
Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **May 15, 2007** at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

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

Others Present: Larry Hansen, Chief Administrative Officer; Steve Brooks, City Attorney; Lynn Moulding, Public Works Director; Randy Daily, Community Development Director; Lynn Fortie, Business Administrator; James Ebert, Police Department; Marilyn Hansen, City Recorder; other city staff and approximately 5 citizens.

A. Welcome & Roll Call

Mayor Burrows called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Gibby offered the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Burrows read a quote from Josiah Quincy.

C. Moment of Silence

Mayor Burrow's quote was followed by a Moment of Silence.

D. Open Communications

Konel Banner, a Riverdale resident spoke regarding the proposed property tax increase and stated that he appreciates what the Mayor and Council do. He reported that 12 years ago the City's budget was approximately \$1.9 million and the new proposed budget is approximately \$6.9 million. Mr. Banner asked that the Mayor and Council go back 12 years and look at that budget and compare what services were offered then and compare it to what services are currently being offered. He stated that he has a business and home in Riverdale and is concerned for the widows in the area if the tax increase goes through. Mr. Banner stated that if there is no advantage to living in Riverdale, why would they stay. He also presented an idea of allowing golf carts to drive on city streets. Mayor Burrows stated that the next public meeting will be held Saturday, May 19, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Senior Center to consider the FY 08 budget. He explained that there will not be an opportunity for public comment, but the public is invited to attend this meeting. Councilor Peterson stated that he appreciated Mr. Banner's comments and that they feel the same way. He reported that receiving a benefit to live in Riverdale is the argument that was presented to the legislature in the face of SB-35. He stated that the benefit of being in Riverdale is that we have commercial businesses that keep the property taxes lower, but the perception in the legislature is that we have had an unfair advantage and the cities without commercial are at a disadvantage.

E. Presentations and Reports

1. Presentation regarding ongoing HAFB groundwater investigation and indoor air sampling program by Mark Roginske.

Mark Roginske, from Hill Air Force Base, gave an Environmental Restoration update outlining their investigation of groundwater contamination and indoor sampling in Riverdale. He reported that the map showing the groundwater contamination plume is different than was last presented. He stated that the plume hasn't changed but their understanding of the plume has changed, based on their investigation. Councilor Peterson inquired if there was activity or ground movement in the plume area, would that impact the plume. Mr. Roginske replied that the plume will want to follow the natural gradient of the land and if the land is kept the same, it should not spread. He explained that if there were cuts into the hill, the water would need to be managed. He noted that this is a complicated site due to geology and the steepness of this area makes it hard to get accurate information. Councilor Jenkins inquired if it is more difficult for HAFB to monitor the spreading of the plume in this area, if the area is disturbed. Mr. Roginske replied that they will do what needs to be done in order to prevent human/animal contact with the contaminated water and if that area is disturbed and the contaminated water needs to be managed, they would be a part of that. He reported that the contamination is their responsibility but managing the water is not. He explained that there are a lot of trees in this area that drink a lot of the water and if those go away, there will be a water management issue. Councilor Gibby asked Mr. Roginske if there were development in the area, would that be a cause of concern for him. Mr. Roginske replied that he knows that area has had proposals for development and HAFB is taking a neutral position. He reported that they will do what needs to be done in order to manage contamination on that property. Councilor Gibby asked if development did proceed, who would ensure that area would be safe. Mr. Roginske stated that if they know development is happening, they will be there to take samples. If contamination is found, they will do what needs to be done to manage it.

2. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burrows reported that he received the final Riverdale Road Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision on the widening of Riverdale Road and that a copy will be on file with the City Recorder.

3. Administrator's Report

a. Department Information

Larry Hansen discussed the report.

b. Employee Recognition

Larry Hansen recognized the following employees whose anniversary date falls in the month of May.

Employee	Length of Service	Department
Vicky Barrett	22 years	Public Works
Shawn Douglas	16 years	Public Works
Tracy Bessinger	9 years	Fire
Bonnie Jones	9 y ears	Police
Sheila Mitchell	7 years	Business Administration
Abraham Torres	1 year	Public Works
Marie Alvord	1 year	Community Development
Cody Wade	1 year	Public Works
Richard Taylor	1 year	Community Services

c. Staffing Authorization Plan

Mr. Hansen discussed the report and noted that the city is still operating under authorization.

4. Recorder's Report (*Review status of Council requested follow-up items*)
None

F. Consent Items

1. **Approval of meeting minutes from:**
April 3, 2007 Council Work Session
April 3, 2007 Regular City Council

2. **Report on the Condition of the Treasury for the month ending April 30, 2007.**

Lynn Fortie stated that the RDA paid \$153,000 in increment payments. Capital Projects paid \$15,000 on the 300 West project and the Caselle Clarity software was purchased for \$32,000.

3. **Consideration of setting a public hearing on June 5, 2007 to receive and consider public comment regarding proposed amendments to the FY 2007 budget.**
4. **Consideration of setting a public hearing on June 5, 2007 to declare certain personal property as surplus.**

Motion: Councilor Gibby moved to approve the consent items and set the public hearings as outlined. Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.

Call the Question

The motion passed unanimously.

G. Action Items

1. **Consideration of Resolution 2007-18 approving off-duty firearms and disposition of confiscated firearms.**

Lt. James Ebert from the Riverdale Police Department stated that he had concerns when he first went into investigations that they were carrying a full body frame firearm and discussed allowing officers to carry a smaller weapon that could be concealed. Due to recent events that have happened in the State, they would like to give officers the opportunity to share in the cost of a smaller firearm 50-50 with the City to carry while off-duty. Lt. Ebert stated that they have some previously surplussed firearms that are waiting to be destroyed, as per previous Council action, and requested to be allowed to trade in those weapons and put that money toward the smaller frame guns. Councilor Gibby stated that the actual cost to the City as a little over \$1,000 and is a minimal amount to encourage an officer to have an off-duty gun. Councilor Jenkins inquired if the officers are sharing in the expense of the gun, is the City's portion a gift and does the firearm then belong to the officer. Lt. Ebert replied that they will have to address that issue if an officer retires or leaves the City. Councilor Jenkins stated that she would like that understood up front and specifically spelled out.

Motion: Councilor Peterson moved to approve Resolution 2007-18 providing funding for the acquisition of smaller concealable police service weapons with an option to purchase and individually own the weapon. Councilor Gibby seconded the motion.

Councilor Haws stated that being clear about who owns the weapon is a good thing and suggested using the pattern that the City uses for Educational Assistance. Larry Hansen reported that the Educational Assistance vests at 1/3 per year and if an employee leaves prior to three years after receiving the assistance, they must pay back the unvested portion. Lt. Ebert stated that they could adopt something similar through a Police Department policy. Councilor Haws inquired if the firearms that are to be surplussed were the ones that the Council previously voted to have destroyed. Lt. Ebert replied that a portion of them are and some have been newly surplussed and ordered to be sold. He reported that the previously surplussed guns were held as they were trying to try to determine how to destroy them. Councilor Haws asked that since the City Council ordered them destroyed, does the Resolution rescind this order and authorize them to be surplussed. Larry Hansen replied that it is staff's understanding that this action would reverse that directive on whatever portion of those weapons that was applicable to. City Attorney, Steve Brooks agreed and stated that it was the intention of the Resolution to negate the previous Council decision regarding the disposal of the weapons and allow them to be surplussed.

Call the Question

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Peterson, Yes; Councilor Griffiths, Yes; Councilor Gibby, Yes; Councilor Haws, Yes; Councilor Jenkins, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution 2007-19 adopting an Interlocal Agreement between Weber County and Riverdale City relating to "RAMP" funding.

Lynn Moulding reported that this RAMP money is the portion of the grant that is available to all municipalities based on their population.

Motion: Councilor Gibby moved to approve Resolution 2007-19 approving an Interlocal Agreement between Riverdale City and Weber County relating to Recreation, Arts, Museum and Parks ("RAMP") funding for Trail Improvements. Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.

Councilor Haws stated that the resolution states the purpose is for trail improvements but the money is going to be used to purchase bleachers and install concrete pads at Riverdale Park. Councilor Jenkins stated that the resolution should specify that the RAMP funds are to be used for Riverdale Park improvements. It was determined that the third whereas in the resolution should be changed to read: "Whereas, Weber County and Riverdale City have negotiated an Agreement for the purpose of providing RAMP funds for Riverdale Park Improvements."

Amended Motion

Motion: Councilor Gibby amended his motion to include "for Riverdale Park improvements."
The second agreed.

Call the Question

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Griffiths, Yes; Councilor Gibby, Yes; Councilor Haws, Yes; Councilor Jenkins, Yes; Councilor Peterson, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of the General Plan Land Use Commentary by Area.

Randy Daily stated that the General Plan Land Use maps and commentary were completed and went to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendations on May 8, 2007. He reported that there are some minor changes to the maps that will hopefully be presented to the City Council at

their next meeting. He stated that the changes will not affect the areas and that he felt that the commentary and maps needed to be cleaned up in some areas.

H. Discretionary Items

Councilor Jenkins stated that sometimes there is a tremendous amount of information in their Council packets and since they don't get the packets until Friday afternoon, it is sometimes difficult to get through all the information. She also stated that they don't always have access to staff if they have questions, especially if there is a Monday holiday. She stated that she asked the City Recorder if there was a way to get the information earlier and doesn't know if this is something that can be done. Larry Hansen stated that there are times when it could be appropriate and easy to get the packets out a little earlier. He explained that we try to be considerate of what the Council gets but that there are times when there will be a lot of information. Mr. Hansen explained that most of the information they receive has been discussed before and that they have started using the mark-up approach so the Council can see what has been changed. He reported that if there are new concepts or new ideas of significance, they will be brought up in Strategic Planning meetings. He stated that we try to ensure that the scope of information is adequate to help them make an informed evaluation. Councilor Haws stated that he appreciated having the packet Thursday afternoon, as Thursday is the best day for him to look at the packet. Mr. Hansen stated that our deadline is Friday at noon but if there is a chance that we can work through a packet and get it posted earlier we will do it. Mayor Burrows stated that their goal when they moved the Council meetings to Tuesday night was to try to get the packets out by Thursday at 5 p.m. He stated that we will try to have them posted no later than noon on Friday and if possible by the close of day on Thursday.

I. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilor Haws moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gibby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:19 p.m.

Attest:

Approved: June 5, 2007

Marilyn Hansen, City Recorder

Bruce Burrows, Mayor