

**KANAB CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 8, 2018**  
**KANAB CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert D. Houston, Council Members Joe B. Wright, Brent Chamberlain, Jeff Yates and Byard Kershaw, Recorder Joe Decker, Attorney Jeff Stott and Treasurer RaeLene Johnson. Council Member Michael East excused.

Mayor Houston gave the Council lists of all of the projects that are needed now and in the future. He wanted the Council to prioritize the projects that need to be done within five years. All of the projects will get done, but in a different time table. Mayor Houston said Joe and himself met with an architect concerning the Wellness Center project. He was excited about the possibility. Mayor Houston informed everyone that Council Member Joe B. Wright will be moving to Cedar City. He wanted to publicly thank him for all he has done for Kanab City. His move will be a loss to the City. The City will be accepting application to serve out the remainder of Council Member Wright's term. The applications need to be into the City by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Prayer was offered by Council Member Chamberlain and the Pledge was led by Mayor Houston.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Chamberlain to approve the agenda for May 8th with the correction of the FY being 2018/19. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member East absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Council Member Yates and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Kershaw to approve the minutes of April 24th. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member East absent.

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** A motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Chamberlain to approve the accounts payable vouchers and check register dated May 8, 2018 in the amount of \$272,475.90. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member East absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Mr. Jeff Frey was concerned with the Council saying that they would be voting on the impact fees at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and that is what he put in the paper. He felt the Council dropped the ball. He wanted to apologize to the public for the misinformation. He also wanted to tell Council Member Wright that he has been a terrific councilman. He has had good things to say, and is very level headed. Celeste Meyeres wanted to let the Council know how beautiful Center Street is. She is proud to live in Kanab. She also

stated that impact fees are a fair tax, but because of the unrest in the community on the need for multi-family dwellings. She suggested that multi-family dwellings be exempt from impact fees because of the City's need.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019:** A

motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Kershaw to go in and out of public hearing at the discretion of the Mayor. Joe Decker reviewed the tentative budget for 2018/2019 with the Council and those present at the meeting. It was noted that there are two months left to add to the revenues and the expenditures. There is a two month lag when getting revenues through taxes. The revenues received in June will actually be the revenues paid in April. It was noted that the Health Insurance Premiums only went up by 1%. It's because the City's employees hasn't had any major health issues. Council Member Wright asked if the City was saving for a large purchase for the 10-K. They were thinking of purchasing the City's own timer. The City employees will be getting a 3% pay increase with a 2% cost of living increase. Debt services were discussed. There will be a new fund called storm water for next year. The City did receive \$250,000 from "Safe Routes to Schools" monies to put in curb, gutter and sidewalk from the elementary school up to 300 North on the East side of the road. The City wants to purchase an aerator for the sewer ponds. Celeste Meyeres said she would like to see the swimming pool covered, so it could get more use during the winter. Mayor Houston said there is a limit on funds that can be kept in the General Fund, so that is why the transfers to the Capital Projects fund. Scott Colson suggested that the new police officer ride a bike instead of purchasing a new car for him. He applauded the Council for their base long-term decision on using grant monies. He didn't think it was wise to always count on grants. Grants are nice one in awhile, but shouldn't be totally relied on for everything. Mayor Houston said the City is in a good financial place right now, but hope to be ready when the market goes down again. Out of Public Hearing

**ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET:** A motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Yates to adopt the FY 2018/2019 Tentative Budget. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member East absent.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Yates and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Wright. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member East absent.

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MAYOR    ROBERT D. HOUSTON

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RECORDER    JOE DECKER