

Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **October 18, 2005** at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

Members Present: Bruce Burrows, Mayor
Nancy Brough, Councilor
David Gibby, Councilor
Stan Hadden, Councilor
Shelly Jenkins, Councilor

Member Excused: Stacey Haws, Councilor

Others Present: Larry Hansen, CAO
Wayne Hoaldrige, Public Safety Directory
Paige Ansley, Police Lt.
James Ebert, Police Sgt.
Joel Pippin, Police Officer
Lynn Moulding, Public Works Director
Doug Illum, Fire Chief
Rick Flaig, Firefighter
Stevin Brooks, City Attorney
Jan Ukena, City Planner
Stacey Comeau, Human Resource/Office Manager
Larry Seibel, Recreation Program
Cindi Mansell, City Recorder

Gaylene Seibel

Mayor Burrows called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. He acknowledged that all members were in attendance; with the exception of Councilor Haws, who has asked to be excused from the meeting. Councilor Gibby offered the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Burrows then read a quote written by Frenchman Piere' Samuel DuPont; followed by a Moment of Silence.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Burrows reported that because of a conflict in schedules, it has been recommended to change the City Council meeting time on November 1, 2005, to accommodate those interested in being able to attend a Planning Commission meeting/Public Hearing to be held at the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. He stated the City Council will conduct a work session at 7:45 p.m.; followed by an 8:00 p.m. meeting.

Mayor Burrows reported that he and Mr. Hansen had attended the Utah League of Cities & Towns Legislative Policy Committee meeting. He stated some well-intended individual is now proposing that all of the local option sales tax be removed and replaced with property tax. He stated all of the sudden, communities who had not been too vocal regarding the hold harmless provision are now concerned. Mayor Burrows explained this would affect communities who foster outside entertainment, conventions, etc.; and who advertise or promote coming to their communities to spend their money. He stated this has provided an interesting turn, because these cities would no longer gain from promotion and tourism.

Mayor Burrows discussed a resolution supporting the Weber County Commission placement of the 911 District on the November ballot. He stated two things were brought up in committee meeting: (1) Public Funds cannot be expended to further this cause. If any candidates are willing to take information around in conjunction with their candidacy, an informational and position-neutral document is available. If any candidates would like to take these handouts around, friends of the 911 Dispatch are willing to make color copies to accompany candidates on their campaign endeavors. He stated (2) rather than spending funding on signage - if candidates are willing to put a tag on their campaign signs in support of the Consolidated Dispatch - they will also provide this information and supplies. He stated they are also willing to attend and inform the public at the local "Meet the Candidates Night".

Mayor's Proclamation Declaring October as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month"

Mayor Burrows stated he would like to publicly recognize a very worthy cause during the month of October. He proceeded to read a Proclamation of the Mayor declaring the month of October as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Riverdale City.

City Administrator's Report

Department Information

Mr. Hansen referenced the information packet with summary reports by department. He stated he would like to add one item that was not included; and read a letter from Weber Pathways to enter into the record in regards to the trailhead on the north end of Parker Drive. He stated the letter concerns the donors, the Steven and Susan Dankers Family, who contributed \$3,000 towards the completion of the project. Mr. Hansen stated he feels it to be worthy to acknowledge this type of community support.

Councilor Jenkins referenced an item contained within the Code Enforcement Report concerning 321 West Highland property. She stated this indicates an RDA purchase. Mr. Hansen explained this has to do with property acquired by UDOT on behalf of the City to provide for the 300 West widening. Councilor Jenkins expressed concern the Code Enforcement report should elude or mislead this property as being purchased by the RDA.

Inquiry was raised regarding the trail fencing status, with Mr. Moulding stating all materials are at the site. Discussion followed regarding an organized volunteer effort, with Councilor Jenkins stating she will assist in determining and organizing this effort; and possibly this weekend. Mr. Moulding stated they are ready to go on both entrances, and he will just need to get supplies, spikes and tools to the necessary individuals. He stated the fences will be completed on the north trailhead today.

Councilor Jenkins expressed concern that she has been hearing motorized vehicles on the trail, and wonders whether they are obtaining access through the north trailhead. Mr. Moulding stated he is unsure, and perhaps she is hearing the City ATV. The Council discussed the need for "No Motorized Vehicle" signage; and directed staff to ensure placement. Councilor Gibby stated he would also like to see this same signage placed at Riverdale Park, as he personally has to inform children in this area all the time.

Employee Recognition

Mr. Hansen honored Rick Flaig from the Fire Department for 23 years; and Assistant Police Chief Paige Ansley for 20 years. In addition, he recognized Larry Seibel for 5 years over Adult Sports Programs in Community Services. Mr. Hansen expressed his appreciation towards these valued employees and all they have done in their years of tenure, stating he hopes their employment has proven to be a mutually beneficial relationship. Mayor Burrows, Mr. Hansen, Chief Hoaldridge and Chief Illum then participated in congratulating these employees.

Consent Items

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Burrows indicated the Council has the minutes of the September 20, 2005 Closed Executive Session; and the Work Session of September 28, 2005 for approval.

Motion Councilor Brough moved to approve the consent items as presented. Councilor Hadden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 33-2005 adopting amendments to the Personnel Policies & Procedures Handbook

Human Resource/Office Manager Comeau addressed the Mayor and Council. She explained the proposed changes to education assistance actually came about in regards to an article in the Wall Street Journal in regards to traditional "not for profit" schools. She stated it has become apparent that credits are not transferring over from "for profit" schools such as Stevens-Henager and University of Phoenix; and therefore, staff has proposed a small change to the policy.

Councilor Hadden expressed concern that he has heard many good things about these types of establishments; and particularly, they do away with the extras or "fluff" and are good for professional or career people. Mrs. Comeau explained that traditionally the "for profit" institutions are much more expensive; however, it is true that an individual can typically graduate in less time. Discussion followed regarding whether or not the increased cost balances out with less time necessary to graduate. Mrs. Comeau explained that although some of the credits may transfer over, there are very few.

Discussion followed regarding the high costs associated with attendance at these types of facilities, with Councilor Gibby expressing concern they are cost prohibitive. Mayor Burrows stated the City Council, as stewards of public funds, have to keep these costs low. He stated costs are fairly low for in-state education; and it is unknown as to how this would weigh out between the shortening of time. He stated this would prove to be interesting comparison on which to receive data.

Councilor Hadden stated computer or Internet class work would be easier for full-time employees, rather than attending classes. Mrs. Comeau explained the policy already restricts that $\frac{1}{2}$ of coursework can be completed on-line.

Mr. Hansen stated the education policy is very liberal. He discussed the recapture clause, or vested reimbursement after three years total. He stated there are ways to accelerate the process, and this was a very valuable and critical article in questioning the value of the money being

put forward in those non-traditional settings. He expressed concern as to the literal explosion of diploma mills now available on the Internet, along with the need to retain the validity of the education process.

Councilor Jenkins stated many universities now offer various satellite campus locations, so she does not feel this would be restricting employees. She stated even though fields of study are focused into a certain area, these courses would be available. Discussion followed regarding the positive associated with not reimbursing for internet degrees.

Motion Councilor Brough moved for approval of Resolution No. 33-2005 adopting amendments to the Riverdale City Personnel Policies & Procedures Handbook, Education Assistance, as proposed. Seconded by Councilor Gibby.

Roll call vote: Councilor Brough, Yes; Councilor Gibby, Yes; Councilor Jenkins, Yes; and Councilor Hadden, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 34-2005 adopting amendments to the Personnel Policies & Procedures Handbook and providing for the creation Public Safety Employee Job Description "Code Enforcement".

Mrs. Comeau explained in response to Council request, staff has submitted a proposed Code Enforcement job description illustrating the essential functions of code enforcement duties.

Motion Councilor Gibby moved for approval of Resolution No. 34-2005 adopting amendments to the Riverdale City Personnel Policies & Procedures Handbook and providing for the creation of a new Public Safety Employee Job Description entitled "Code Enforcement". Seconded by Councilor Jenkins.

Roll call vote: Councilor Gibby, Yes; Councilor Jenkins, Yes; Councilor Hadden, Yes; and Councilor Brough, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Pay Request No. 2 & Project Summary for Roundabouts Project

Public Works Director Moulding informed the Council that this is pay request No. 2 for the roundabouts on 4400 South at Parker Drive and Cozydale. He stated the road opened Saturday, and the Engineers continue to attempt to get more cement allotted to the project. He stated the cement shortage is killing all projects, as the delivery is down to 40% capacity.

Mayor Burrows reported there is to be an article in the next newsletter edition in regards to single-lane roundabout driving techniques.

Mr. Moulding stated staff would recommend payment in the amount of \$225,041.80. Discussion followed regarding confusion in the request for payment number tabulations, with Mr. Moulding offering explanation this is the pay request minus the retainage amount. Mr. Hansen verified the numbers are accurate.

Motion Councilor Gibby moved to approve Pay Request No. 2 and Project Summary for the roundabouts at 4400 South at Parker Drive and Cozydale; and payable to Poulson Construction in the amount of \$225,041.80. Councilor Hadden seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Councilor Jenkins, Yes; Councilor Hadden, Yes; Councilor Brough, Yes; and Councilor Gibby, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

City Entryway Signage

Mrs. Ukena explained these options are in response to Council request, and include a proposal from Intermountain Electric Sign and YESCO. She clarified the price list received is just for the color rendition, and not for the handwritten. She referenced the other two Intermountain sketches. She explained that Kim Thomas, YESCO, could not be present. Mrs. Ukena stated the bids have been split to provide the option of Public Works completing the pond section.

Discussion followed regarding the proposals as submitted, along with the suggestion to include a second "step" or waterfall element. Mrs. Ukena stated she feels having the water flare out at the bottom would be easy to accommodate. Councilor Gibby suggested a shelf effect be accomplished by building up a foot or two at the bottom and adding another waterfall.

Discussion followed regarding the glass block effect, with Mayor Burrows stating he feels this night view is very classy. He stated he would recommend the City Council think about these suggestions and make comments or suggestions to Mrs. Ukena. He stated he feels the elected body is getting close to making a decision.

Mrs. Ukena stated she would like to summarize the red sandstone with blue lettering; boulders; additional waterfall or second layer of shelf. She inquired if the Council would like a rendition without the water to illustrate appearance during the winter. It was stated that these can run all winter by utilizing antifreeze instead of water/or mixed with water; as well as a type of water treatment to prevent hard water stains on the rocks.

The Council expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Thomas for all her hard work; stating these examples are very close to what they envision. Mrs. Ukena stated she will return with a cost and rendition; and including break out of costs after speaking with Mr. Moulding in regards to his limitations.

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilor Gibby moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m.

Attest:

Approved: November 1, 2005

Cindi Mansell, City Recorder

Bruce Burrows, Mayor