

A RESOLUTION OF TOQUERVILLE CITY, UTAH,
ADOPTING A POLICY WITH RESPECT TO PRAYER AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Toquerville City Council has historically opened its council meetings with prayer;
and

WHEREAS, other public bodies of Toquerville City have also historically opened meetings with a
prayer; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Supreme Court under certain guidelines has upheld the practice of opening
public meetings with a prayer; and

WHEREAS, the Toquerville City Council has determined to establish a policy regarding the practice
of opening its Council Meetings and other public meetings with a prayer; and

WHEREAS, the Toquerville City Council has determined that it is in the best interest and welfare
of the citizens of the City to establish a policy with regard to prayer at public meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following policy regarding prayer at public
meetings is hereby established.

Section 1 – Definitions. The following definitions shall apply to this policy.

Prayer: Prayer is defined as an address of entreaty, supplication,
praise or thanksgiving directed to some sacred or divine
spirit or being.

Public Body: Public Body is defined as a meeting of the Toquerville City
Council, Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment.


Section 2 – Prayer at Public Meetings

As part of the Opening Ceremonies of each regular City Council Meeting, Planning
Commission and Board of Adjustment Meeting, there will be a time for prayer.
The opportunity to give a prayer at a public meeting shall be arranged on a non-
denominational basis. Any interested person shall contact the City Recorder
seven days prior to the scheduled meeting. If the person scheduled to give a
prayer at a public meeting is not available or no persons have requested the
opportunity to give a prayer at the public meeting, the Mayor or Chair of the body
may offer a prayer or invite members of the audience or the body to give a prayer.
Prayer shall be limited to one minute and when the persons allotted time has
expired, the Mayor or Chair of the public body shall inform the person that the

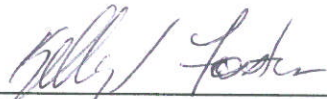
time has expired and request that the person quit speaking and sit down. If the person fails to promptly comply with the request, the Mayor of Chair of the public body may direct that the person be removed from the meeting.

DATED this 13 day of May, 2004
TOQUERVILLE CITY




R. Kenneth Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kelly J. Foster, City Recorder