Council Regular Meeting, January 2, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

Present: City Council: Norm Searle, Mayor
        Braden Mitchell, Councilmember
        Brent Ellis, Councilmember
        Alan Arnold, Councilmember
        Cody Hansen, Councilmember
        Bart Stevens, Councilmember

        City Employees: Rodger Worthen, City Administrator
                        Steve Brooks, City Attorney
                        Cody Cardon, Business Administrator
                        Scott Brenkman, Police Chief
                        Jared Sholly, Fire Chief
                        Chris Stone, City Staff
                        Mike Eggett, Community Development
                        Jackie Manning, City Recorder

        Excused: Brandon Searle
                 Kylee Brewer
                 Jana Mecham
                 Kurtis Ellis
                 Camee Ellis
                 Elisabeth Ellis
                 Grant Ellis
                 Ryan Ellis
                 Louis Donnavon
                 Shanda Butterfield
                 Amber Gallegos
                 Ronda Rodriguez
                 Tyler Butterfield
                 Steve Poe
                 Hillary Stevens McFarland
                 Grady McFarland
                 Logan McFarland
                 Debbie Stevens
                 Brett Benegar
                 Dawn Benegar
                 Tamra Ellis
                 Becky Meehan
                 Charles Kerkvliet
                 David Leahy

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Mayor Searle explained the City is very concerned with the landslide and as such is actively testing the water. There was a discussion regarding the work the City has done pertaining to the landslide. Councilmember Arnold explained the City has budgeted $150,000 to allow for additional extensive tests to be performed on the landslide.

A. Welcome & Roll Call

The City Council meeting began at 6:05 p.m. 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 Mike Eggett, the Community Development Director, 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.

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E. Presentations and Reports
1. **Mayors Report**  
   a. **Welcome new Councilmember**

   Mayor Searle congratulated and welcomed new councilmember Bart Stevens. Mayor Searle welcomed Councilmember Brent Ellis back for another 4 year term.

   Mayor Searle thanked Dave Leahy and Charles Kerkvliet for their work in the Veteran's Memorial wreath placed during the holiday season.

   Mayor Searle discussed the anticipated increase in sewer fees as a result of the Sewer District raising their fees.

F. **Consent Items**

1. **Review of meeting minutes for the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting minutes held on December 19, 2017.**

   Mayor Searle invited any corrections or comments for the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting minutes held on December 19, 2017. There was a word change requested to the work session minutes on line 85, “destruction” to “transportation”.

   **MOTION:** Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve the consent items as amended. Councilmember Ellis seconded the motion. There was not any discussion regarding this motion. The motion passed unanimously in favor.

G. **Discretionary Items**

   Councilmember Ellis explained he is the president of the Riverdale Lion's Club and on January 26, 2018 there will be a dinner to raise funds for families impacted by the landslide.

   Councilmember Arnold discussed neighborhood safety and discussed various options to increase safety, such as security cameras. He asked City Staff if they would put information about neighborhood safety in the City Newsletter.

   Mayor Searle explained the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) made some adjustments to the timing of traffic lights to help mitigate peak hour traffic congestion along 900 West and Riverdale Road. Mayor Searle discussed the option of placing a no left turn sign on 1150 West Riverdale Road.

H. **Adjournment.**

   **MOTION:** Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Arnold; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Norm Searle, Mayor

Jackie Manning, City Recorder

**Date Approved: January 16, 2018**