



Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **May 3, 2011** at 6:04 p.m. at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

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

Others Present:        Larry Hansen, City Administrator, Shawn Douglas, Acting Public Works Director, Randy Daily, Community Development Director, Steve Brooks, City Attorney, Dave Hansen, Police Chief, James Ebert, Police Lieutenant, Lynn Fortie, Business Administrator, Stacey Comeau, Human Resources Director, Ember Herrick, City Recorder and 29 citizens.

**A. Welcome & Roll Call**

Mayor Burrows called the meeting to order and welcomed those present including the Council members, staff, and members of the public. He welcomed Acting Public Works Director Shawn Douglas and had Scout Troop 35 introduce their troop beginning with the Senior Patrol Leader Colten Peterson, Cody Conner, Colby Rogers and Scout Master Lynn Stephens.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Arnold led the Pledge of Allegiance after which Mayor Burrows read a quote from John Adams on his reflections with the US separating from England in which he said that he was willing to give his life to enjoy the freedoms of this new country.

**C. Moment of Silence**

Mayor Burrow's quote was followed by a moment of silence when he asked the audience to remember our military servicemen and women.

**D. Open Communications**

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

Riverdale resident Nancy Brough expressed concern about the proposed DDRC office space being rezoned to allow a high density apartment complex to be constructed by Scenic Development at approximately 900 West and River Park Drive. She told the Council that she believes it is too close to the river and would be threatened by flooding in high water level years like this one and said that she was concerned that there would be no buffer between the complex and the mobile home park and it wouldn't tie into the existing trail system. Mrs. Brough said the city's General Plan shows the South end of Riverdale already has a large number of apartment complexes and she would like to see more long-term residents to stabilize the community. She argued that residential areas require a lot of services from the city especially as complexes get run down and

encouraged the Council to think seriously about the cost to benefit ratio of this development before moving forward with a zoning change.

Dave Leahy of the Veterans Committee said he wanted to thank American First Credit Union, the Riverdale firefighters, and the Riverdale Seniors Organization for helping to pay for the latest flag pole addition to the memorial in front of the Civic Center. He also recognized the contributions of the Public Works Department in helping to set the new flag poles and informed the public that the new Utah flag and POW flag were now displayed along with a statue of a bronze boot, helmet, and gun. Mr. Leahy said the committee was still waiting for the addition of six more pictures commemorating our armed forces to be in place and was in the process of mounting and replacing some tiles and adding mortar in between them by Memorial Day.

Scout Master of Troop 35 Lynn Stephens thanked the Council for supporting the scouting organization and said that regarding recycling he is in favor of this proposed program. He has children in different states that recycle and thinks that it works out well and he would like the city to implement the program here.

There were no additional comments.

## **E. Presentations and Reports**

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

Mayor Burrows welcomed Shawn Douglas as the city's Acting Public Works Director following the recent retirement of Lynn Moulding. He said that Mr. Moulding will be missed but he has great confidence in Mr. Douglas and the rest of the public works staff.

Mayor Burrows reported on the success of the business luncheon held April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center as a good opportunity to recognize our business leaders who have helped support the city in efforts to minimize flooding threats and who generously donated to the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor Burrows informed the staff about an open house for Michael Jacobsen, Weber County School District Superintendent, Mike Skeen the Executive Director of Elementary Education and Roger Bailey, Director of Human Resources to be held on May 16 from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM at the Weber School District Office 5320 Adams Avenue Parkway.

### **Veteran's Memorial Day Ceremony 9:00 a.m. May 30 Memorial Day**

Mayor Burrows invited the public to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony to dedicate the new additions Mr. Leahy described in open communications on May 30 at the Civic Center at 9 AM.

### **Community Development Status Report**

Mayor Burrows asked for comments and questions on the Community Development Report. No changes to the report were noted.

### **Recorder's Report**

No changes were noted.

#### **F. Consent Items**

1. Set a public hearing on June 7, 2011 to receive and consider public comment regarding proposed amendments to the FY 2010-2011 budget.
2. Set a public hearing on June 7, 2011 to receive and consider public comment regarding proposed FY 2011-2012 budget for all funds.
3. Set a public hearing on June 7, 2011 to receive and consider public comment regarding amending ordinance 1-7F-6 Justice Court Judge and updating 1-7-1 Human Resource Manual.
4. Set a public hearing on June 7, 2011 to receive and consider public comment regarding proposed amendments to Code Chapter 12—The Consolidated Fee Schedule.

**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 2011-7 adopting the tentative budget for FY 2011-2012 for all funds.**

Business Administrator Lynn Fortie explained to the Council that the city is required by state law to pass a tentative budget each May and said that this draft meets all state requirements and includes any changes from the previous year's budget. He asked the Council if they had any questions and there were none. Mr. Fortie said that the Council will have an opportunity to discuss and review the proposed budget in detail at the Strategic Planning meeting on May 21 and informed them that they can make changes to the budget through June.

**Motion:** Councilor Gibby moved to adopt the tentative budget for FY 2011-2012 for all funds. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

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

##### **2. a. Public hearing to discuss declaring certain personal property as surplus to the needs of Riverdale City.**

Mayor Burrows said that in accordance with state law a public hearing had been noticed for this meeting to declare certain property as surplus to the city. Mr. Fortie said the surplus items include an old ambulance and a couch. Mayor Burrows opened the public hearing for comment; there was none

**Motion:** Councilor Gibby moved to close the public hearing. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**b. Consideration of declaring certain personal property as surplus to the needs of Riverdale City.**

**Motion:** Councilor Gibby moved to declare certain personal property as surplus to the needs of Riverdale City. Councilor Searle seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**3. Consideration of Resolution 2011-8 amending consolidated fee schedule 1-12-6a Public Works Fees and adoption of curbside garbage recycling service.**

Acting Public Works Director Shawn Douglas said Resolution 2011-8 was drafted in response to the Council's decision following a town meeting and public hearing on April 20, 2011 to discuss implementing a recycling collection program in Riverdale. Mayor Burrows asked the Council if they had any questions.

Councilor Jenkins said a short time ago the Council discussed allowing residents that leave Utah for the winter to stop their garbage service and avoid paying the fees for a service they don't use. She asks if recycling should be the same allowing residents a choice or if it should be mandatory so that the cost is consistent. Mr. Douglas confirmed that residents can stop garbage pickup if they are out of town for the winter.

Councilor Gibby suggested the program be mandatory for the first six months allowing all Riverdale residents to experience recycling so that they know what they are opting out of if they chose not to participate after the initial trial period.

Councilor Arnold said the Weber County landfill was intended to last 50 years but was full after 29. He commented that in his opinion two dollars is a minimal amount for the service and he would like it to be mandatory because it costs everyone more money when items that can be recycled end up in the landfill. Mr. Arnold said he supports a no opt-out option, except for cause.

Councilor Hunt said at the town meeting the overwhelming opinion expressed was that choice should be preserved and he doesn't believe city government has the right to start mandating things on behalf of the environment. He said the community wants an opt-out option even though the majority is in favor of recycling and he thinks the Council has a responsibility to honor those expressed wishes.

Councilor Searle said he likes Councilor Gibby's suggestion to try mandatory recycling for 6 months so that the public has an opportunity to try the service and weigh the benefits but acknowledged that at the town meeting and public hearing the overwhelming public sentiment was that residents should be given a choice. He said that he is concerned about the amount of trash going into our landfills and asked if the service could be free during the 6 month trial period.

Councilor Jenkins said she agrees with the mandatory trial period suggested by Councilor Gibby, as a viable way to address the long-term problem of trash disposal for the city. She disagrees with Farr West's recent decision not to offer recycling and would like to see a proposal with the cost to

the city for offering a free 6 month trial. Councilor Jenkins said the can size is a concern for her as she isn't sure how the people in patio homes can accommodate a second can.

Mr. Hansen said his only concern with a trial mandatory program is the cost to the city of purchasing cans for every household and then having to remove and store hundreds of them after 6 months when a percentage of residents choose to opt out. He said the city's enterprise fund will support the purchase of the cans and a 6 month free trial period if that is what the Council chooses to do. He said recycling will save some families money as they replace their second trash can with a recycling bin but he isn't certain about how many of the city's 900 second cans will be returned. Steve Robinson, owner of Robinson Waste told the Council that in Farmington the city asked people to keep their second cans for a season to ensure they could handle their trash with just one can and a recycling bin.

Mayor Burrows said considering the comments made at the town meeting he doesn't support mandatory recycling and wants the public to be given a choice to opt-out of the service. Councilor Gibby said he believes a trial period is warranted during which time residents can try the service and be educated about the benefits before opting-out. He added that the extra cans collected from those who eventually discontinue the service could be reused when cans break and need to be replaced.

Councilor Arnold suggested allowing residents to opt out of the cost, not out of the program. Councilor Searle said he likes the idea of a free trial period and suggested an education campaign through the monthly newsletter. He asked the staff how much manpower a six month trial would take from an administrative and public works standpoint.

**Mayor Burrows stated that the Council seems in favor of recycling but not how to implement it and asked for consensus on implementing a recycling program in Riverdale. Consensus was reached.** Mayor Burrows asked the Council for consensus on either an opt out or a mandatory program. Councilor Gibby asked if there is consensus for a trial period. Councilor Hunt said he feels that Council should be straight with the public by making it mandatory or allowing everyone to opt out. He said the majority of residents that attended the town meeting expressed interest in joining the program but also commented that they wanted those that would prefer not to participate to have the choice to opt out.

Councilor Gibby said he has no problem with an opt out option but reiterated that he wants residents to make an informed decision about the program after they have tried it for 6 months. He doesn't feel a mandatory trial period takes anyone's freedom away and pointed out the benefits to the city of possibly reducing tipping fees for garbage collection.

Councilor Searle said he likes the 6 month trial but added that people should be allowed to opt out at the end of the trial period. Mr. Hansen said contractually the Council could buy the cans and provide the service during the six month trial using money from the enterprise fund, allowing anyone who didn't want the service to initially opt out. He said that after the 6 months residents would be billed for the service unless they claimed a hardship and decided to opt-out. Mr. Hansen suggested the Council determine any opt-out criteria during the trial period. Councilor Searle said he would like to offer residents the freedom to opt out of the program up front and for any reason, rather than making them prove they have a hardship.

Mayor Burrows asked the time period to order cans and Mr. Douglas said it will take 7 to 12 weeks depending on the type of can selected. Mr. Douglas expressed concern that if the city

purchases recycling cans for every household and then 20 percent of residents opt out, that will leave the city with 400 dirty cans to store. Councilor Jenkins asked Mr. Robinson for his advice. Mr. Robinson said he believes there would be better participation with Councilor Gibby's plan and said he is concerned if the service is free there will be higher contamination levels as residents may not appreciate it and get into the spirit of separating items like they should. Mayor Burrows recommended two opt out periods one up front within 30 days of announcement of the program and one after the six month trial period.

**Motion:** Councilor Gibby moved to adopt a curbside garbage recycling service with two opt out times, one within 30 days of the announcement of the program and one after an 8 month trial period with participating residents being billed \$2.45 a month for the service. Councilor Searle seconded the motion.

During discussion on the motion Mayor Burrows asked about the 8 month period and the Council agreed to that timetable and Councilor Arnold asked about the \$2.45 cost and Mr. Robinson confirmed that should pay for the service taking into consideration that a percentage of residents will opt out. Mr. Hansen said the cost should be reflected in the contract renewal agreement with Robinson's that the Council will consider next and said that if the city's recycling education efforts are successful, the cost could decrease. Councilor Jenkins said recycling could save residents money who replace a second garbage can at a cost of \$4.40 with a recycling can at a cost of \$2.45. There was no further discussion on 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 2011-9 amending and renewing garbage hauling contract with Robinson Waste.**

City Attorney Steve Brooks said there was one addition in paragraph 7 for recycling and to update the gas surcharge from 2008 so the rate for the first garbage can is \$9.05 instead of \$8.50.

**Motion:** Councilor Gibby moved to approve Resolution 2011-9 amending and renewing Riverdale's garbage hauling contract with Robinson Waste. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

#### **5. Consideration of soliciting bids for sanitary sewer liner project.**

Mr. Douglas said the area has needed repairs for some time and Councilor Searle asked if this project is budgeted for. Mr. Douglas said it is on a revolving list of projects that need repair with the money coming out of the sewer bond fund and won't require the road to be ripped up or new pipe put down but instead felt pushed through the pipe.

**Motion:** Councilor Arnold moved to authorize the solicitation of bids for the sanitary sewer liner project. Councilor Jenkins seconded the motion.

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

## **6. Consideration of bid selection for the Weber River Bank Stabilization.**

Mr. Douglas said he and the engineer had reviewed the bids the city requested to do emergency bank repairs in three areas along the trail to prevent further erosion. They had anticipated the bids would come in between 70-\$100,000, but they have come back triple that amount.

Councilor Gibby asked if the city's public works department could do the work this summer at a lower cost when the river is lower and Mr. Douglas said that with some rented equipment to move the rocks they could do the repairs for 20% less than the bids they received. Mr. Douglas did inform the Council that after the current flooding emergency ends, the city will need to get permits through a lengthy six month process with the Army Core of Engineers.

Councilor Jenkins asked Mr. Brooks if the river erodes land away does the city lose the ability to make decisions for that land. Mr. Brooks confirmed that the city has more control now in an emergency situation without getting permission from the Army Core of Engineers. Councilor Jenkins pointed out that even if the city does pay to have the work done now, the area could be washed out again which would be a waste of city funds.

Mr. Douglas said areas B and C are higher priorities as they are nearer to homes that could be flooded, with area C currently at the highest risk. Councilor Jenkins asked if the city has a responsibility to protect those properties with homes on them and Mr. Douglas said right now they are safe, but he doesn't know what the river will do in the coming month and if it rises, equipment may not be able to get to the area to repair the bank.

Councilor Hunt asked why the bids were so high and Mr. Douglas said because it is an emergency situation and there is a greater risk to life and equipment. Councilor Hunt asked if there were any measures that could be done now and Mr. Douglas said his department had created a berm and was watching the river closely. Councilor Gibby asked what the mobilization period would be if the Council approved the funds and Mr. Douglas said a week to a week and a half. **Councilor Arnold asked if this action item should be held over until the EOC discussion and consensus was reached.**

## **7. Conceptual discussion and consensus regarding petitioner's desire to pursue possible use of DDRC's 16.9 acres at approximately 900 W. and River Park Drive by Scenic Development Inc. Bach Homes.**

Mr. Daily said the petitioners from Scenic Development are proposing to build some high end apartments unlike anything else in the city right now on a 17 acre piece of property on River Park Drive. Mayor Burrows asked about the process and Mr. Daily said his department was bringing this proposal before the Council because they had recently expressed a desire to hear conceptual ideas prior to any developer spending a great deal of resources on a proposal which was later voted down. According to Mr. Daily, the area of the proposed development has been zoned as office space for 10 years without any interest in developing the site. He added that the

development is so unique it may require the Planning Commission to create a new zone specifically tailored to it and recommended that to protect the city's interest they enter into a developer's agreement.

Councilor Jenkins said she is concerned about the crime associated with apartment complexes and asked about trail access and how this would work with a proposed bridge project already in the works. She added that she doesn't like high density housing and more people living near the river because it creates flooding concerns. Councilor Searle said he is also concerned about flooding and Mr. Daily said the developer would need to elevate and get approval before building and added that the concerns mentioned by members of the Council were all issues his department made the developer aware of so that they could address them in creating their proposal. Mayor Burrows suggested the Council hear the presentation and then ask their additional questions.

Blake Parrish of Scenic Development provided the Council with copies of a letter from DDRC stating that they have had no luck selling the property in question to date and illustrating the advantages of having an apartment complex built on the property. Mr. Parrish provided the Council with numbers on the high vacancy rate for area office space and pointed out the area was not ideal as a commercial development because it has no visibility from Riverdale Road, while the demand for apartments is high and this location is ideal for a multifamily housing project. According to Mr. Parrish, Scenic Development has a reputation for building quality projects that still look good 15 years later and are eager to enter into a development agreement with the city.

Kim Rindlisbacher said Scenic Development is a company that acts as the developer, contractor, and property manager with no problems financing their projects because they have built trust over the course of 20 years with lenders and the communities they serve as owners of over 2,000 units. Mr. Rindlisbacher told the council his company constructs low maintenance buildings designed to last a long time, with each complex enjoying a club house, fitness center, nice landscaping and ample parking with a minimum of 2.0 spaces per unit, all to attract a better tenant that stays on average 14 months. He said that the development could generate over a million dollars in impact fees for the county, and would bring in an estimated additional \$6 million in revenue from resident shoppers. According to Mr. Rindlisbacher During the 18-20 month construction period, approximately 1,000 jobs would be created and the unique shape of the land would allow for an estimated 18 units per acre with the complex linking into the existing trail system.

Lynn Rindlisbacher said the complex will employ three leasing agents and three full time maintenance personnel with professional landscapers hired to maintain the lawn and plants and to perform snow removal. The company's policy is to do repairs within a week and offers their employees bonuses based on random spot checks. According to Mr. Rindlisbacher they have strict policies to prevent the storage or repair of inoperable vehicles and to prohibit their tenants from using drugs or playing loud music. They also offer a discount to police officers who live at the complex and work hard to attract professional renters by performing criminal background checks and credit checks on all prospective tenants and calling references including previous landlords and employers. According to Mr. Rindlisbacher, this is a long-term investment for their company and they are excited about the prospect of becoming a part of Riverdale's community.

Mayor Burrows asked if they would be willing to join the city's crime free housing program, Mr. Rindlisbacher asked what the program entails and Chief Hansen said it sounded like they are already doing many of the things the police would ask them to do as participants in the program like the background checks and good lighting and landscaping in the complex.

Councilor Jenkins asked about building on a flood plain and pointed out that the thousand jobs will only be short term and that most of the impact fees will go to the county, not the city. Mr. Daily said the city will only receive money through permit and plan check fees but confirmed that the bulk of the impact fees will be for the sewer and will go to the county. Councilor Jenkins said the general plan calls for office space in that area and questions changing the zoning to allow this new development. Mr. Hansen said this piece of property has some good potential features with river access but its location makes it unattractive from a commercial or retail perspective because it is so far off the main road. He said the Council needs to think about what they envision for the long term future of this area as office space and retail are both unlikely. He said the city can sit and wait to see if someone else comes along with interest to develop a piece of it or can consider the proposal of a developer with a proven track record interested in buying the entire parcel now.

Mayor Burrows said he doesn't believe the property is zoned correctly and that is why it has sat vacant for so long. He said DDRC wants to sell the property and it is up to the Council to determine if they want the developer to move forward with the public process or to tell them to look elsewhere because there is consensus that Riverdale doesn't want any more high density housing. Councilor Gibby said as a land owner he is sensitive to what it costs to maintain idle property and pointed out that if the Council rejects a quality project now they could be forced to accept a less desirable land use at a later date. He said that he is not a proponent of high density housing but was impressed with the presentation and apparent quality of the complexes in Scenic Development's portfolio and would like to see them move forward with their proposal. Councilor Gibby said he thinks it is unjust to force DDRC to pay taxes and maintain a property with no hope of ever developing it.

Councilor Jenkins said the county's rental housing rate is 27% compared to Riverdale at 31% and she believes the city has enough of these properties and opposes amending the general plan to accommodate this new development. Mayor Burrows asked the representatives of Scenic Development about the vacancy rate in their rentals and Mr. Rindlisbacher said they are 97% full at their South Ogden complex and 92% full in downtown Ogden. Mayor Burrows asked what the vacancy rates were when the economy was good and was told they were about the same.

Councilor Hunt asked about the site plan and Mr. Rindlisbacher said they are working on the contract with DDRC which they plan to have signed soon and may need to adjust the numbers slightly depending on what the engineers determine. Councilor Hunt said he would like to maintain the view corridor and informed the petitioners that his future vote on whether or not to support this proposal will depend on public input to this project. Councilor Searle asked Mr. Douglas and Hansen about the impact of the development on the river. Mr. Douglas said he doesn't anticipate a problem and Mr. Hansen said he doesn't think this development will alter the river at all and added that the city could stipulate in the developers agreement that no fishing trails be lost. Councilor Jenkins told the petitioners she doesn't support elevating the complex as she worries this will create a flooding problem downstream. Mr. Rindlisbacher said his company would work with Riverdale city and Weber Pathways Parks and Trails throughout the process.

**Motion:** Councilor Gibby moved to allow the petitioner's to move through the public process regarding possible use of DDRC's 16.9 acres at approximately 900 W. and River Park Drive by Scenic Development Inc. Bach Homes. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion.

During discussion on the motion Councilor Jenkins said for the record that this vote is not a promise to rezone the property in question for Scenic Development at a later date.

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

### **8. Consideration of Resolution 2011-10 adopting an interlocal agreement for paramedic aboard fees.**

Fire Chief Doug Illum said the proposed interlocal is a renewal with Roy, Ogden and other ambulance providers in Weber, Morgan and Davis counties to overcome a billing restriction. According to Chief Illum, some health insurance companies and Medicare won't allow two agencies to bill for one call but through this interlocal agreement, Riverdale sends out one bill and then pays a portion back to the other agencies, depending on who responded to the call. There were no comments or questions on the agreement.

**Motion:** Councilor Gibby moved to approve Resolution 2011-10 adopting an interlocal agreement for paramedic aboard fees. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion.

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

### **9. EOC discussion and consideration of action regarding the Weber River.**

Chief Illum gave the Council an update on river conditions and said that flows are 1500 cfs and that the county has held back the water as long as they could but must now release some, depending on weather conditions and snow melt. He said Echo reservoir, East Canyon, and Rock Port dam are the three bodies of water that have the largest impact on Riverdale. According to Chief Illum, Riverdale is projected to be at bank full by May 16 but was two feet above bank full the last time the city experienced flooding. He said public works dredged the storm water canal and got a lot of debris out resulting in a significant drop in the water level and he is not advocating any additional action at this time. Chief Illum said the city is currently monitoring the situation closely, has an emergency response plan in place, a list of volunteers ready to mobilize, and access to Weber County pumps as well as three city pumps purchased for use as emergencies arise. He said at last check, there is still one home pumping water and sandbags have been placed near the Brine Shrimp Factory so that they will be easy to get to and stack wherever the river overflows its banks.

Mayor Burrows said that ground water was the major problem not bank overflow associated with the last flooding and pointed out that now the city knows how to address similar problems moving forward. Chief Illum said log jams are being removed from the river to keep the water flowing and said that in his opinion the storage units are a big safety net for the city and a great buffer for homes in the area. He said to date there has not been flooding in the storage units or trailer park but bank erosion has put new areas in flood danger, but he isn't confident that if the city spends hundreds of thousands of dollars to stabilize the bank that it will hold as the river continues to rise. According to Chief Illum, trail loss is not as important as the homes in the area and \$350,000 is a lot of money to put into the trail when department budgets are so tight.

Councilor Gibby asked Chief Illum how much water still needs to come down from the mountains. Mayor Burrows said he had heard an estimate that Echo will be filled 2 more times and Pine view 3 ½ more times before all of the snow pack is melted, which is the equivalent of 40 inches of water. Chief Illum encouraged the Council to educate the public about the emergency plan in place and to forward any suggestions or concerns to either him or Mr. Douglas. He said that if residents need sandbags one of them will evaluate the threat and provide the resources if they believe the property is at risk for flooding.

Councilor Arnold thanked Chief Illum for the update and said that he now feels comfortable in his ability to answer questions from the public. Councilor Jenkins asked about a long term solution, to the flooding problem in River Glen and Chief Illum said they could put a head gate in the box to back the water up but those homes will still need pumps as they were not properly engineered to drain when ground water levels get too high. He said a hydrologist will need to be consulted about possibly continuing the storm drain all the way to the river and remarked that although it wasn't designed for the purpose, the tunnel on the trail saved the city from flooding.

Mr. Hansen asked Chief Illum what the protocol is for a fast developing emergency and he said the reverse 9-1-1 works well to notify the public, as evidenced by the quick response after a recent water main break.

Mr. Douglas said there are areas on the trail that have been damaged by erosion but he doesn't recommend doing anything at this time unless lives and homes are being threatened. Councilor Gibby agreed the city can't afford to do bank stabilization, especially when it isn't a guaranteed fix and Councilor Hunt asked if the city would still be obligated to pay the contractor if they couldn't complete the job. Mr. Hansen said the bids were for hours worked, not whether or not the project could be completed successfully. Mr. Douglas said city employees and volunteers have secured the bank for now, but will have to wait and see how high the river gets in the coming month. Councilor Jenkins asked how quickly contractors could respond if homes were threatened and Mr. Douglas said realistically it depends on the availability of their equipment and whether or not conditions will allow them to even gain access to a threatened area. Councilor Searle said the city can't wait until a problem arises and Mr. Douglas said conditions make it difficult to work as the muddy water makes it impossible to even see the bottom of the river to know where to place rocks. Mayor Burrows said areas fixed after the flooding in 1983 have remained secure through this threat and that he agrees restoration should be done when river levels are low again. Councilor Hunt agreed that doing work on the river bank under the current conditions is risky both to the worker and financially for the city and agreed repairs should be performed at a later date when water flows are lower.

### **Discretionary Items**

Councilor Jenkins asked about the volume of people from a police stand point at the Easter Egg Hunt and Chief Hansen said no issues had been reported to him and he wasn't aware of any traffic flow problems.

**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 9:40 p.m.

Approved: May 17, 2011

Attest:

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Bruce Burrows, Mayor

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Ember Herrick, City Recorder