

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, December 20, 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
Braden Mitchell, Councilor
Brent Ellis, Councilor
Gary E. Griffiths, Councilor
Alan Arnold, Councilor
Cody Hansen, Councilor

City Employees:

Rodger Worthen, City Administrator
Steve Brooks, City Attorney
Scott Brenkman, Police Chief
Jeff Woody, Building Official
Shawn Douglas, Public Works Director
Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Visitors:

Scott Nelson, Contracted Riverdale City Engineer
Todd Freeman
Krista Ligman, HAFB
Julee Smith, YCC Executive Director
Dave Leahy
Dina Judkins

Chuck Kerkvliet
Tara Gilmore

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.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Searle invited Councilor Arnold 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.

Dina Judkins, a Riverdale City Resident who resides on 750 West, stated she spoke to Mayor Searle regarding a utility reconnection fee. She asked if the City Council would waive the fee. She explained she has a disability and discussed the difficulty she has shoveling the sidewalks, specifically the areas with "bumps" in the concrete. Mayor Searle clarified Ms. Judkins was referring to the tactile pads located on the approach. Ms. Judkins confirmed. Shawn Douglas, the Public Works Director, explained the tactiles are required by the State of Utah to be in ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliance. Ms. Judkins asked if the City would contact the state to see if the tactiles could be removed.

Ms. Judkins explained she is now up to date with her utility payment, with the exception of the \$25 reconnect fee. She asked the City Council if they would waive the fee. Mayor Searle explained the process for City Staff when shutting off water, such as sending reminder letters in conjunction with the monthly utility bill, and a door hanger. Ms. Judkins explained she has lived in her house for 23 years and felt the City Council should have more consideration for someone who is not only having a difficult time but also a long term resident of Riverdale City. Ms. Judkins stated she has had back surgery and is unable to work, which makes it difficult for her. She explained she has a roommate who is not paying rent, which is why she hasn't been paying her bills.

Councilor Arnold explained this is a difficult situation because if the City Council waives one reconnection fee, then they have to do it for everyone to be consistent. Councilor Arnold referred to two residents present during the meeting who offered to pay Ms. Judkins reconnection fee for her. Mayor Searle encouraged Ms. Judkins to contact the City before the water is shut off. He further explained the City would rather work with residents and set payment arrangements in lieu of shutting off their water. Ms. Judkins stated her prior roommate would take her mail so she wasn't receiving her utility bills. Mayor Searle explained the water shut off's occur after 3 months of non-payment and encouraged Ms. Judkins if she doesn't receive the bill to contact the City offices. Mayor Searle explained the City needs to be fair and consistent with all residents. Ms. Judkins stated she knew the due date and would make sure the next bill was paid on time. Ms. Judkins

asked if she would get in trouble if she put cement over the sidewalk tactiles. Mayor Searle advised against it, and re-explained state ADA requirements. Mr. Worthen explained the purpose of tactile pads. There was a brief discussion regarding shoveling sidewalks.

E. Presentations and Reports

1. Mayors Report

Mayor Searle commented on the Central Weber District Meeting where Weber County approved a 2 percent increase to the sewer rates.

2. City Administration Report

Rodger Worthen, the City Administrator, summarized the department reports and staff anniversaries. He noted the added monthly utility report which outlines water and sewer funds for the months of October and November. Mr. Worthen noted the sales tax has increased, as seen in the report.

3. Hill Air Force Base Report regarding Air Installation Compatible Use Zone

Krista Ligman, a planner for Hill Air Force Base, informed the Council about a study that will be conducted throughout the next year in response to the anticipated air plane noise from the F35's. Her department reviews community impact for the the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ). She explained the F35 airplanes are the loudest airplanes at Hill Air Force Base. There will be a total of 72 F35's within the next year located at the Roy base.

Ms. Ligman emphasized the importance of public awareness and discussed a public out-reach (information meeting) which will occur towards the end of the study. All information/results from the study will be shared with impacted entities as the information becomes available. The public open house is anticipated at the end of 2017.

Ms. Ligman explained any easements, and/or zoning ordinances are regulated by the City. Ms. Ligman provided a noise facts and question sheet to the Council. She invited the Council to contact her with any questions. Mr. Worthen asked for permission to put the information on the City website and Ms. Ligman consented. Councilor Hansen suggested adding a tab on the Riverdale City Website to link directly to the Hill Air Force Base website.

4. Follow Up/Report Regarding an Open Communication Request Regarding Building Permits for Riverdale Mobile Home Estates

Mr. Worthen discussed the previous City Council Meeting held on December 6, 2016, in which a resident made comments regarding building permits and unpermitted construction occurring within the Riverdale Mobile Home Estates. Mr. Worthen noted that on this day, this resident had already contacted the building official, Jeff Woody, prior to attending the City Council Meeting that evening. Mr. Worthen discussed the roles and limitations of local government in relation to private property.

Mr. Worthen invited Mr. Woody to report on his investigation. Mr. Woody informed the Council he had a conversation with the resident informing him the roles and limitations of local government and Mr. Woody investigated what he could in relation to building permits. Mr. Woody further explained during his investigation he was able to enforce a building permit on a resident who was building without a permit, who is now in compliance. Mr. Woody stated he offered to walk around the Riverdale Mobile Home Estates with the resident who had the various concerns, but this resident declined the offer. Mr. Woody discussed aluminum wiring in relation to building codes.

Councilor Griffiths asked if Mr. Woody patrolled Riverdale City for building code violations. Mr. Woody explained when he is out for inspections sometimes he will catch building code violations and it was noted the public works department will notify the building official if they witness building code violations in the City.

Councilor Arnold stated he also had a conversation with this resident regarding roles of elected officials and city staff.

5. 4400 South Bridge Presentation/Report

Scott Nelson, the contracted Riverdale City Engineer, presented a picture of the newly built 4400 South Bridge, to the City Council. He introduced the City to his partner Todd Freeman. He discussed the building process of the bridge and expressed appreciation and gratitude toward City Staff and toward the contractors for the project; Contech Engineering and Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction.

6. Your Community Connection (YCC) request for funding.

Julee Smith, YCC Executive Director, thanked the City Council for their time. Ms. Smith provided the Council with a brief history of the Ogden YCC Family Crisis Center and discussed the YCC's goal which is to save and change lives. She explained the center is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They work with the Riverdale City Police Department to

bring awareness regarding handling situations of abuse and how to refer YCC's assistance for victims of abuse.

Ms. Smith explained the YCC provides refuge for victims of abuse. The YCC recently expanded from 26 beds to 61 beds and added 10 cribs. She clarified half of the victims that are housed are children. She explained the YCC offers many different services, such as: shelter, food, repairs to homes, child care, clothing donations, and furniture donations.

Ms. Smith stated the YCC is publicly funded and as such do not have sufficient funding to operate day to day. She stated the YCC had to turn some people away due to lack of funding. As such, the YCC is requesting funding from local governments. Ms. Smith stated the YCC is trying to secure annual funds in the amount of \$150,000 from local government. She is asking that Riverdale City donate \$4,000 annually to the YCC. She explained Weber County has committed to \$50,000 annually. She further explained that all other shelters receive funding from the county and city in which they are located. She discussed the continual rise in cost to operate the YCC.

Councilor Mitchell asked how the YCC is currently funding. Ms. Smith replied through grants and donations. She stated they are constantly applying for grant funds. Councilor Mitchell asked if any religious organizations donated to the YCC and Ms. Smith confirmed and named various religious establishments that have donated.

Mayor Searle explained the Council will review and discuss this request during the next strategic planning meeting, when the budget for the next fiscal year is discussed. Ms. Smith expressed appreciation and invited the Council to visit the YCC anytime.

F. Consent Items

1. Review of Meeting Minutes for City Council Meetings held on December 6, 2016 Regular Meeting and Work Session.

Mayor Searle invited discussion/changes regarding the meeting minutes, to which there were no requested changes.

MOTION: Councilor Mitchell moved to approve the consent items as proposed. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. There was not any discussion regarding this motion. The motion passed unanimously in favor.

G. Discretionary Items

Councilor Hansen referred to the department reports, as seen in the packet, and asked various clarification questions pertaining to Mr. Worthen's administrative report. His first question pertained to meetings with South Ogden and fire. Mr. Worthen clarified he is meeting with South Ogden staff regarding a fire service district. This would be an interlocal agreement.

Councilor Hansen asked about the meeting with the Washington Terrace Administrator regarding police, and Mr. Worthen clarified the meeting was regarding the recent salary increase by Weber County for emergency management services. The topic of discussion was unified police.

Councilor Hansen asked for clarification regarding concept ideas for 300 West in relation to Valley West Apartments, now known as Green Hill Apartments. Mr. Worthen replied the new owners are looking to expand the complex with the potential for a boundary line agreement with the City. Mr. Worthen stated he is researching the option of having the apartment expansion as satisfying the RDA housing requirement for the 550 West RDA.

Councilor Hansen inquired about the remote meter reads and asked for an estimated time of completion. Shawn Douglas, the Public Works Director, explained new meters were purchased and will be installed when weather permits in the Spring. He discussed the amount of time it takes to install the meters.

There was a brief discussion regarding the tornado clean up. Councilor Hansen thanked Mr. Douglas and Cody Cardon for the utility reports that were provided in the packet.

There was a brief discussion regarding the patrolling reports in the packet regarding including police officer names.

Councilor Arnold thanked City Staff for their efforts in the Santa run.

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 7:14 PM.

Norm Searle, Mayor

Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Date Approved: **January 17, 2017**