

**MINUTES OF THE
WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 8, 2025**

The Wasatch County Council met in regular session live and by zoom at 4:00 p.m. and the following business was transacted.

PRESENT: Chair Spencer Park
Mark Nelson
Erik Rowland
Colleen Bonner
Kendall Crittenden
Luke Searle
Karl McMillan

STAFF: Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Planner
Heber Lefgren, the Assistant Wasatch County Manager
Tiarra Cooper, from the Wasatch County Manager's Office
Wendy McKnight from the Clerk's Office
Doug Smith, the Wasatch County Planner via Zoom
Rick Tatton, Court Reporter via Zoom
Jerry Jones, from the Clerk's office

PRAYER/REMARKS: Chair Spencer Park. thanked the Council for being so cooperative during his term as Chair. Hopefully that kind of spirit will continue this coming year.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Kendall Crittenden and repeated by everyone.

Chair Spencer Park called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 8, 2025, and indicated that all the Wasatch County Council Members are present. The record should also show that the Wasatch County Council is meeting in the Wasatch County Council Chambers located in the Wasatch County Administrative Building at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032. Chair Spencer Park then called the first agenda item.

OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETING AFFIDAVIT

The open and public meeting affidavit was made a part of the record.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Chair Spencer Park asked if there were any administrative items for future meetings.

Dustin Grabau, the Wasatch County Manager, indicated that they received a request from the Black Rock Resort to consider CRA taxing increment financing and wondered if the Wasatch County Council would like to discuss that further and if so how. The Wasatch County Council indicated that they are not interested in discussing that request.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Chair Spencer Park asked if there were any legislative items for future meetings and there were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Councilman Luke Searle indicated that there are some students here from the FFA who part of the Soil and Land Conservancy team, and they were placed first in the state regarding this matter. Also, they are here and would like to make some comments. Macy Child, the leader of the Land and Soil Conservancy Team, Abby Andersen and Maria Child. We worked hard to make a good representation in this competition and were able to take first place in the State of Utah, which made it possible to attend the national competition in Oklahoma City in May and we would ask for a donation from the Council of \$2,000.00 to sponsor us and to help us to attend this national competition. We have put in a lot of practice and a lot of real hard work in this to make it possible to be able to go to the nationals in Oklahoma.

Dustin Grabau indicated that the Wasatch County Council has a discretionary fund which is about \$30,000 and typically we have utilized that for this in the past. Luke Searle indicated that this being a public comment we would have to ratify this in a future meeting or put it on the agenda for ratification. Dustin Grabau indicated that there is a general expression of support shown by the Council to get started with this. Councilman Erik Rowland asked them to come back and report on how things did go.

Kathy Graff, resident of Wasatch County and have recently moved here and the reason I am here is about the property taxes. I am talking about the fact that I was never told by anybody in any way at any time that when I bought my house which is my primary residence and sold my home in California and moved here and it was listed as a secondary. The problem is that I didn't understand that and am here by myself and talking with people and trying to figure it out. There needs to be more information given to people so that they can understand what is primary and what is secondary. I had never been around that before. This year is when I realized things because of the

increases in taxes. I feel like, just to be honest, that I was cheated and scammed and lied to and I would want that to change. I want my money back because I didn't understand this secondary and primary thing. I have been here since September of 2022. I would like to see things done concerning this for other people. Now I have corrected this problem, so it won't continue going forward. Dustin Grabau indicated that if there would be a refund it would have to be authorized by you as the Council acting as the Board of Equalization. The County asked Dustin Grabau to put it on a future agenda and will see what can be done to help you and others that are coming into Wasatch County regarding secondary and primary status. Councilman Erik Rowland indicated that people must be presented with something regarding this indicating that you will be presented with this issue. Dustin Grabau indicated that the current assessor is looking at this issue at the present time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 18, 2024, MINUTES

Councilman Karl McMillan made a motion to approve the minutes for December 18, 2024, as they are written. Councilman Kendall Crittenden seconded the motion, and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Chair Spencer Park

AYE: Mark Nelson

AYE: Erik Rowland

AYE: Kendall Crittenden

AYE: Luke Searle

AYE: Karl McMillan

NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: Colleen Bonner

REGULAR SESSION

COUNCIL

BOE ADJUSTMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Jerry Jones, from the Clerk's Office, addressed the Wasatch County Council and indicated we are seeking approval for two assessor adjustments, and these are outside of the Board of Equalization, and they were brought to the assessor's office and after they reviewed these independently and the first one is Connie Kohler, resident of Midway. Her 2024 market value was one \$1, 969,499 and after addressing that with the assessor they deemed that it was an incorrect assessment and they are suggesting the value to be adjusted down to \$1,015, 769 which represents about a \$4,779.00 credit which is an assessor-initiated adjustment.

Jerry Jones indicated that the second issue and this was similar. This was in Charleston and this one was brought to the attention of the assessor through what is called SB182. A letter was sent out that their property valuation increased more than 150 percent and they came in to get that adjusted for both 2023 and 2024. This is a mixed property and there is a home and then there is a business, future farms. An appraisal was done by Tom Anderson, our commercial assessor looks at it and deemed that the property should be valued at \$3 million not \$4.028 million twenty. They are asking for adjustments for those two years.

Councilman Kendall Crittenden made a motion that we approve the adjustments and recommendations made by Mr. Jerry Jones on these BOE Adjustments. Councilman Mark Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion carries with the following vote?

AYE; Chair Spencer Park

AYE: Mark Nelson

AYE: Erik Rowland

AYE: Colleen Bonner

AYE: Kendall Crittenden

AYE: Luke Searle

AYE: Karl McMillan

NAY: None.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

Dustin Grabau, the Wasatch County Manager, indicated that he will make a list of special service districts and board assignments, committees and a process has been done to document a lot of these. As a result, Dustin Grabau then made a notation on his computer stating what those were along with assignments and boards that each of the Council will serve on. The list contains differences from what we have historically approved, and the list is a little more inclusive. The list can also be updated in real time as the discussion takes place and by doing it live here so we will have it all correct. Chair Spencer Park first indicated that we should choose a new chair and vice chair.

CHOOSING A NEW COUNCIL CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.

Councilman Spencer Park made a motion to appoint Councilman Karl McMillan as the Chair and the Vice Chair will be Councilman Erik Rowland. Councilman Mark Nelson seconded that motion, and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Chair Spencer Park

AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Colleen Bonner
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE; Mark Nelson

NAY: None.

WHEREUPON, a discussion as indicated above regarding board appointments, committee appointments, etc., then took place and was made a part of the minutes.

Councilman Kendall Crittenden made a motion that we approve the board, committee assignments as we have discussed. Councilman Spencer Park seconded the motion, and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Chair Karl McMillan
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Spencer Park
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Colleen Bonner

NAY: None.

COUNCIL/BOARD REPORTS

Councilman Mark Nelson indicated that an update on the Provo Canyon Committee. The legislature allocated some money for Utah County and Wasatch County and other stake holders to do a study on Provo Canyon and this has been stalled and moved along slowly. That is going nowhere until we resolve the lawsuit which has stopped the trail in the canyon. Just so you know it is moving slowly.

Councilman Mark Nelson indicated that regarding the Memorial Hill update that Dustin Grabau indicated that he would bring that to the Council Work Meeting for your consideration on the 27th. for action. Also, I have got a presentation on the proposed Heritage Days Event and what kind of heritage event might include. There are going to be five groups, and they will then come in and give their pitch that these groups have worked on for the last couple of days about potential activities for a Heritage Day event and they will come to the Council with their ideas as well as others. This will be on Friday at 1:00 p.m.

Councilman Erik Rowland indicated that regarding the Admin Building Committee and it has been fun and been a great discussion and many things are moving forward.

Chair Luke McMillan indicated that he has nothing.

Councilman Kendall Crittenden indicated that discussion with UDOT is coming up. Heber City is still discussing annexations. We will voice our opinions on the annexations that are being discussed. Also, the Lundins are still going through their conservation item to get it taken care of. Let me know what items you would want to put on the Interlocal Agenda. Senior Citizens are strong and get a list of the things they have accomplished if you want to read it. They have had a lot of activities. The Council should have got notice of the UAC County Day at the hill and if you are interested in going to it, which is February 5, 2025. If any of you want to go, please let us know. Do we need to change our work meeting next week? Dustin Grabau indicated that they have the court order in hand so we could make next week the board of canvass meeting, or we could have a separate date. We need to hold one for the School Board's seat and have the written order in hand now. We need to canvass that election and will do a separate meeting to take care of that canvass. The water law conference is scheduled for 3/17/2025 and then the water users the 18th and 19th and will bring that up next week and let us know who would like to go. It is held in St. George in March. There is a Grand Hyatt opening and ribbon cutting event tomorrow. There will be a ribbon cutting for the first chair lift.

Councilman Luke Searle indicated that our resolution for our property tax relief is to happen on the 3rd. We are having a meeting next Wednesday before our Council meeting and the hope was to be able to put that in and have the resolution that we have talked about. What happens if the State of Utah chooses to increase their part and for us to come up with a solution and have it ready for you and will bring that up in two weeks. We will then be able to talk about it on our day on the hill taking place. Also, regarding the TAP Board and see what the Council would think about having a non-voting member on the board. We could discuss what our Council priorities are and discuss all the different things that the TAP Board has done having that as a once-of-year meeting of us, being able to express to the TAP Board what our priorities are so they know what they are, and they can consider them when they are making the decision. We could have better communication concerning that. In the interlocal meeting the item is to express if we want to make any progress and if there are county wide projects that a non-profit and/or maybe one particular entity is interested in doing and is interested in getting funds from Heber City, Midway, and Wasatch County and is there any kind of stream like process or are we going to tell them you should apply every time with the TAP Board or is there a way that we can work together. Maybe next year we could do something like that regarding the TAP Board.

Councilman Spencer Park made a motion that is something that we should ratify to add the Provo Canyon Committee with Councilman Spencer Park, Councilman Mark Nelson and Chair Luke McMillan and then also add Chair Luke McMillan as a non-voting member of the TAP Board. Council Woman Colleen Bonner seconded that motion, and the motion

carries with the following vote and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Spencer Park
AYE: Colleen Bonner
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Chair Karl McMillan
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Mark Nelson**

NAY: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Dustin Grabau, the Wasatch County Manager, indicated that he has nothing for Manager's Report.

Councilman Spencer Park indicated that he has a matter for personnel in Closed Session.

And would make that a motion. Councilman Kendall Crittenden seconded the motion, and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Spencer Park
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE Colleen Bonner
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Chair Karl McMillan**

NAY: None.

**MINUTES OF THE
WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL
CLOSED SESSION
JANUARY 8, 2025**

Chair Karl McMillan indicted that the record should show that the Wasatch County Council is meeting in Closed Session to discuss personnel and meeting in the Wasatch County Administration Building located at 25 North Main in Heber City in the Wasatch County Council Chambers.

PRESENT; Chair Karl McMillan
 Councilman Mark Nelson
 Councilman Erik Rowland
 Councilman Spencer Park
 Council Woman Colleen Bonner
 Council Kendall Crittenden
 Councilman Luke Searle

ALSO PRESENT: Dustin Grabau, the Wasatch County Manager
 Heber Lefgren, the Assistant Wasatch County Manager

PERSONNEL

Because the matter was concerning personnel no minutes were kept of this issue.

Councilman Kendall Crittenden made a motion to leave the Closed Session and go back into our regular agenda. Council Woman Colleen Bonner seconded the motion, and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Colleen Bonner
AYE: Chair Karl McMillan
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Spencer Park
AYE: Erik Rowland

NAY: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Spencer Park made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Luke Searle seconded the motion, and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE; Colleen Bonner
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Chair Karl McMillan
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Spencer Park

NAY: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


KARL MCMILLAN/CHAIRMAN


SPENCER PARK/CHAIRMAN


JOEY D. GRANGER/CLERK/AUDITOR

