



Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **March 15, 2011** at 6:10 p.m. at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

Members Present:     Bruce Burrows, Mayor  
                              David Gibby, Councilor  
                              Shelly Jenkins, Councilor  
                              Don Hunt, Councilor  
                              Norm Searle, Councilor  
                              Alan Arnold, Councilor

Others Present:       Steve Brooks, City Attorney, Dave Hansen, Police Chief, Lynn Moulding, Public Works Director, Lynn Fortie, Business Administrator, Stacey Comeau, Human Resources Manager, Doug Illum, Fire Chief, Ember Herrick, City Recorder and 29 members of the public,.

**A. Welcome & Roll Call**

Mayor Burrows called the meeting to order and welcomed those present including Boy Scout Troop 290. He noted that all Council members were in attendance and asked the senior patrol leader of Troop 290 to introduce his fellow scouts and their leaders.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Jenkins led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Burrows read a quote from John Quincy Adams stating that the highest glory of the revolution is in harmony with the principles of Christianity.

**C. Moment of Silence**

Mayor Burrow's quote was followed by a moment of silence.

**D. Open Communications**

The Mayor advised the public about the rules of open communications and encouraged anyone wishing to address the Council to speak.

David Leahy informed the Council that he has stepped down as Chairman of the Veteran's Committee as his term has come to an end and said that George Whitley will replace him. He thanked the Mayor, Council, city businesses and Riverdale residents for their support during his term and in connection with the building of the city's veteran's memorial.

Stan Hadden presented a copy of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Mosquito Abatement Report to the Mayor and Council and said that if they have any questions they can contact him. He also informed the Council that the mosquito season starts in April so the County will soon begin placing insecticide in sewer catch basins, he said if the city has a special event planned the county will come and spray. Mayor Burrows asked about the mosquito abatement plane mentioned in the newspaper as being under contract to Davis and Salt Lake Counties. Mr. Hadden said the plane looks like Weber Counties' plane, but is different. Councilor Searle said he noticed fewer mosquitoes in the city in recent years and thanked Mr. Hadden and his department for their efforts. Councilor

Jenkins asked if there were projections about how the mosquito season would be in 2011 and Mr. Hadden said the wet spring and high water content with levels at 150% of normal could mean a larger infestation this year. He said the county had purchased a large amount of insecticide to address the problem and reminded the Council that citizens are required by law to report their ornamental backyard ponds to the district so that mosquito fish can be introduced or an insecticide can be used.

Dave Leahy of the Veteran's committee addressed the Council again stating that the additional flagpoles had been ordered and that installation will begin this spring. He said that the committee will start meeting twice a month and will begin contacting known veterans living in Riverdale without tiles about adding their names to the memorial. Mr. Leahy told the Council that the Veteran's Committee was planning an Open House for April 11-15 from 3 pm to 6 pm where Veterans could come and get information about memorial tiles. He said the committee was sending out flyers and putting a notice in the city's April newsletter to get the word out about the open house.

There were no additional comments.

## **E. Presentations and Reports**

### **1. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Burrows said Riverdale Police Officer Bill Fukes' wife Jewel had passed away after a five year battle with cancer and offered his condolences to the family. Her funeral service will be on Saturday.

Mayor Burrows also mentioned the recent accident involving a semi truck on the I-15 to I-84 ramp. He said that he has scheduled a meeting with UDOT to discuss moving the flashing sharp curve ahead warning signs further north so that truck drivers will have more advanced notice, in an effort to prevent additional accidents.

### **2. City Administrator's Report**

City Administrator Larry Hansen recognized the employees with anniversaries in March.

### **3. Report on Condition of the Treasury**

Business Administrator Lynn Fortie presented the Council with a report on the Condition of the Treasury for the month ending February 28, 2011, stating that the sales tax money received was down a little from last year. He pointed out some additional revenue from business licenses and some expenditures to Kapp Construction for water line, storm water and sewer work performed.

### **4. Riverdale Community Development Projects Status Report**

No comments.

### **5. Recorder's Report**

No comments.

**F. Consent Items**

1. **Review of meeting minutes from:**  
February 26, 2011 Strategic Planning Meeting  
March 1, 2011 City Council Work Session  
March 1, 2011 City Council Regular Session  
March 1, 2011 Executive Session Minutes

No changes to the minutes were made.

2. **Review and comment on proposed amendment to Ordinance 783 Parks & Trails usage ordinance by March 22, 2011.**
3. **Review and comment on proposed Splash Pad Rules Resolution 2011-4 by March 22, 2011.**
4. **Review and comment on proposed amendment to Nuisances Ordinance 780 Title 4, Chapter 5 by March 22, 2011.**

Mayor Burrows encouraged the Council to review the proposed ordinances and resolution and to forward any comments to staff by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Motion:** Councilor Hunt moved to approve the consent items. Councilor Gibby seconded the motion.

**Call the Question:** The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Action Items**

1. **Consideration of resolution amending HR policy to adopt a full-time fire fighter job description.**

Human Resources Manager Stacey Comeau said that the proposed full-time fire fighter job description had been matched to TechNet and she asked the Council if they had any questions. There were no questions about the job description.

**Motion:** Councilor Gibby moved to approve the resolution amending HR policy to adopt a full-time fire fighter job description. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion.

**Call the Question:** The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Discussion about proposed recycling service public process.**

Mayor Burrows suggested that an open house and public hearing to discuss recycling be scheduled in April. Public Works Director Lynn Moulding asked the Council if they needed additional information from his department before those meetings. Councilor Jenkins asked if there was a centralized location where the bins of PRUD housing could be placed and Mr. Moulding said that he didn't know of a place. Mayor Burrows said specific problems could be discussed further at the next City Council meeting if there was consensus to move forward and have the item on next agenda. Consensus was reached.

### **3. Consideration of proposed Ordinance 782 requiring rental owners to be financially responsible for utility services provided to their properties.**

City Attorney Steve Brooks said if the Council passes this ordinance it will allow the city to deal directly with landlords instead of tenants, which will simplify compliance with the Red Flag Resolution. Mr. Hansen said the city has experienced an increase in tenants vacating properties without paying their utility bills during the recession. He said that this new proposed ordinance would place the responsibility on landlords. The city doesn't report delinquencies to credit agencies and unpaid accounts are handled by a contracted collection agency.

Councilor Gibby asked if the tenant could still be sent the utility bill and Mr. Moulding confirmed that if requested, the public works department will still send the bill directly to the tenant, the only thing that will change under the proposed ordinance is who is responsible for any unpaid utility bills. Councilor Searle said that he spoke with a landlord that thought the ordinance was well drafted.

**Motion:** Councilor Gibby moved to approve Ordinance 782 requiring rental owners to be financially responsible for utility services provided to their properties. Councilor Hunt seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Councilor Jenkins, Aye; Councilor Hunt, Aye, Councilor Searle, Aye; Councilor Arnold, Aye; Councilor Gibby, Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Consideration of Resolution 2011-5 the adoption of an interlocal agreement for the provision of towing dispatch services.**

Police Chief Dave Hansen informed the Council that Riverdale is part of Weber dispatch system and said that under the proposed interlocal agreement towing companies would bid for contacts and be called on a rotational basis to tow vehicles involved in emergency situations in Weber County. Chief Hansen said that signing this interlocal agreement would not affect the city's existing contract with Stauffer's Towing and asked the Council to approve adoption of this resolution.

**Motion:** Councilor Hunt moved to approve Resolution 2011-5 the adoption of an interlocal agreement for the provision of towing dispatch services. Councilor Gibby seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Councilor Hunt, Aye; Councilor Searle, Aye; Councilor Arnold, Aye; Councilor Gibby, Aye; Councilor Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.

### **H. Discretionary Items**

Councilor Jenkins asked Mr. Moulding if there was a report available about water runoff levels to inform those that live along the river about possible flooding. Mr. Moulding said that there was and that he would email it to the Council.

Councilor Searle asked Chief Hansen about the city's Crime-free multi-housing program as it compares to Ogden City's Good Landlord program because a landlord had contacted him and expressed interest in Riverdale starting a similar program with a financial incentive for

participating landlords. Chief Hansen said that the current program is patterned after a similar US Department of Justice program and was approved by the Council as a way to address crime at housing complexes without high administrative costs. He said that Ogden's program takes a lot of manpower to enforce with officers dedicated to training new landlords about screening tenants and performing background checks, conducting monthly inspections of the buildings, and enforcing compliance. Chief Hansen said his department is stretched too thin to implement such a program but he feels that city's crime-free multi-housing program is sufficient and has had some success now that landlords can evict tenants after the police have been called to respond to a disturbance at that address two times. He added that right now just the high-density housing units are signed up for the program as most of the calls to police seem to come from the big complexes, but smaller complexes are welcome to sign up for the program and receive a monthly police incident report too.

Councilor Jenkins asked if the Riverdale police officers know which of the properties in the city are rented. Chief Hansen said that would be hard to track and would require additional police officer and secretary manpower. He added that his department currently reacts to problems rather than taking a proactive, preventative approach by training landlords. Mayor Burrows informed the Council that if they would like to change the policy that would be appropriate at an upcoming strategic planning meeting.

Councilor Hunt said that he had been approached by a Riverdale resident complaining about a near accident on 1050 West that he blamed on no stop sign at the intersection, Chief Hansen said the law requires anyone pulling out of private property to stop before entering the highway. Mr. Moulding said if the Council wanted to see a stop sign added there, UDOT would require the developer to put the stop sign in as it is private property. Mayor Burrows offered to pass the concern on to his contact at UDOT.

**I. Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilor Gibby moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Approved: April 5, 2011

Attest:

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Bruce Burrows, Mayor

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Ember Herrick, City Recorder