Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 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 – Via Telephone
Brent Ellis, Councilmember
Alan Arnold, Councilmember
Bart Stevens, Councilmember
Steve Hilton, Councilmember

City Employees: Rodger Worthen, City Administrator
Steve Brooks, City Attorney – Acting City Administrator
Rich Taylor, Community Services
Jared Sholly, Fire Chief
Scott Brenkman, Police Chief
Cody Cardon, Business Administration
Shalee Evans, City Recorder

A. Welcome & Roll Call

The City Council meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Searle called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, including all Council Members and staff.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Searle stated that the pledge will not be done tonight due to members working from home.

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. Public Comment

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. No action will be taken during public comment. There were no public present.

E. Presentations and Reports

1. Mayors Report

Mayor Searle stated that UDOT will be working on the 900 West intersection, they will be taking out the pedestrian lane to make more room for left hand turns. He noted that last week he attended the Wasatch Regional Council Transportation Committee meeting. In the meeting they discussed funding for projects. Rodger Worthen, City Administrator, submitted two requests, one of which was mentioned, the pathway along Weber drive and 1050 West request. The pathway does not have a sidewalk, children that attend the Utah Military Academy use that pathway and no sidewalk makes it difficult for them to walk that path. The total project amount is $507,000.00, the approved funding amount is $481,000.00, the remaining $26,000.00 will be covered because it is a state highway.

2. City administration report

Steve Brooks, Acting City Administrator, summarized the administration report which outlines staff anniversaries, full time employee (fte) allocation, community development (i.e. new businesses coming into the community or existing business remodels), individual staff monthly progress reports, and the condition of the treasury. He thanked Cody Cardon, Business Administration, for all his hard work that he does for city.

3. Legal Update

Steve Brooks, City Attorney, updated the Mayor and the Council about the two active lawsuits within the city. The gun range lawsuit has been dismissed. The landslide lawsuit is still ongoing, and that they have already started trial prep work. Councilmember Ellis asked how many parties were involved in the landslide lawsuit. Mr. Brooks noted that
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Washington Terrace and Riverdale are the two cities that were involved, and there were a few other private entities. Mayor Searle asked about the settlement amount if it was a combined amount for both cities. Steve Brooks noted that it was a combined settlement amount requested.

F. Consent Items

1. Consideration to approve the City Council meeting minutes from: Work Session and April 7, 2020 Regular Session.

Mayor Searle invited any corrections or comments regarding the above referenced meeting minutes. There were no requested changes.

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

G. Action Items

1. Consideration/action to move/or cancel Old Glory Days due to COVID-19.

   Rich Taylor, Community Services, stated that he would like direction from the council regarding all the events that go on with the fourth of July celebration. He noted that he would need decisions by mid-May. For the fireworks, the vendor needs to know by the beginning of May. Councilmember Mitchell noted that the newsletter would be the best way to have a deadline and have it gone out to the residents. Councilmember Stevens stated that the parade with cars is a very good idea. He noted that his family is involved with the volleyball tournament and his wife getting it planned by now. He stated that he thinks that the city has at least until the middle of May. Councilmember Stevens also noted that Old Glory Days is not mandatory, it is not required for resident’s participation, and that needs to be considered. He noted that with the parade, the participants would need time to prepare for it, and he stated that he thinks the city will have a much clearer picture within the next couple of weeks. Mayor Searle asked if the council wants to put this decision on the May 5th agenda in order to meet timelines. Rich Taylor stated that the location the city uses for the fireworks would not allow for them to go high in the air. Jared Sholly, Fire Chief, noted that the max height that they can go is 250 feet. Scott Brenkman, Police Chief, commented that if the city were to do a car parade, that would create safety concerns, it would also create traffic issues.

   Councilmember Arnold stated with the fourth of July being a city sanctioned event, that he thinks the city should not break the social distancing. Rodger Worthen, City Administrator, noted that depending on what state the Health Department is on during the event, the city could get negative PR, but we have some time to evaluate what to do. Councilmember Arnold stated that if Riverdale is the first city to stop social distancing standards, there are chances of protests and that he does not think Riverdale would want to be a part of that. Councilmember Stevens noted that in order to postpone the date, that we need to have alternative dates to get the events planned properly. Steve Brooks noted that the city staff is aware of all the issues that have been mentioned, but the staff does not want to cancel events just because other cities are cancelling. Councilmember Mitchell stated that he appreciates Mr. Brooks and city staff. He noted that he thinks we should hold off on cancelling events, and that we do not know what the next couple weeks hold.

   Councilmember Arnold noted that he believes we need to be coordinating with surrounding cities and see what they are doing with their events. Councilmember Stevens noted that Chief Brenkman made very good points with the driving parade idea, but he would like to be able to have that idea considered within the next few weeks. Mayor Searle asked if the council would like to table this action item and have it on a future agenda.

   MOTION: Councilmember Arnold moved to table the action item. Councilmember Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

   Councilmember Arnold noted that on the Governors phase plan, phase two timeframe is in 14 weeks.

2. Consideration to move Strategic Planning date.

   Mayor Searle noted that the date is currently set for May 9th, but the council and staff discussed in the work session about moving the meeting to the evening of May 5th. He asked if the we had consensus to move the date of the Strategic Planning date. All were in favor.

3. COVID-19 Updates.

   Steve Brooks stated that all the measures that have been taken by the city has gone smoothly. He noted that the building is still closed to walk-ins but is available by appointment. He also noted that there have been no close calls or positive cases within the city staff. Chief Sholly stated that they have worked with COVID-19 patients but have had no
exposure. Chief Brenkman noted that the police department did have one officer exposed and he had to stay home for 14 days and he tested negative.

H. Discretionary Items

Councilmember Arnold stated that the Riverdale Stake had removed their safety emergency preparedness coordinator. He noted that people have products and necessities but have no coordination for when/if a disaster happens. Chief Sholly noted that he will reach out and help with coordinating safety preparedness. Councilmember Arnold stated that they may have residents and members show up wanting to help but have no direction. Rodger Worthen noted that Rich Taylor would be the lead contact for working with volunteers. Then Chief Sholly and Chief Brenkman would be the contacts for emergency response measures.

Councilmember Stevens asked about Dave Hansen’s daughter that passed away. He asked which of the two daughters passed away. Councilmember Ellis noted that the obituary is in the paper and if anyone is looking for more detail to go and read the paper.

Mayor Searle mentioned Miranda Rizzi, Senior Programs Coordinator, he noted that she has gone above and beyond to reach out and call all the seniors and asking them if they need anything since COVID-19 has closed the senior center.

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Arnold made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Norm Searle, Mayor

Shalee Evans, City Recorder

Date Approved: