

Minutes of the Hurricane City Council special meeting held on May 18, 2022, in the Council Chambers at 147 North 870 West, Hurricane, Utah, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Nanette Billings and **Council Members Present:** Joseph Prete, David Hirschi, and Doug Heideman.

Staff Present: City Manager Kaden DeMille, Planning Director Stephen Nelson, Recreation Director Tiffani Wright, Parks Superintendent Darren Barney, City Attorney Dayton Hall, and City Recorder Cindy Beteag.

AGENDA

7:00 p.m. Discussion on proposed recreation areas

Mayor Nanette Billings opened the meeting.

Mayor Billings reported that City Council had frequently discussed solutions to issues with the City's recreation facilities. She has met with several contractors, but the cost dramatically exceeds what the City can afford. It is important to utilize resources from the community to create an excellent recreation facility that can serve the families in the community. She met with Daniel Cox, who suggested having outside courts on the corner of a park. Outdoor courts provide space but are not ideal because of the weather. Daniel Cox purchased a steel building for his business that is about the size of two middle school gyms. He was able to find out that Bob Lichfield had built the building. Mr. Lichfield has a building that he is possibly willing to donate to Hurricane City. The building will have to be assembled, and a cost is involved. Mayor Billings thinks it is possible to get help from the community to help with the labor. She discussed the three possible locations for the building. One location is across from the recreation center. The City owns property near Sand Hollow, and the third possibility is south of the equestrian park. Each location has its challenges. Pepper Reddish suggested hosting events and tournaments to generate revenue to fund the building. Mayor Billings stated she could see the benefits in hosting tournaments to generate income, but the main focus is to meet the needs of families and children in the community.

Mayor Billings's priority is to focus on the building because it is being donated. The most significant expense is engineering and labor. Sean Reddish is a contractor and has built several steel buildings. Mr. Reddish is willing to pass through the cost of erecting the building. His development partner installs sports courts for the entire region, and his flooring is the official flooring for the NCAA Volleyball and Basketball. Mr. Reddish explained that a concrete contractor specializing in sports flooring is a priority because a general concrete contractor cannot do it properly. Daniel Cox thinks the building is two hundred by six hundred feet.

Kaden DeMille reported that the plan for a Community Center Gym space was across from the recreation center. He would recommend that location because the recreation center can manage it. He mentioned concerns regarding how this location may affect Peach Days and the Easter Car Show. He would prefer a multi-use facility. The Rodeo Grounds is nearing completion, and the plan was to start funding the ball fields. It is important to decide which project is the highest priority. Stephen Nelson is working on an updated park and recreation facility master plan with an updated impact fee, which will more appropriately match the need for recreation facilities. Mr. Nelson reported that the building would need a façade to incorporate the style of the downtown area.

The group mapped the size of the building compared to the size of the property. Mr. Nelson suggested closing 100 West and creating an organized parking lot. Mayor Billings would like to have the property reviewed by engineering to ensure it is compatible with the size of the building and the intended use of the property. Mr. Reddish explained that that steel building has been stored for twenty years and could be unusable. Mayor Billings asked Mr. Reddish and Mr. Cox to look at the building and meet with engineering. Mr. Cox will work on obtaining quotes for flooring. Councilman Prete feels that the City needs a minimum of four gyms and this project is a higher priority than baseball fields. He hopes the City can tap into the community's goodwill to help with services or costs.

Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.