



**RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
CIVIC CENTER - 4600 S. WEBER RIVER DR.  
TUESDAY –MAY 15, 2012**

Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **May 15, 2012** at 6:00 PM at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

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

Member Excused: Bruce Burrows, Mayor

Others Present: Larry Hansen, City Administrator; Dave Hansen, Police Chief, Steve Brooks, City Attorney; Shawn Douglas, Public Works Director; Lynn Fortie, Business Administrator; Ember Herrick, City Recorder and five members of the public including Crystal Nies, Dave Leahy and Chuck Kerkvliet.

**A. Welcome & Roll Call**

Mayor Pro Tem Searle called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance including all the Council members, staff, and members of the public; he excused Mayor Burrows.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Pro Tem Searle led the Pledge of Allegiance and read a 1941 quote from Winston Churchill given six weeks before the bombing of Pearl Harbor while he was speaking to a group of students at Harrow School in England. Mr. Churchill told the students “Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never -- in nothing, great or small, large or petty -- never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force. Never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.” Mayor Pro Tem Searle said this is good counsel for each of us to apply to help us accomplish any task we put our minds to.

**C. Moment of Silence**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Searle said the public is invited to attend Harrisville City’s splash pad grand opening on May 26, 2012 at 10 a.m. He said there will also be a Riverdale Memorial Day program at 9 a.m. on May 28, 2012 that Council, staff and the public are invited to attend and he reminded the Council about the upcoming Strategic Planning Meeting to discuss the budget on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. at the Riverdale Senior Center.

#### **D. Open Communications**

Mayor Pro Tem Searle invited any member of the public with questions or concerns to address the Council.

Riverdale Resident Chuck Kerkvliet said the flags are flying at half mast today to honor fallen police officers. He said he would like to follow up on the Community Covenant Program proposed to the Council by a member of the military at the May 1, 2012 meeting. He said following that presentation the presenter Army Lieutenant Casey Staheli asked the city for a contact person to facilitate communication between the city and the military and he said he is concerned that the city had not followed up with Lt. Staheli as of 3 p.m. today when he spoke with Lt. Staheli. Mayor Pro Tem Searle told Mr. Kerkvliet that the request was discussed at the Veterans Committee meeting and again with City Administrator Larry Hansen last week when he and Dave Leahy of the Veterans Committee met. He said because the Veterans Committee had recently voted unanimously to disband and become an advisory group, he and Mr. Leahy had recommended that someone from the city be selected as the liaison for the Community Covenant Program. Mr. Hansen said discussions have been ongoing but as the request was not time sensitive other priorities had taken precedence. He promised Mr. Kerkvliet that he would follow up with Mr. Staheli on his request for a contact with Riverdale City.

There were no additional comments.

#### **E. Presentations and Reports**

Mayor Pro Tem Searle told the Council that the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) hosted a local academy for public officials on May 12, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Jordan River Light Rail Center. He said he had attended and learned that growth over the next 30 years along the Wasatch Front will double with Utah drivers covering 90 million miles daily. According to Mayor Pro Tem Searle, Utah roads can not be widened enough to accommodate double the current traffic so it is essential that the state develop an efficient mass transit system. He said UTA planners are working on solutions now to address future growth issues and to help curb auto pedestrian accidents with city officials being asked to help facilitate safety. According to Mayor Pro Tem Searle, UTA said they are running at the lowest cost and highest ridership in their history and are a model for transit systems in other states. He said UTA's General Manager mentioned a trolley line using the existing Bamberger train line between Clearfield and 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Wall Ave in downtown Ogden. Mayor Pro Tem Searle said he got to operate a Trax train at the academy and learned a lot about the state's transportation plans.

Mayor Pro Tem Searle said changes are being made to the Veterans Committee, an ad hoc committee created two years ago to raise money to help with the construction of a Veterans Memorial. He said that memorial was dedicated in November 2010 and now the committee has been maintaining it and facilitating Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies annually. According to Mayor Pro Tem Searle, Dave Leahy had submitted a proposal to the members recommending the city take over responsibility for maintaining the memorial and transition the ad hoc committee to a Veteran's Memorial Advisory Group. He said the committee voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Leahy's proposal and Mr. Hansen had recommended that they affiliate their new Veterans Group with the

Senior Center to maintain tax exemption status and allow for continued donations for memorial tiles. Mayor Pro Tem Searle said the makeup of the advisory committee has yet to be determined and he thanked all the individuals who have served on the committee or contributed to its projects in any way. He asked for comments or questions about this proposed change and there were none. Mr. Hansen thanked the Veterans Committee and the three attendees present at the meeting for their zealous efforts to create Riverdale's beautiful Veterans Memorial to honor those who have served our nation. He said city staff will work to maintain the memorial in the future.

Mr. Hansen said he had recently attended a City Managers Conference and the League of Cities and Towns Meetings which he said facilitated valuable interactions with other city officials to share ideas to solve common city problems. He said Riverdale's RDA program is moving forward with nuisance abatement efforts paying off and foreclosed homes being sold to new owners with outstanding loans and city liens for maintenance being paid off.

Mr. Hansen said Lois Davis of the Seniors Program received a generous donation from America First Credit Union again this year to help fund activities for seniors. Mr. Hansen said the Council will need to decide in the coming weeks if they are willing to sign a new interlocal agreement with Communities That Care (CTC) and continue funding the process. He referenced a recent article in the Standard Examiner and reminded the Council that Riverdale already has considerable financial obligations to its Substance Abuse Court, which has a proven track record for helping people with addiction problems.

Mr. Hansen noted the employees with anniversaries in the month of May and thanked them for their efforts to make Riverdale City great. He said the city is current operating two positions under authorization as part of the 2005 action plan and he thanked city staff for their service to the citizens of Riverdale.

Business Administrator Lynn Fortie gave the Council a report on the condition of the treasury for the month ending April 30, 2012 stating that in expenditures there was a payment for trip hazard removal and for Christmas decorations and under reimbursements the city received \$17,000 in the storm water fund for reimbursement from a local company for hazmat cleanup of a fuel spill earlier in the year. He asked for any questions about the treasury report and there were none.

**F. Consent Items**

Mayor Pro Tem Searle asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes and none were noted.

There were also no comments or questions on the Recorder's Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Searle asked for any questions about the Community Development Projects Status Report and there were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Searle said the final consent item is a proposal to set a public hearing on June 5, 2012 to adopt a Certified Tax Rate for Riverdale City. He asked for any questions and there were none.

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

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

**G. Action Items**

**1. Consideration of Ordinance 806 providing for a small subdivision located at 5700 South, South Weber Drive.**

Mayor Pro Tem Searle said the first action item is consideration of Ordinance 806 providing for a small subdivision located at 5700 South, South Weber Drive. Mr. Daily said this request meets all Title 10 requirements including lot size and setback. He said the state will have to grant an approach right of way to the property owner and informed the Council that the Planning Commission recommends approval of this request.

**Motion:** Councilor Arnold moved to adopt Ordinance 806 providing for a small subdivision located at 5700 South, South Weber Drive. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**2. Consideration of Planning Commission's recommendation and request to amend site plan for Ken Garff Auto Dealership.**

Mayor Pro Tem Searle said the second action item has been withdrawn by the petitioner.

**No action was taken on this item.**

**3. Consideration of the Police Department Building Basement Project**  
**a. Selecting architect services for project design**

Riverdale Police Department Lieutenant James Ebert said his department is in the process of putting together an RFP to receive construction bids to finish the basement of their building and needs an architect's rendering of the project. He said four architecture firms were contacted and three submitted bids which he reviewed with Riverdale Building Inspector Jeff Woody. Lt. Ebert said he is recommending using the lowest bidder SLA Architects. Councilor Mitchell asked why the third bid was received after the Council packet was compiled and Lt. Ebert said there were scheduling conflicts on both ends but he assured the Council the bid was received in a timely manner.

**Motion:** Councilor Arnold moved to select SLA Architects for project design for the Police Department Building Basement Project in the amount of \$6,550.00. Councilor Hunt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**H. Discretionary Items**

Mayor Pro Tem Searle asked if there were any discretionary items and none were noted.

**I. Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilor Arnold moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Staten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:41 p.m.

Approved: June 5, 2012

Attest:

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Bruce Burrows, Mayor

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Ember Herrick, City Recorder