

MINUTES OF THE MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL

(Meeting)

Thursday, 9 March 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Midway City Office Building, Upstairs Conference Room
75 North 100 West, 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 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 6:04 p.m.

Members Present:

Celeste Johnson, Mayor
Steve Dougherty, Council Member
Jeff Drury, Council Member
Lisa Orme, Council Member
Kevin Payne, Council Member
JC Simonsen, Council Member

Others Present:

Michelle Kendall
Ken Mickelsen
Chris Piper
Sheila Siggard
Craig Simons

Staff Present:

Brad Wilson, Recorder

2. Town Square Improvements / Phasing (Mayor Johnson – Approximately 2 hours) – Discuss and possibly recommend to the City Council the phasing for improvements to the Midway Town Square located at 150 West Main Street.

Council Member Simonsen reviewed the proposed design for the Town Square prepared by IBI. He also reviewed the phasing plan. He made the following comments:

- The design was not complete.
- IBI had prepared cost estimates.
- The project was in the revision stage.
- Was not excited about the plan for the Community Center.
- Wanted to resolve many of the concerns regarding the plan.

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

- There was a leak in the tubing under the ice rink sheet. It would be best to replace the

entire sheet which would cost \$300,000 to \$400,000.

- The orientation of the sheet was limited by the location of the chiller.
- The ice rink should be moved to the Hamlet Park.
- The money for the improvements would be better spent on preserving open space.
- Area businesses liked the ice rink at the Town Square.
- Surveyed residents wanted the Town Square to be updated.
- The design was a guiding plan that could take many years to accomplish.
- The promenade would be made of pavers that could be driven on by vehicles used for setting up for events.
- The cost estimates were preliminary.
- The ice rink and promenade were good but the covered area in Phase 4 was wasteful. That could be used for movies in the park, entertainment, etc.
- The Swiss Days food booths could be moved to 100 North.
- There was not enough parking on the Town Square.
- Was the pavilion needed? It was used in the summer. It could be rebuilt and improved for Swiss Days. It included bathrooms which were important.
- The tennis court would be eliminated.
- The recently rebuild BBQ pit would be moved.
- The promenade would be safer because it would separate pedestrians and vehicles.
- The plan should have more curves and character.
- The pavers were a good idea.
- There should be an arch on Main Street at the entrance to the promenade.
- The Farmers' Market could be on the promenade or at its former location on the southwest corner of the Town Square.
- The water feature should be replaced with a wind feature.
- A splash pad could be built into the ice sheet.
- The ice sheet could also be used for a roller-skating rink. Who would staff the rink during the summer? The surface of the ice sheet would need to be a balance between smooth, for roller skating, and rough to avoid slipping.
- The City Office Building should be surrounded by grass and not parking.
- Improvements should be planned that could be done in a shorter timeframe. Things could change if the plan took too long to implement.
- There should be a five-year plan for improvements. Residents would not want perpetual construction at the Town Square.
- Only the ice sheet should be repaired, and the promenade/parking built.
- The Community Center should be expanded to include facilities for the ice rink. These facilities could also be used by Swiss Days.

Note: Council Member Drury and Michelle Kendall left at 6:57 p.m.

- Any improvements should be done with the surrounding area in mind.
- Some important stakeholders were missing that night.
- There could be additional parking on 200 West if the irrigation ditch was covered.
- A certain amount of money should be allocated each year for the improvements and the project reviewed every five years.
- The irrigation ditch could be the water feature for the Town Square. The Midway Irrigation Company did not want the ditch moved. It could also be a hazard for children.
- Greenspace should not always mean bluegrass.

- The existing assets should be considered and better utilized.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Celeste Johnson, Mayor



Brad Wilson, Recorder