



**RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
CIVIC CENTER - 4600 S. WEBER RIVER DR.
TUESDAY –MAY 1, 2012**

Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **May 1, 2012** at 6:01 PM at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

Members Present: Bruce Burrows, Mayor
Don Hunt, Councilor
Norm Searle, Councilor
Alan Arnold, Councilor
Braden Mitchell, Councilor
Michael Staten, Councilor

Others Present: Larry Hansen, City Administrator; Steve Brooks, City Attorney; Randy Daily, Community Development Director; Dave Hansen, Police Chief, Ember Herrick, City Recorder and 23 members of the public including Karla Corbridge, Terry Corbridge, Richard Young, Chuck Kerkvliet, David Leahy, Dave Wilbert, Norm Farrell, Kameron Ebert, Parker Ebert, Jim Robinson, Dave Ermer, Trent Thompson and Derek Engstrom.

A. Welcome & Roll Call

Mayor Burrows called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance including all the Council members, staff, petitioners and several Boy Scouts. He asked the Senior Boy Scout Troop Leader to introduce his group. J.T. said he was with Troop 66 “The Cobras” with fellow troop member Trent and their advisor Steve. He said Councilor Mitchell is also one of his scout leaders and that they are attending the meeting as part of their requirements to earn their “Citizenship in the Community” merit badge.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Burrows read a quote from the Patriot’s Handbook given by Thomas Jefferson at his first inaugural address when he said America is unique as a nation because it allows people to think and speak freely to unite in efforts for the common good as a protected right under the U.S. Constitution.

C. Moment of Silence

Mayor Burrow’s quote was followed by a moment of silence when he asked everyone to remember those serving in our armed forces.

D. Open Communications

Mayor Burrows invited any member of the public with questions or concerns to address the Council.

Karla Corbridge business owner of Pickleball Now Northern Utah and a Riverdale resident for 33 years asked the Council to consider striping the city's tennis courts with blue paint so that they can also be used by pickleball players. Ms. Corbridge said she will be teaching people how to play the game during Old Glory Days and she informed the Council it is a family sport that people of all ages can play. She submitted a packet of information on the game for the Council to review and said there is a planned pickleball tournament in Ogden this July with 250 entrants expected. According to Ms. Corbridge, restriping the existing courts with blue pickleball lines won't affect tennis players and will allow a dual use of the city's existing courts. She asked the Council to review the educational information she provided and to consider granting her request.

Riverdale Police Lieutenant James Ebert said as a city employee he would like to thank the administrators for their wise fiscal management of city resources and their encouragement of each department in the city to do a little bit more with a little bit less during the economic recession. He thanked the members of the City Council for their service to the community and their support of staff by offering competitive salaries and benefits to Riverdale employees. He said he has interest in serving in public office in Farr West where he lives so that he can implement some of the policies that works so well in Riverdale.

Riverdale Police Officer Casey Warren thanked the Council for what they have done for city employees in the past and said he loves working in Riverdale where there is a unique culture and employee friendly policies. He said he attributes the positive work environment to the decisions made by the Council and he said he looks forward to working with the recently elected new Council members.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

E. Presentations and Reports

Mayor Burrows thanked the police department for taking care of the traffic congestion and making security patrols during the funeral of local religious leader Mitch Shaw on Saturday May 26, 2012.

Mayor Burrows said the new business Boot Barn located at 5520 S. Freeway Park Drive is having a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday May 4, 2012 at 10 am with grand opening events continuing all weekend through Sunday May 6. He welcomed Store Manager Richard Young to Riverdale and Mr. Young said the Boot Barn is the largest work wear and country clothing store in the country but this is their first Utah store. He said the company is excited to be in Utah and he welcomed everyone to come visit their new store as there will be prize giveaways and sale prices all weekend to celebrate the location's grand opening.

Mayor Burrows recognized Riverdale Senior Facility Manager Mickie Layton with a proclamation as an outstanding Riverdale City employee for saving the life of a woman who was choking. He thanked Ms. Layton for her eight years of service to the city.

Mayor Burrows read a proclamation supporting the upcoming Road Respect Tour scheduled for Saturday June 9, 2012 to encourage road safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

Mayor Burrows told the Council and public about a memorial dedication scheduled for June 2, 2012 at 9 a.m. to unveil a memorial plaque for former Council member Nancy Brough. He distributed a rough draft of the proposed text for the memorial plaque to the Council for their input and said the Brough family is also reviewing this draft and may provide a photograph.

Army Lieutenant Casey Staheli gave a presentation on “The Community Covenant Program”. He complimented Riverdale City on the work of their Veterans Committee and he said the Veteran’s Memorial is the best city memorial that he has seen in the state of Utah to date. According to Lt. Staheli, the Secretary of the Army created The Community Covenant Program in 2008 to support families with soldiers deployed so that service members can focus on their mission without being distracted with concerns for the welfare of family members back home. He said Army representatives are requesting the support of local cities to ensure that the families of deployed soldiers know what resources the military provides for families and to partner where appropriate to offer police protection, utility fee waivers and discounts for military families.

According to Lt. Staheli examples of resources the military provides to support the families of deployed soldiers include psychologists for children and adults and hosting job fairs to assist returning veterans to find work. He said the city can be a valuable resource in disseminating information about available services through the city newsletter, website, and Facebook or Twitter to bridge any communication gap between the military and the families of service members. He said the City can signify their participation in The Community Covenant Program by holding a simple signing ceremony at an upcoming city event with the Mayor and Council signing a document supporting the program and inviting keys members of the community to participate too. Lt. Staheli encouraged Riverdale City’s participation and suggested the city appoint someone to liaise with a military representative to refer military families with questions to the appropriate resources available in their area. Mayor Burrows said the city already waives the utility fees of families with deployed soldiers and will consider participating in this program and will follow up with Lt. Staheli to coordinate this.

F. Consent Items

1. Review of meeting minutes from:

April 17, 2012 City Council Work Session

April 17, 2012 City Council Regular Session

Mayor Burrows asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes and none were noted.

There were no comments or questions on the Recorder’s Report or the Community Development Report.

Mayor Burrows said it is proposed that the city set four public hearings on June 5, 2012 to receive and consider public comment regarding proposed amendments to the FY 2011-2012 budget, the proposed FY 2012-2013 budget for all funds, and amending RCC 1-7-1 Human Resource Manual, RCC 1-7-2 Salaries and Expenses, and 1-7F-6 Justice Court Judge, and amendments to Code Chapter 12—The Consolidated Fee Schedule.

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

There was no discussion on the motion.

Call the Question: The motion passed unanimously.

G. Action Items

1. Consideration of Resolution 2012-4 a continuation of contract agreement with PEHP for Employee Medical and Dental Plans for fiscal year 2013

Human Resources Manager Stacey Comeau said Resolution 2012-4 and the information included in the packet deals with continuing Riverdale City's contract agreement with PEHP for Employee Medical and Dental Plans for fiscal year 2013. She said in the seven years she has been working for Riverdale City, this year's rate increase is the lowest to date. Ms. Comeau asked the Council to approve a contract offering employees the same PEHP benefits packages offered last year with city contributions remaining the same and employees absorbing the slight rate increase. Councilor Hunt asked how options introduced last year to help lower health insurance costs like Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) and a plan with a higher deductible are working. Ms. Comeau said of the 55 full-time employees six had opted to sign up for the plan with a higher deductible which still allows employees to take advantage of preventive care. She said those she had talked to seemed pleased with the option and she told that Council that she had asked a few of these employees to speak about their experience and answer questions to help educate all the city employees about their options during this year's open enrollment period. Ms. Comeau said she believes participation will continue to increase over time as more city employees become educated about their new health insurance options.

Motion: Councilor Arnold moved to adopt Resolution 2012-4 a continuation of contract agreement with PEHP for Employee Medical and Dental Plans for fiscal year 2013. Councilor Hunt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Hunt, aye; Councilor Searle, aye; Councilor Arnold, aye; and Councilor Mitchell, aye; and Councilor Staten, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution 2012-5 adopting the tentative budget for FY 2012-2013 for all funds

Business Administrator Lynn Fortie said no property tax increases were proposed for Riverdale residents in FY 2013. He said the city is expecting a sales tax increase of approximately \$80,000 next year and as previously discussed the Fire Department will add additional part-time hours so that they have four staff members on duty around the clock. Mr. Forties said there will also be some part-time employees hired to help maintain the city parks this summer. He said as Ms. Comeau explained there will be no

cost increase to the city for employee health insurance, but the cost of retirement benefits the city is contractually obligated to pay to the state for their full-time police and fire fighters will increase. According to Mr. Fortie, the city has budgeted for the cost of digging a new well and replacing the city's two water tanks in FY 2013 and for an increase in the cost of Central Weber Sewer rates and upgrading the city's storm water program. Mayor Burrows asked for questions about the tentative budget and Councilor Mitchell asked why the Community Development Department's wages increased for FY 2013. Mr. Fortie explained that the Code Enforcement position held by Randy Koger was moved from the Fire Department to the Community Development Department last year and so the new budget reflects that change. Councilor Searle said the Council can discuss this tentative budget in depth at their upcoming Strategic Planning meeting on Saturday May 19, 2012.

Motion: Councilor Searle moved to adopt Resolution 2012-5 adopting the tentative budget for FY 2012-2013 for all funds. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion.

Mayor Burrows asked for discussion on the motion and there was none.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Searle, aye; Councilor Arnold, aye; Councilor Mitchell, aye; Councilor Staten, aye; and Councilor Hunt, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of purchasing police department administration vehicles

Lieutenant Ebert said it is time to rotate the police department's administrative vehicles which will be purchased through the state's motor pool at a cost of approximately \$108,000 as outlined in the cost breakdown included in the packet. Councilor Searle asked what the budgeted amount for this purchase is and Lt. Ebert said it was a not to exceed amount of \$122,000 so the request before the Council is under budget. Councilor Hunt asked about the delayed rotation of these vehicles due to previous year budget constraints and Lt. Ebert said his department's research recommends selling the used vehicles by the time they are between two and two and half years old to maximize their resale value. According to Lt. Ebert, the vehicle sale was delayed a year to stretch the police department's budget and now that these vehicles are three years old they should be sold as soon as possible before they depreciate any further. Councilor Hunt asked about the purchase of a Charger and a Challenger as there is a \$2,000 price difference between the two vehicles and Lt. Ebert said the intent is to diversify the fleet so that the vehicles can be resold. Councilor Searle asked about the money saved when the city buys through the state instead of using local car dealers and Lt. Ebert said the price is significant enough that the best deal for the city will be to use the state's motor pool. Councilor Searle said in the past he questioned whether or not buying high end vehicles was a good deal for the city but he said having tracked the last batch the city sold it appears the resale benefits justify the initial higher vehicle costs. Lt. Ebert explained this request is coming before the Council earlier in the year to maximize the turnaround of the vehicles to be resold. Councilor Mitchell said the Challenger only has two doors and he asked if this presents a problem when transporting detained individuals. Lt. Ebert said criminals are rarely transported in administrative vehicles as they are primarily used as under cover vehicles on stakeouts. He said if someone is taken into custody they will generally be

transported in a marked patrol vehicle with four doors. Councilor Arnold said in the past he has received three complaints from residents questioning why Riverdale police drive such expensive vehicles. He said the residents seemed to have their concerns resolved once he explained that the resale of these cars is so high that the average cost to the city is between \$100-\$200 a month per vehicle.

Motion: Councilor Arnold moved to approve the Riverdale Police Department's purchasing of police department administration vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$122,000. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Arnold, aye; Councilor Mitchell, aye; Councilor Staten, aye; Councilor Hunt, aye; and Councilor Searle, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Resolution 2012-6 renewing refuse and recycling hauling contract with Robinson Waste

Mr. Douglas said this resolution is simply to renew the city's existing contract with Robinson Waste for an additional year of refuse and recycling collection. He said the recycling program has helped to reduce the city's tipping fees and is the reason there is no fee increases for garbage collection this year.

Motion: Councilor Arnold moved to adopt Resolution 2012-6 renewing Riverdale City's refuse and recycling hauling contract with Robinson Waste. Councilor Searle seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Mitchell, aye; Councilor Staten, aye; Councilor Hunt, aye; Councilor Searle, aye; and Councilor Arnold, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Discretionary Items

Mayor Burrows said under discretionary items the Ogden Weber Chamber had just contacted him about a ribbon cutting ceremony May 2, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. for local business FastSigns which has moved to a new location at 5376 S. Freeway Park Drive. He said Riverdale City was not involved in the planning of this grand opening but he said the city is eager to support all local businesses and he encouraged any members of the Council or public who can be at Wednesday's event to attend.

Mayor Burrows asked for additional discretionary items and Councilor Arnold said in reference to the request to restripe the city's tennis courts for pickleball he would like the Public Works Department to handle this as he thinks the cost would be minimal and there is no need for it to come back to the Council for discussion as no one seems to oppose it. Mr. Hansen said the city will look into accommodating Ms. Corbridge's request with Mr. Douglas coordinating with Community Center Manager Jeannette Hall. Councilor Searle said he has a 92 year old uncle who plays pickleball and he said he gave the sport a try

while in Arizona last year and really enjoyed it and thinks it would be a nice addition for Riverdale families to play. Councilor Staten said if there is a cost involved to restripe the courts the Council could vote to include that in the Public Work's budget.

Councilor Staten said the Road Respect Tour will make a stop in Riverdale so that they can be escorted by Boy Scouts dressed in their uniforms on bikes to the BMX Park near the Civic Center. He said any Scouts who are interested can participate on Saturday June 9, 2012.

Councilor Hunt asked Mr. Douglas if the demolished sidewalks at the intersection of 4400 South and 700 West where the new roundabout is under construction will be replaced exactly as they were or if they will be extended as part of the project. Mr. Douglas said the sidewalks may be continued on the North side to the Sinclair gas station depending on what funding is left from the project as the roundabout is completed.

H. Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilor Arnold moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Approved: May 15, 2012

Attest:

Bruce Burrows, Mayor

Ember Herrick, City Recorder