Minutes of the Centerville City Council special meeting held Friday, April 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Clark Wilkinson

Council Members Tamilyn Fillmore
William Ince
Stephanie Ivie
Robyn Mecham

**MEMBER ABSENT**

George McEwan

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Mackenzie Wood, City Recorder
Randy Randall, Public Works Director

**SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES**

Lisa Romney, City Attorney, explained that the State of Utah adopted the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act that went into effect September 1, 2018 to encourage cities to allow small cell facilities in the public right of way. The FCC came out with an order that was effective the end of September 2018 also mandating that small wireless facilities must be allowed in the public right of way. Ms. Romney explained that Centerville currently has an ordinance to regulate the large cell towers, but nothing directly regulating small wireless facilities. The small wireless facilities need more locations to properly spread 5G access. Ms. Romney explained that the FCC Order had an April 15, 2019 date for municipalities to adopt aesthetic standards on small wireless facilities.

Ms. Romney recommends the Council adopt the proposed Ordinance 2019-07 regulating the process of installing these small wireless facilities and pass Resolution 2019-09 adopting design standards for small cell facilities. Ms. Romney reviewed similar ordinances passed by other cities in Utah and based Ordinance 2019-07 and Resolution 2019-09 on Bountiful City’s ordinance. Ms. Romney recommends the Council approve these regulations to ensure that the City has the authority to regulate these types of facilities within the public rights-of-way to the extent permitted by law.

Randy Randall, Public Works Director, stated that abandonment of facilities needs to be incorporated into the ordinance so that the City could remove abandoned poles. Mr. Randall also stated that not many of the current utility poles in the City would be able to host the small wireless facilities because they are already at wind load capacity. He also would like the Council to address obstruction, pole height, and backup generators.

Councilmember Fillmore suggested amending Section 2.1 Small Cell Equipment Standards of the Small Wireless Facilities Infrastructure Design Standards. She would like to edit the aesthetics section to read “Equipment located on existing poles should match the aesthetics of the existing pole and the surrounding equipment and infrastructure. New poles and equipment located on new poles should match the aesthetics of the most recent pole in the area and the
surround equipment and infrastructure." She stated there are several areas in the City with higher standards for aesthetics and by adding this language the new infrastructure would be required to meet the most recent standards. Councilmember Fillmore stated she would like the color section of 2.1 to include earth tones as a possible color for the hardware.

Councilmember Ince and Councilmember Mecham asked about where the poles are allowable and if the City can restrict distances between poles and pole locations. Ms. Romney stated that minimum distances requirements are addressed in the FCC Order and does not think the City can include such regulations in our code. Mayor Wilkinson clarified that changes made today could be reviewed and modified in the future. Brant Hanson, City Manager, explained that staff will get together and determine where we have the ability to make changes and impose restrictions and then come back to the Council with amendments to the proposed amendment. Ms. Romney reviewed Section 91 of the FCC Order addressing minimum distance requirements and commented that Staff could look into this matter further.

Councilmember Fillmore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07 and to approve Resolution 2019-09 as amended. Councilmember Ince seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:51 p.m., Councilmember Ince made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mecham seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

Mackenzie Wood, City Recorder

Date Approved 5/7/2019