

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

Present:

City Council: Norm Searle, Mayor
Brent Ellis, Councilor
Gary E. Griffiths, Councilor
Braden Mitchell, Councilor
Alan Arnold, Councilor
Cody Hansen, Councilor

City Employees: Rodger Worthen, City Administrator
Dave Hansen, Police Chief
Steve Brooks, City Attorney
Shawn Douglas, Public Works Director
Mike Eggett, Community Development
Cody Cardon, City Treasurer/Business Administrator
Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Visitors: Charles Kerkvliet Dave Leahy Thatcher Eames Troop 187
Marcy Demillion, National Park Service

A. Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Searle called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, including all Council Members and all members of the public. Mayor Searle welcomed Thatcher, with Troop 187, who is working towards earning his community merit badge.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Searle invited Councilor Ellis to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Moment of Silence

Mayor Searle called for a moment of silence and asked everyone to remember our police officers, fire fighters, U.S. Military service members, and members of the City Council as they make decisions this evening.

D. Open Communications

Mayor Searle invited any member of the public with questions or concerns to address the Council and asked that they keep their comments to approximately three minutes. There were no comments made.

E. Presentations and Reports

1. Mayors Report

a. Welcome new council members

Mayor Searle welcomed Councilor Mitchell back for a second term, and Councilor Arnold who has served a prior term, and Councilor Hansen to serve his first term.

b. Council Committee Assignment Reports

There was no comment from the Council regarding the various committees in which they serve.

Mayor Searle briefly discussed the proposed pedestrian bridge, which will connect from the Parker Drive roundabout and will cross over the I-15 freeway. The City staff and the Mayor have been meeting with UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) to ensure they are meeting their requirements. They expect to open the bidding for this bridge by the end of the month. Construction is anticipated in March, weather permitting. Mayor Searle distributed a rendering of a possible design for the bridge, which was provided by the City Engineer, Scott Nelson. The bridge will provide a connection to Roy City for pedestrians and bikers. They received support from Roy, Ogden, and Weber County. They received WACOG funding for this project.

2. National Park Service Report on Rohmer Park Trail Planning Document

Mr. Worthen introduced Marcy Demillion with National Parks Service. Mr. Worthen summarized an executive summary which explained:

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Riverdale City, Washington Terrace City, and Weber Pathways were awarded planning assistance from the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTSC) program sponsored by the National Park Service in October of 2015. This planning effort was tasked with identifying possible trail routing solutions to connect Rohmer Park in Washington Terrace to the Weber River trail system located in Riverdale City.

The NPS staff has assisted both Cities in facilitation meetings for the project plan and has completed a concept plan for potential trail connections linking Rohmer Park to the Weber River trail system. The NPS and City staff have also documented possible funding sources and supporting grants for future design, future engineering and construction of such trail way connection. The plan coincides with previous work completed within the City's Bike and Pedestrian Transportation Plan.

The City staff acknowledges the partnership with National Park Service, Weber Pathways, and Washington Terrace City in the production of the trail planning document. Various research was done regarding the bike plan and the private roadway.

Mr. Worthen introduced Marcy Demillion with the National Parks Service and invited her to present the concept plan. Marcy Demillion, discussed her experience in working with City Staff and Washington Terrace, as well as familiarizing herself with the Trail Master Plan for Riverdale City. She provided maps to the council for reference. Ms. Demillion discussed the importance of having bike pathways and pedestrian pathways for safe east to west travel. She felt many would benefit from the connectivity of this trail.

Ms. Demillion stated the purpose of this concept plan was to open the discussion for the need for a larger engineering study regarding alternative transportation and street connectivity.

Ms. Demillion discussed the 3 potential connections. The first connection would be from the north side of Rohmer Park. This option would have the least slope of the three options, but the City would need to acquire permission from a private property owner. There would also be the issue of acquiring permission from the Railroad, as there would be 4 rails to cross for this option. This would be the most expensive option.

The second possible connection would be the south side of Rohmer Park. This option would have a steeper slope than option one, and would require permission from 2 private property owners. It would be less expensive than option one. Permission from the railroad would need to be obtained for 2 track crossings.

The third possible connection would be at the north side of Rohmer Park. This option would be the least expensive, but would not be as direct of a connection; and the City would need to acquire permission from private property owners, since the road is entirely privately owned.

Ms. Demillion discussed different trail standards for steep terrain to be used as guidance for design. She discussed the different paving options and trail widths.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of either purchasing some of the private property needed for the trail connection, or obtaining easements through the private property owners. Mr. Worthen stated the City Staff has contacted property owners to inform them of the potential trail planning effort.

This concept plan will be a basis in being able to apply for future funding, which is needed to move forward with this project. Depending on the desires of the Council, it will determine where City Staff will apply for funding and which connection option they will pursue. There are no actual cost estimates on these options at this time.

F. Consent Items

1. Review of Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2015 City Council Regular and Work Session.

Mayor Searle asked for any changes to the regular and work session meeting minutes for the City Council Meeting held on December 15, 2015. There were no changes to the meeting minutes.

2. Consideration of appointment of City Treasurer, Cody Cardon.

Mr. Worthen introduced Cody Cardon as the new business administrator and City Treasurer. Mr. Cardon was invited to introduce himself and summarize his work experience. Mayor Searle welcomed Mr. Cardon to the City of Riverdale.

3. Consideration of reappointment of City Recorder, Jackie Manning.

Mayor Searle explained the state requirement to appoint the City Treasurer and City Recorder, as required by Utah Code Ann. § 10-3-916.

MOTION: Councilor Mitchell made a motion to approve consent items as proposed. Councilor Ellis seconded the motion. There was no discussion regarding this motion. All voted in favor.

G. Discretionary Items

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Mayor Searle invited any discretionary items. Councilor Ellis stated he was approached by a resident who expressed concern regarding 1700 West. It appears drivers from Roy use this street as a through street to Riverdale Road; and with no visible speed limit sign south bound, it has become a speeding hazard. Councilor Ellis has asked for City Staff to review this area.

Councilor Mitchell was approached by some residents who run along Riverdale Road and expressed concern regarding businesses not removing the snow on the adjacent sidewalks. Mayor Searle stated they will refer this information to code enforcement. Mr. Worthen stated he has received an email regarding businesses not properly removing the snow on the sidewalk, and the appropriate business has been contacted.

There was a brief discussion regarding Riverdale City's snow removal obligation for sidewalks along the UDOT owned road, Riverdale Road. Mr. Douglas, Public Works Director, explained the city is only responsible for sidewalks along Riverdale Road in which there is not an adjacent business, otherwise it is the business entity responsible for removing snow on the sidewalks.

H. Adjournment.

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilor Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ellis; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Norm Searle, Mayor

Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Date Approved: **January 19, 2016**