

Minutes of the **Special Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **January 24, 2006** at 6:00 pm at the Riverdale Civic Center Conference Room, 4600 South Weber Drive.

Members Present:     Bruce Burrows, Mayor  
                              David Gibby, Councilor  
                              Gary Griffiths, Councilor  
                              Stacey Haws, Councilor  
                              Shelly Jenkins, Councilor  
                              Doug Peterson, Councilor

Others Present:        Larry Hansen, City Administrator  
                              Cindi Mansell, City Recorder

Mayor Burrows called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. He discussed the need to meet this evening to consider lobbying efforts, updates, and strategies.

#### **Lobbying Efforts**

Mayor Burrows addressed the concept of preparing a guest commentary article for the Standard-Examiner. He stated staff has compiled comments from all elected officials and Councilor Peterson has prepared a final draft for review. Discussion followed regarding a key argument being cost per person for public safety.

Councilor Peterson explained he was not able to include graphics with the information article, and has rewritten the article to incorporate key factors. He stated the deadline to publish would be 11:00 a.m. tomorrow. Discussion followed regarding potential damage to be realized by Riverdale City upon publication, should wrong or incorrect information be referenced. Mr. Hansen discussed the need to reply for the constituents, stating Riverdale will be no worse off for fighting their cause. He further discussed public posture to retort.

Mr. Hansen explained the per-capita distribution would also hurt Weber County, as the majority of funding would go south and to areas of growth within the State. Mayor Burrows discussed the need to encourage other cities to become allies and to also be able to realize the benefit. Mr. Hansen referenced the neutral position of other cities, and inquired how to change this public perception.

Further discussion followed regarding the proposed guest commentary article and its contents. *There appeared to be Council consensus not to forward a letter to the Standard-Examiner at this time.*

Mr. Hansen discussed further time and efforts being taken to foster support. Councilor Peterson stated he would envision the major goals of Senate Bill 35 as follows and in priority order:

- ✓ Kill the bill.
- ✓ Obtain grandfather protection if bill passes.

- ✓ Amend with concessions based on dollar costs of daytime population, including Public Safety costs.
- ✓ Obtain CPI inflation adjustment to numbers on the phase-out concept; possibly extend phase-out; consider flat rate; and request to be grandfathered at the end of phase-out if Riverdale is still not above hold harmless.

Councilor Peterson further suggested compiling of official numbers relative to inflation on the phase-out and actual daily traffic counts. He stated Riverdale must determine the type and degree of compromise they can live with.

Mayor Burrows summarized overall objectives and strategies, stating for the time being, there will be no Letter to the Editor. He stated he will continue to network with other local officials and will pursue meeting with Ron Kusina, Executive Director of the Weber Economic Development Corporation. He encouraged the elected officials to network with other local city government officials with whom they are familiar. Mayor Burrows cautioned the Council to stay on the message and to avoid overly aggressive recruiting in regards to making Riverdale's law of unintended consequences and impacts.

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilor Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Attest:

Approved: February 7, 2006

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cindi Mansell, City Recorder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Burrows, Mayor