

**MINUTES OF THE
MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL
(Work Meeting)**

**Tuesday, 16 January 2024, 5:00 p.m.
Midway Community Center, City Council Chambers
160 West Main Street, Midway, Utah**

Note: Notices/agendas were posted at 7-Eleven, Ridley's Express, the United States Post Office, the Midway City Office Building, and the Midway Community Center. Notices/agendas were provided to the City Council, City Engineer, City Attorney, Planning Director, and The Wasatch Wave. The public notice/agenda was published on the Utah State Public Notice Website and the City's website. A copy of the public notice/agenda is contained in the supplemental file.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Members Present:

Celeste Johnson, Mayor
Jeff Drury, Council Member
Lisa Orme, Council Member
Kevin Payne, Council Member
Craig Simons, Council Member
JC Simonsen, Council Member

Katie Villani, Planner
Brad Wilson, Recorder

Others Present:

Courtland Nelson, Open Space Committee
Chair
Steve Stevens, Open Space Committee
Member
Natalie Streeter, Open Space Committee
Member

Staff Present:

Michael Henke, Planning Director
Wes Johnson, Engineer

2. Olympics (Collin Hilton – Approximately 15 minutes) – Receive a presentation and discuss the possibility of 2034 Winter Olympics being held in Utah.

Mayor Johnson reviewed projects completed because of the 2002 Winter Olympics. She asked the Council to think about how Midway could benefit from a future winter Olympics.

3. Open Space (Midway Open Space Advisory Committee – Approximately 45 minutes) – Discuss a second open space bond and potential future open space projects.

Courtland Nelson, chair of the Midway City Open Space Advisory Committee, explained that the Council had previously awarded \$1 million for the preservation of open space owned by the Lundin family. He added that the Open Space Committee recommended an extension of the award until 15 May 2024.

Mr. Nelson noted that \$500,000 of the open space bond money would be left after the award to the Lundin family. He indicated that the Open Space Committee recommended that \$250,000 be awarded for the Michel and Kissell properties.

Mr. Nelson indicated that the Open Space Committee also recommended that \$250,000 be awarded for the "Heart of Midway" properties. He added that the project was an example of neighbors partnering to preserve open space.

Mr. Nelson reviewed the City's history of bonding for open space. He made the following comments regarding a possible second open space bond:

- Wanted to discuss another bond with the Council.
- The City now knew more about bonding for open space.
- A possible amount for the bond had not yet been determined.
- There was no good time to ask voters to approve another bond which would increase their property taxes.
- Some landowners still wanted to request funding to preserve open space on their properties. The timing was right to consider these opportunities.
- How should another bond be promoted?
- Should a professional survey be done regarding the issue?
- A potential campaign would need to be discussed.
- A bond issue had recently failed in Park City.
- Recommended that the bond be on that year's ballot.
- Correct data was needed to answer questions.
- What should be the outreach for a second bond.
- Information needed to be provided at the right time and in the right manner.

Natalie Streeter, Open Space Committee, indicated that the population of Midway had increased. She also indicated that the legacy families and property owners could not do everything to preserve open space.

Steve Stevens, Open Space Committee and Wasatch County Open Space Board, reported that the Open Space Board also had prospects for preserving open space. He pointed out that there was joint momentum between Wasatch County and the City.

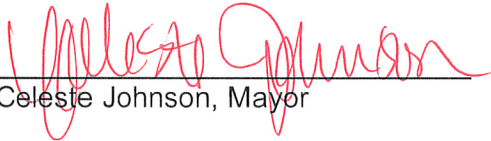
The Council, staff, and meeting attendees discussed the following items:

- The award for the Lundin properties could be used for another project that was ready for immediate preservation.
- More money might be requested for the projects if a second bond was issued.
- Significant matching funds had been raised for open space preservation. Property owners had also forgone significant profits. This should be emphasized if a second bond was sought.
- The City should find out if the representations made with the first bond had been followed and achieved. Specifically, the projected tax impact should be compared to the actual impact. Also, the amount of actual matching funds should be compared to what was projected.
- The results of the first bond and the related preservation of open space were impressive.
- Increased property taxes would be the greatest hurdle to a second bond.

- Ideas for a campaign should be given to Preserve Midway, which could help promote a second bond.
- The money from the first bond opened doors and created opportunities.
- Four out of five residents surveyed for the recent general plan update supported another open space bond.
- Interest rates would now be higher. The tax burden would also be greater.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Celestie Johnson, Mayor



Brad Wilson, Recorder