



**RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
CIVIC CENTER - 4600 S. WEBER RIVER DR.  
TUESDAY –JULY 3, 2012**

Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **July 3, 2012** at 6:00 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;  
Dave Hansen, Police Chief, Shawn Douglas, Public Works  
Director; Ember Herrick, City Recorder and two members of the  
public Brad Dee and Courtney Dayton.

**A. Welcome & Roll Call**

Mayor Burrows called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance including all the Council members and Utah State Representative Brad Dee.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Staten led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Burrows read a quote from Thomas Jefferson who said the more we work, the more luck we create for ourselves.

**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.

Riverdale Resident Courtney Dayton said it was his understanding that at the last Council meeting the Council gave staff and themselves a pay raise. He said other cities are not giving their employees pay raises this year and he asked the Council to explain their actions. He also said the public had no notice that the raises were being considered prior to the Council voting on it on June 19, 2012.

Mayor Burrows said open communications offers the public a chance to speak to the Mayor and Council for approximately three minutes about any questions or concerns they may have. He said it is not the appropriate forum for elected officials or staff to respond

back to public claims or accusations but he said Mr. Dayton's questions would be addressed in a written letter mailed to his home. Mr. Dayton stated his address for the record so that a response could be sent to him.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

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

Mayor Burrows said Riverdale's Public Works Department was instrumental in preparing the outdoor amphitheater for the Old Glory Days performances by installing sound baffles and sound deadening floor carpet on the stage. He asked Public Works Director Shawn Douglas to thank his crew for their hard work and he recognized all staff involved in the event preparations. Mayor Burrows invited the public to attend a sunrise service on July 4, 2012 at 7 a.m. He said fireworks restrictions have been put in place to address fire danger in high risk areas of the city.

**Mayor Burrows asked for consensus to expand the fireworks ban area to South Weber Drive as the hillside above homes in this area is very dry. The Council consented to expanding the restricted area and Mayor Burrows said efforts will be made to inform residents who live on the hillside about the change.**

Mayor Burrows said Best Buy had their new location grand opening and ribbon cutting on Saturday June 30, 2012. He said the event was well attended and the store should do well in its new location.

Mayor Burrows read a letter from the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) recognizing Utah State Representative Brad Dee for his service to Riverdale City and the State of Utah. Mayor Burrows thanked Representative Dee for his efforts to help the city delay the loss of further sales tax revenue until 2030 and presented him with a certificate of recognition from the city. Representative Dee said he represents 38,000 Utahans in this region and is proud to serve with a team of legislators who are committed to making positive changes for the state. He said serving on a City Council or Planning Commission is great preparation for future service on the state legislature to understand how decisions impact cities and he thanked the local representatives for communicating residents' issues to him so that they can be addressed. Representative Dee promised to keep fighting for Riverdale and said he looked forward to participating in the city's Old Glory Days parade.

City Attorney Steve Brooks said each year he provides a legislative update to the Mayor, Council and staff and he asked if there were any questions about how any of the bills will affect the city or Council as public figures. According to Mr. Brooks, recent state law changes for smoke shops prohibiting them from operating within a certain distance of schools or churches has prevented a new smoke shop from opening in Riverdale. Councilor Mitchell asked if this law change could also affect a local dinner and bingo business and Mr. Brooks said he doesn't believe it will. There were no additional comments or questions.

**F. Consent Items**

**1. Review of meeting minutes from:**

May 19, 2012 Strategic Planning  
June 19, 2012 City Council Work Session  
June 19, 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 Reports.

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

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**G. Action Items**

**1. Consideration of Change Order No. 2 for 4400 South 700 West Roundabout Project for overexcavation and stabilization fabric for \$8,732.40 to Advanced Paving and Construction**

Mr. Douglas said while Advanced Paving and Construction was excavating the site of the new roundabout at 700 West and 4400 South they discovered the road base wasn't solid enough to hold the weight of the new structure in some areas. He said the contractor put down new road bases and structural fabric to stabilize these areas accounting for Change Order number two and the additional cost of \$8,732.40. Councilor Mitchell said he has noticed failing roundabout structures in other cities and appreciates Riverdale and Advanced Paving and Construction for building this new roundabout to last. Councilor Hunt asked if the project is within the estimated budget and Mr. Douglas confirmed that even with the change order the cost is still under budget. Councilor Arnold asked if the RDA Board should be the entity to approve this change order because the roundabout was built with RDA funds and Mr. Hansen said the Council awarded the bid and therefore is justified in approving payment of this change order.

**Motion:** Councilor Arnold moved to approve payment of Change Order No. 2 for 4400 South 700 West Roundabout Project for overexcavation and stabilization fabric for \$8,732.40 to Advanced Paving and Construction. 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 Ordinance 809 adopting an extension to the City Option Sales Tax (per HB 81 2012 General Legislative Session) for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2030**

Mayor Burrows said the next item on the agenda is consideration of Ordinance 809 adopting an extension to the City Option Sales Tax per HB 81 2012 General Legislative Session for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2030. Mr. Hansen said the state legislature adopted this addendum to the statute during their 2012 session and it now requires a vote after July 1, 2012 by the Riverdale City Council to allow the city to continue collecting the 0.2 percent sales tax revenue through June 30, 2030. He asked for any comments or questions and there were none.

**Motion:** Councilor Arnold moved to adopt Ordinance 809 adopting amendments to adopting an extension to the City Option Sales Tax per HB 81 2012 General Legislative Session for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2030. Councilor Searle seconded the motion.

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

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

**Discretionary Items**

Mayor Burrows asked if there were any discretionary items and Councilor Searle said former members of the Veterans Committee will pass out fliers at the Old Glory Days parade to educate people about the Veterans Memorial at the Civic Center. He said the fliers will invite people to visit the memorial during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and are designed to help educate Riverdale youth about the city feature.

Councilor Arnold said his daughter has participated in Summer Fun Days for the past few years and asked him to thank the organizer as this year's activities and field trips have been fun and very well organized.

Councilor Arnold said he would like to see the open communications portion of the Council meetings modified so that public officials and staff can respond on the record when members of the public make accusations or claims that are wrong. Mayor Burrows said open communications was set up the way it currently functions to prevent back and forth arguments and so that staff would have time to prepare a response instead of putting them on the spot to respond to the public. He said the city's response to Mr. Dayton's questions could be read on the record at the next public Council meeting in addition to being mailed to Mr. Dayton's home. According to Councilor Arnold, the pay of the Riverdale City Council is far less than other cities and the Council recently changed the way they are paid out of concern that at times special meetings aren't held because of concern about the additional cost to taxpayers. Mr. Hansen said he appreciated the Council taking the initiative to change the antiquated pay structure set up years ago by a previous council where they were paid by the meeting and given a sum for expenses, in

favor of a monthly salary. According to Mr. Hansen, this change will represent a decrease in the Council compensation budget for fiscal year 2013. He said staff wages are determined by surveying other cities across the state of Utah to determine the average being paid for each position. According to Mr. Hansen, this is the same employee pay system Riverdale has been following successfully for years and the decisions Mr. Dayton complained about during open communications were voted on following properly noticed public hearings open to public comment and questioning. Mr. Hansen said he will respond to Mr. Dayton in a formal letter that will be mailed to his home, but he said for the record this is a brief rebuttal to the accusations leveled at the Council earlier during open communications.

Councilor Staten said he would like to respond to a recent social media conversation criticizing the Youth City Council for supporting a Riverdale Senior Center fundraiser. He said he believes the youth should be commended not criticized for their service to local Senior Citizens and he suggested that a representative from the Youth City Council give the City Council a quarterly report on their activities and service projects. Councilor Staten said his children participate in Riverdale athletics and he has always received a timely and professional response to questions from organizer Jeannette Hall. He complimented Ms. Hall on doing excellent work in a tough job where she is balancing the needs and concerns of hundreds of parents and children.

Councilor Hunt said Riverdale's free swim nights at the Roy Recreation Center are so well attended that the average cost to the city is less than \$1 per person. He said this is a very popular program he is glad the city provides for its residents.

**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 6:37 PM.

Approved: July 17, 2012

Attest:

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Bruce Burrows, Mayor

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Ember Herrick, City Recorder