



**RIVERDALE CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CIVIC CENTER - 4600 S. WEBER RIVER DR.  
TUESDAY – JUNE 23, 2015**

Minutes of the **Special Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **June 23, 2015** at 6:00 PM at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

Members Present: Norm Searle, Mayor  
Don Hunt, Councilor  
Braden Mitchell, Councilor  
Michael Staten, Councilor  
Brent Ellis, Councilor  
Gary E. Griffiths, Councilor Via Telephone

Others Present: Rodger Worthen, City Administrator; Steve Brooks, City Attorney;  
Lynette Limburg Acting City Recorder

Members of the Public: Stacey Haws

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Mayor Searle welcomed all those present noting that all council members were in attendance with the exception of Councilor Griffiths who is attending via telephone. He excused Mr. Worthen as he is attending an URMMA conference.

Councilor Hunt led the pledge of allegiance

**Open Communications:**

Stacey Haws - 4262 S 800 W stated that he was looking over the resolution for tonight's agenda and it appears to him that the resolution bans open fires and smoking in addition to fireworks. He noted that the map seems to cover a fairly large area that includes homes and the mobile home park. He personally does not smoke but there are people who smoke in their yards rather than inside their homes. If smoking is banned in those areas he feels that the regulations would be hard to enforce. He also asked if barbeques are included in the open flame portion of the resolution.

**B. Action Items**

1. Consideration of Resolution 2015-23 establishing fire and fireworks restrictions for Riverdale City.

Mr. Brooks stated that this is the resolution that has been passed every year for the last several years. He stated that Mr. Worthen asked to make this a permanent resolution but he is uneasy doing that. State code requires that fire personnel look at the recommended restrictions every year, so he has taken the word permanent out of the resolution. He stated that Mr. Haws brings up some good points and the way the resolution is worded now could create some problems. The resolution can be changed; it would not be a problem as it is at the council's discretion to decide what they want. Councilor Hunt said that it is important to have teeth in order to enforce the rules but does not want to go overboard. Councilor Staten suggested adding the Weber River corridor and any public spaces to the wording. He noted that he is referring to street right of ways and sidewalks

in the area designated. Councilor Griffiths asked if the area and resolution had been evaluated this year. Mr. Brooks stated that both Matt Hennessy (Interim Fire chief) and Randy Koger (Fire Inspector) have reviewed the map and the resolution.

Mayor Searle noted that smoking on the river trail is already prohibited. However it is allowed on private property. One certainly would not want open flames in those sensitive areas as the fire danger is always present.

Mr. Brooks feels that Councilor Staten's suggestion of wording using the term public spaces is something that may work well. The term Weber River trail or any public place herein could be inserted into the wording of the resolution. Councilor Ellis wants the public to understand that they assume the liability of causing any damage due to their use of fireworks or open flames. The councilmembers agreed that they hate to invade too much on citizen's personal privacy but this year in particular the city needs to be alert to the dangerous fire situation. Mr. Brooks said that Mr. Douglas (Public Works Director) has said that this is the worst year he has seen for the thick growth along the river corridor.

Councilor Mitchell asked for clarification of a line on the map. He stated that the map shows the demarcation line running down the edge of the road in his neighborhood. He has had neighbors ask if they can light their fireworks in the road. In looking at the map it appears that the road may be out of the banned area. The council members determined that the line appears to be on the home owner's property line. The purpose in that area is to protect the dense vegetation behind the homes. It was decided that the map should be added to the resolution as an exhibit. Councilor Griffiths asked about clearing firebreaks in the trail area. It was noted that some fire breaks have been created but the city is under some federal restrictions on the protected land there. Mr. Books stated that we do have to be careful what we take out of those areas. He feels that the city has already done what it can legally do.

**Motion:** Councilor Mitchell moved to approve Resolution 2015-23 establishing fire and fireworks restrictions for Riverdale City with the amendment to section 1 last sentence to state; In addition to the fireworks restriction there will be no open fires, no open flames, no cigarettes allowed in the Weber River trail corridor or any public spaces in these areas listed herein. Also, strike the word permanently and add the map as an exhibit. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ellis

There was no discussion on the motion.

**Call the Question:** The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the council

### **C. Discretionary Items**

Mayor Searle stated that city council meeting on July 7, 2015 will probably be cancelled. As of now there are no agenda items, and due to personnel changes, vacations, etc. it would be difficult to get the packets out to the council for that week. It will also give Jackie, the new recorder, a bit of time to get familiar with the job.

He also mentioned that Mr. Worthen has been in meetings discussing creating a fire district or consolidation of fire departments. This will be on the WACOG agenda

probably sometime in July. Chief Poulson from Roy fire has put together a proposal that he will be presenting. Mr. Worthen has met with Roy, Washington Terrace and South Ogden in reference to the proposals of consolidation being considered. Mayor Searle just wanted the council to know that they are moving in that direction

Mayor Searle said that the bid opening for the river repair near the kayak park with Central Weber Sewer was today. After the bid is awarded the work should be completed in 60 days.

Mayor Searle discussed problems that exist on the trail near the river. Citizens in the area are concerned about the activity that goes on at night there. He has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Worthen, Public Works, and the Police Department to discuss ideas of action that may be taken to curb the problems. Signage, cameras, more police presence, and a parked decoy patrol car were ideas discussed this evening. The Mayor will take these ideas to the meeting he has scheduled.

Councilor Staten said that the Respect the Road event last week was great. There was a good turnout everyone had a good time. He feels that it was successful and it was positive PR for the city. He noted that the bike park has become a very popular attraction.

**D. Adjournment**

**Motion:** With no further business to come before the council at this time, Councilor Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Hunt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

**Call the Question:** The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 PM