

MINUTES OF THE MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL

(Meeting)

Wednesday, 12 February 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Midway City Office Building, Upstairs Conference Room
75 North 100 West, Midway, Utah

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:08 p.m.

Members Present

Celeste Johnson, Mayor
Lisa Orme, Council Member
Kevin Payne, Council Member
JC Simonsen, Council Member

Members Excused

Jeff Drury, Council Member
Craig Simons, Council Member

Staff Present

Wes Johnson, City Engineer (Arrived at
10:21 a.m.)

Brad Wilson, City Recorder

Others Present

Rob Bouwhuis, inForm Architecture
Grace Doerfler, KPCW
James Hendricks, Watts Enterprises
Nancy O'Toole, Mountainland Association of
Governments
Russ Watts, Watts Enterprises (Left at 11:43
a.m.)

- 2. Ice Rink Improvements and Activity Building** (Mayor Johnson – Approximately 60 minutes) – Discuss and possibly decide upon improvements to the Midway City Ice Rink and/or constructing an activity building on the Town Square located at 150 West Main Street.

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

- Any projects needed to be started soon.
- Certain items needed to be addressed to have an appropriate plan. These included redoing the ice rink sheet to accommodate an activity building. Shading the sheet should also be addressed.
- The projects should be done right.
- A \$600,000 grant had been received. It was awarded for economic development.
- Another grant might also be received. It was focused on recreation.

- Doing projects together would reduce costs and save time.
- City employees could do some of the work which would reduce costs.
- Suppliers might lower their costs in exchange for recognition on a plaque.
- Rob Bouwhuis would donate his time for construction management. He would have other costs that would be charged.
- Council Member Drury's top priority was redoing the ice sheet.

Note: Wes Johnson arrived at 10:21 a.m.

Mr. Bouwhuis gave a presentation regarding the activity building and reviewed the following items:

- Master plan with pathways
- Plaza concepts
- Stage
- Gazebo with an ice ribbon
- Fire pits
- Concessions area
- Connection to Main Street
- Building exterior
- Changes
- Table and chair storage
- General and restricted areas for concessions
- Drainage

Mr. Bouwhuis also made the following comments:

- The timeline for the activity building needed to be determined.
- Ideally would like more than ten feet between the activity building and the ice sheet.
- Wanted to add space to the activity building patio if the ice sheet was moved.
- There would be no direct access from the Community Center to the activity building.
- An employee restroom was added.
- The event space would accommodate 48 people.

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

- The ice sheet could not be used in the summer when it rained because it became slick.
- The chiller building could not be moved.
- The planters on the north side of the activity building could also be used for seating. Should they be removed to create more space?
- The existing utility poles would be removed.
- Other events which used the Town Square needed to be considered, especially when determining the space between the activity building and the ice sheet. This space should not be all hard surface.
- The Wi-Fi for the Town Square would also be upgraded.
- Construction plans would only be needed for the sheet if it was moved.
- The alleyway created between the activity building and the Community Center was a concern. Its size and lack of access to the activity building were worries.

- Any hard surface would need to be covered with matting or sports court to protect the edges of the ice skates.
- There should be refrigerators in both the general and restricted concession areas.
- The entrance to the activity building would not need to jog if the ice sheet was moved.
- Building the plaza at the same time as the activity building would help with drainage, but it would increase the cost and require other improvements. It would reduce the parking until the planned parking lot was built. The area between the rink and the plaza should be built first.
- Some walking from parking areas was preferable and encouraged activity.
- Funding could be obtained for a transit stop at the Town Square.
- None of the planned areas should be gravel.
- Where would food trucks park and how would they access that area?
- The activity building should be the immediate focus.
- A skating ribbon around a gazebo would be tricky. It would affect the chilling system pressure and might require a booster. It would need to be on a different zone.

Council Member Simonsen gave a presentation on shading the ice sheet and reviewed the following items:

- Pros
- Cons
- Cover options

Council Member Simonsen emphasized that the ice sheet worked well in the winter but was slick and hot in the summer.

Note: A copy of Council Member Simonsen's presentation is contained in the supplemental file for the meeting.

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

- New improvements were presented at the meeting which was a concern.
- The City should not over plan.
- A door could be added to the southwest side of the activity building to facilitate quicker access from the Community Center.

Note: Russ Watts left at 11:43 a.m.

- Should there be direct access from the Community Center to the activity building?
- The public works department would stake out the proposed location of the activity building.
- Should the southwest corner of the activity building be removed to allow a site line for all the windows in the council chambers? Was the room in the building more valuable?
- Should the activity building have a barn roof extension?

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.


Celeste Johnson, Mayor


Brad Wilson, Recorder