

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF COLORADO CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023, AT 25 S CENTRAL STREET, COLORADO CITY, ARIZONA**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Howard Ream who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call showed present: Mayor Howard Ream, Vice Mayor Dalton Barlow, and Council members Thomas Holm, Alma Hammon, John Chatwin, Nathan Burnham, and Jerusha Darger.

Staff present: Town Manager Vance Barlow, Town Clerk Rosie White, and Deputy Clerk Shirley Zitting and Sarah La Corti

Court Monitor: Roger Carter, and Utility Board Members Ezra Nielsen and Theil Cooke

**Discussion on the Hildale and Colorado City Utility Management IGA (the IGA was approved in June 2022) was presented by Mayor Howard Ream.**

He pointed out the sections that will be submitted to the council for adjustments in the wording. Howard reminded us that the Utility IGA was not a legally binding document, but a joint document to advise both parties on functioning. The change in sections 3 and 11 is for the purpose of bringing clarity only. There were some questions from Ezra Nielsen about where budgets come from. Council Members had a long discussion about members of the Utility Board that have left and the frustrations they had that lead to them resigning from the board.

The board and staff brainstormed on various ways we can prevent this from happening again with our new Utility Board Member Ezra Nielsen. After Howard Ream went around to each board member to give them a chance to speak, the biggest concession was that we need better communication and accountability.

The Draft/Utility Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)/ Impact Fee was a discussion about a drafted plan to start requiring an impact fee. The pros and cons were weighed out. While no decision was made, the council was asked to think about the topic as the Draft would be presented in the next council meeting.

A 60-day notice for the hearing is required for the Impact fees. It will be a public hearing that will be held in January.

The Potential CDBG SSP Projects were discussed. The first CDBG public hearing was held on September 25, 2023, and from all the possibilities, the top 4 picks are:

- Fire Hydrant Upgrades at multiple locations
- Street improvements on Airport Avenue from SR 389 to Central Street
- Street Improvements on Hildale Street from Edson Ave to Creek Crossing
- Street Improvements on Township Avenue from Central Street to Hildale Street.

The Second hearing will be on November 13, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT 8:13**

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the work session of the Town Council of Colorado City held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

  
Town Clerk

