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Parowan City has been informed that Mayor Preston Griffiths has been charged under a criminal summons for theft by the Iron County Attorney's Office. The Parowan City Council has reviewed the charging document (Information) and is aware of the general allegations contained therein.

Parowan City has not been provided with a copy of the official police report nor any part of the investigation, and until the City has received more information, it will honor the proper course and conduct of our judicial system, including the presumption that Mr. Griffiths is deemed innocent until a jury of his peers or a judge declares otherwise.

Parowan City has not been financially harmed nor does it have any direct financial involvement in this matter which is limited to Mr. Griffiths in his personal life. This is verified by the Cedar City Police Department press release.

Due to the nature of the investigation and Parowan City's police department's referral of this investigation to the Cedar City Police Department, it would be inappropriate and unfair to all involved to comment further on this matter at the present time.

Parowan City will continue to operate as it always has, placing its trust in its employees and elected officials to do their job, honestly and reasonably to the best of their ability.

All additional request for comments should be directed to the Iron County Attorney's Office (435) 865-5310.

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