
Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **March 18, 2008** at 6:06 p.m. at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

Members Present: Bruce Burrows, Mayor
Shelly Jenkins, Councilor
Don Hunt, Councilor
Gary Griffiths, Councilor
Doug Peterson, Councilor

Excused: David Gibby, Councilor

Others Present: Larry Hansen, Chief Administrative Officer; Steve Brooks, City Attorney; Randy Daily, Community Development Director; Lynn Fortie, Business Administrator, Dave Hansen, Police Chief; Doug Illum, Fire Chief; Marilyn Hansen, City Recorder; other city staff and 15 citizens.

A. Welcome & Roll Call

Mayor Burrows called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. He noted that Councilor Gibby is excused as he is out of town.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Jenkins offered the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Burrows read a quote from William Henry Harrison.

C. Moment of Silence

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

D. Open Communications

None

E. Presentations and Reports

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burrows reported on the recent legislative session in regard to sales tax in Riverdale. He stated that during the 2006 session, the legislature took away a long standing sales tax provision known as "hold harmless", which was put into effect in 1983. Since the passing of that bill, Riverdale has lost over \$300,000 per year in sales tax revenues. He reported that the aggregate of that, up to and through FY09, will be over \$2 million dollars that Riverdale will lose in sales tax revenue. Mayor Burrows stated that they have since went to the state legislature each year to petition for redress. This past legislative session, State Senator Brad Dee, put forth HB-172 that would change the base year for sales tax calculations from 2004-2005 to 2005-2006. This change would have enabled Riverdale to recover approximately \$300,000 per year in lost sales tax revenues. That bill passed the house 70-0 with 5 absent, but the bill did not pass in the Senate. Late in the legislative session, HB-172 was amended to allow the four cities that are still affected by SB-35 to impose a local option sales tax of up to 0.20,

effective January 1, 2009. Mayor Burrows stated that there has not been time to fully evaluate the ramifications of this option, but that there are some possible benefits to Riverdale. He explained that in order to implement the local option sales tax, an ordinance would need to be passed by the City Council. Mayor Burrows reported that this option is not what they had hoped for and was not what was put forth by the Northern Utah delegation, but that they will look at it to see how it could benefit Riverdale in the long term.

2. Administrator's Report

a. Department Information

Larry Hansen discussed the report.

b. Employee Recognition

1) Pat and Devon Hurst, Mickie Layton, Cherie Burrows

Larry Hansen and Mayor Burrows recognized Pat and Devon Hurst, senior apartment managers and Mickie Layton, seniors coordinator, for their excellent work at the Senior Center. They recognized Cherie Burrows for her excellent work at the Community Center in running the intramural activities.

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

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>	<u>Department</u>
Camille Tesch	4 years	Police
Tina Nelson	1 year	Community Services

c. Staffing Authorization Plan

Mr. Hansen discussed the report. Councilor Jenkins inquired as to why the report shows the FTE authorization as 3 for the Community Development Department. Mr. Hansen explained that although there are currently 2 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee in that department, the additional work load is being shared by employees in different departments, which makes up the other part-time employee.

3. Recorder's Report (Review status of Council requested follow-up items)

None

4. Presentation from the Weber Fire District

Mayor Burrows reported that about six years ago they looked at the potential of consolidating and/or working with the Weber Fire District. He explained that since then, a lot of changes have taken place and it makes sense to revisit this option to determine what is best for the community.

Weber Fire District Chief, David Austin, addressed the Mayor and Council and thanked them for the opportunity to give this presentation. He gave a power point presentation outlining the functions of the Weber Fire District and the annexation process. He reported that some of the advantages of annexation are the consolidation of services and that the City can maintain their individual identity. The annexation process begins when the municipality submits a resolution requesting annexation. The Board of Trustees of the District must then hold a public hearing. After the public hearing, the Board of Trustees of the District may deny or approve annexation. Chief Austin indicated that the annexation could also be protested and put to an election if certain criteria is met. He reported that new legislation was passed

during the 2008 legislative session, which requires a municipality that annexes into the district to decrease their certified tax rate by the fire protection tax rate.

F. Consent Items

1. Approval of meeting minutes from:

March 4, 2008 Council Work Session

March 4, 2008 Regular City Council

March 4, 2008 Closed Executive Session

2. Report on the Condition of the Treasury for the month ending February 29, 2008.

Lynn Fortie gave an overview of the report.

Motion: Councilor Peterson moved to approve the consent items. Councilor Jenkins seconded the motion.

Call the Question:

The motion passed unanimously.

G. Action Items

1. Consideration of Resolution #2008-06 requesting the Weber Fire District to proceed with the annexation preliminary study work.

Fire Chief, Doug Illum reported that this Resolution allows the Weber Fire District to begin a study regarding the feasibility of annexation and does not start the annexation process.

Motion: Councilor Peterson moved to approve Resolution 2008-06 petitioning the exploration of annexation into the Weber Fire District. Councilor Griffiths seconded the motion.

Call the Question:

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

2. Consideration of Resolution #2008-07 creating a Fire Services Steering Committee.

Larry Hansen reported that any consideration of annexation should hinge on three principle issues; 1) are the fire services equal to or improved compared to current levels, 2) would the Riverdale Fire Department staff be treated fairly in this transition, and 3) what is the financial impact on Riverdale's 8,400 residents and property owners. He stated that in light of considering annexation, they felt it would be prudent to consider establishing an ad hoc committee to look at fire services issues and options. He is proposing that the ad hoc steering committee be comprised of the Mayor and two councilmembers, Fire Chief Doug Illum and 2 Fire Department staff members designated by the Chief, three citizens, and three Administration staff - Larry Hansen, Steve Brooks, and Lynn Fortie.

Councilor Peterson stated that he thinks it is important to perform the due diligence based on the financial situation the City is in, while recognizing the quality of our Fire Department. He feels that the steering committee could identify some alternatives that may or may not include the Weber Fire District to improve costs.

Motion: Councilor Peterson moved to approve Resolution 2008-07 forming an Ad Hoc Committee to explore the possibility of annexation into the Weber Fire District, setting forth the purpose and direction for the committee and an effective date. Councilor Hunt seconded the motion.

Councilor Jenkins stated that she would also like to see the ad hoc committee weigh other alternatives such as providing an ambulance service to offset costs.

Call the Question:

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

3. a. Public hearing to declare certain personal property as surplus.

Mayor Burrows opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. No public comments were given.

Motion: Councilor Peterson moved to close the public hearing. Councilor Jenkins seconded the motion. Unanimous

Call the Question:

The motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

b. Consideration of declaring certain personal property as surplus.

Motion: Councilor Peterson moved to declare the personal property as surplus. Councilor Hunt seconded the motion.

Call the Question:

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Ordinance #700 rezoning the property located at 4250 South 300 West from R-1-8/Residential to C-3/Commercial.

Randy Daily reported that following proper notification and a public hearing the Planning Commission recommended rezoning this property from R-1-8 to C-3. Councilor Jenkins inquired as to who is petitioning for the rezone and if the property was under contract. Mr. Daily replied that Penny Clements is petitioning and owns the property. He reported that the Council recently rezoned the neighboring parcel for Ms. Clements and that she had wanted to combine both the properties but would have had to move the driveway. He stated that she is requesting the rezone in order to put in a hair salon and some small shops on this property. Mr. Daily reported that originally, there was a verbal agreement with Shopko for cross access, but those people from Shopko, who knew about the verbal agreement, are gone now. Mr. Daily stated that he has contacted their corporate headquarters and is still trying to get the access. Councilor Peterson inquired about moving the driveway down and the road alignment. Mr. Daily stated that he talked with Mr. Moulding about the road alignment and asked if it would be better to move it down and Mr. Moulding replied that moving it wouldn't be better as it puts it too close to the other driveway. He also stated that it would cause a conflict with Valley West Apartments as the roads wouldn't line up as they should. Councilor Peterson stated that that area of the parking lot belonging to Shopko is wasted land and would think they may see a benefit

Councilor Jenkins inquired if they could re-look at the zoning ordinances for C-1, C-2 and C-3.

Motion: Councilor Peterson moved to approve Ordinance# 700 amending the Riverdale City zone district by changing the zoning of approximately .96 acres of land located at approximately 4250 South 300 West, and rezoning it from R 1-8 (Residential) to C-3 (Commercial), all of which is within Riverdale City, State of Utah; providing for severability and an effective date. Councilor Griffiths seconded the motion.

Call the Question:

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

H. Discretionary Items

Mayor Burrows reported that an article on the Riverdale Community Center's crab soccer could be found on KUTV.com. Councilor Peterson reported that he feels that these programs are significant to Riverdale residents and that they are a tremendous success.

I. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilor Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:36 p.m.

Attest:

Approved: April 1, 2008

Marilyn Hansen, City Recorder

Bruce Burrows, Mayor