report was accepted by the State and mentioned that the staff will try to put in the newsletter an article about accessory dwelling units and trying to get a count of how many are in the city.
- Commented on the recent surveys and response rate.
- wished Council a Merry Christmas.

Ty Cameron (Recorder):

- Reported to Council that the website update was going well and that we should all see some solid results in January.
- Commented that there has been an increase in parking violations for winter parking.

Ryan Snow (City Manager):

- Commented on the purpose of staff and responsibilities to the City and Council and hopes that Council can see all the hard work the staff does.
- Reported that the city has an aggressive project list for the coming year but that it will be good for the city.
- Commented that the waste removal project is moving forward and that we should have more information next month to know where we stand or what our options are.
- Indicated that Angie, the City Treasurer has given her two weeks' notice and that the city will be interviewing candidates for her position next week.
- The city is getting projects ready for bids for February and March.
- Reported that fiber is still moving along but that they will be slowing down a bit for winter. He indicated that they would still be working on installs and connections. Reported that an extra cabinet pod had to be added.
- We are taking donations for the Skate Park.
- Thanked Council for their support and wished them a Merry Christmas.
- Mayor Alder asked staff to thank Angie on their behalf for all her hard work she has done and wished her the best of luck.
- Council thanked staff and wished them all a happy holiday.
- Council thanked Ryan for all his work with all the projects and grants that he has helped with.

222 **Motion to adjourn meeting – Council member Speth. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Council member Kirk**

223 **Vote:**

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

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226 **Abstained-**

227 **Absent-**

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229 **Motion passes, meeting adjourned.**

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231 **Next meeting January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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233 **Minutes approved by Council on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.**

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**Kathleen W Alder, Mayor**

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**Ty Cameron, City Recorder**