



**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, **July 17, 2012** at 6:00 PM at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

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

Via Phone: Alan Arnold, Councilor

Others Present: Larry Hansen, City Administrator; Steve Brooks, City Attorney; Shawn Douglas, Public Works Director; Ember Herrick, City Recorder and seven members of the public including Sally Neill, Geoff Ellis, Brandon Peterson, Ben Nadolski, Meg Krusemark, Karen McIntosh, Matt Hennessey and two additional members of the Riverdale Fire Department.

**A. Welcome & Roll Call**

Mayor Burrows called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance including all the Council members, staff, and members of the public, he said Councilor Arnold is joining in the discussion via telephone.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

City Administrator Larry Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Burrows read a quote from Daniel Webster from the dedication of the Bunker Hill Monument.

**C. Moment of Silence**

Mayor Burrows 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.

There were no comments.

**E. Presentations and Reports**

Mayor Burrows said Saturday July 21, 2012 the new Gordmans store will open in Riverdale with a portion of sales from that day being donated to charity. He said Friday July 27, 2012 at 8:45 a.m. will be the Gordmans grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony and he invited everyone to attend. Mayor Burrows said on August 6, 2012 there will be an open house for all Utah Government Trust members and a golf

tournament on August 27, 2012. Mayor Burrows said he had received some calls earlier in the week from members of the public questioning work being done in the new roundabout at 700 West and 4400 South. He said Public Works Director Shawn Douglas explained the manhole covers were being raised but the work is complete now and the roundabout should be operating normally.

Mr. Hansen complimented the Riverdale Public Works Department and subcontractors who fixed the sidewalk and curb and gutter on Parker Drive and the roundabout at 700 West and 4400 South on schedule. He said construction progress was facilitated by good weather. Mr. Hansen also noted that there were a record number of residents at the Roy Aquatic Center last week with 824 people taking advantage of the Riverdale free swim night. He said the city's final recycling opt-out period has expired with 82 additional homes choosing not to participate in the program for a total of 284. He said this is a relatively low number and the program seems to be working well. Mr. Hansen noted Riverdale employees with anniversaries in the month of July and he and the Mayor recognized Police Officer Brandon Peterson who has 10 years with the city by presenting him with a certificate and award. He said the city is current operating under authorization for full-time employees as part of the 2005 action plan and he thanked city staff for their service to the citizens of Riverdale.

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

Mayor Burrows asked for any questions about the Community Development Projects Status Report and Councilor Searle said it is exciting to see local businesses remodeling and renovating their stores as a positive sign the economy is improving.

**F. Consent Items**

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

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

No discussion on the motion.

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

**G. Action Items**

**1. Consideration of Weber Pathways bridge request**

Mayor Burrows said the first action item is consideration of a Weber Pathways bridge request and he welcomed Geoff Ellis, Sally Neill, Ben Nadolski and Meg Krusemark, stating that all of them are familiar with Weber Pathways' goal to extend the trail from the mouth of Weber Canyon in a 26 mile loop. Geoff Ellis said now the trail is on the South side of the river a bridge is necessary to connect it to Riverdale's trail. According to Mr. Ellis, there are four possible sites identified in the packet for the proposed bridge with the preferred site highlighted. Mr. Ellis articulated why the other three sites aren't

ideal and explained the preferred site is stable and far from power lines. He said a portion of the trail will need to be raised to make the bridge comply with FEMA regulations. According to Mr. Ellis, the trail on the South side of the bridge will be unpaved a natural dirt surface trail and Weber County will maintain the South side. He said the bridge is weathered steel with a concrete deck that will be sturdy and durable, allowing small maintenance vehicles to drive on it. Mr. Ellis said Weber Pathways is willing to put a gate on the South end and signage indicating that horses are not allowed on the North side of the trail. He asked permission from Riverdale City to construct this foot bridge on their property if Weber Pathways covers the cost of the materials and construction and Riverdale City agrees to maintain the bridge once it is built

Mayor Burrows asked if people will be allowed to fish from the bridge and if the weathered steel will stain clothing and Mr. Ellis said fishing will be allowed and he said he hasn't noticed casual contact contaminating clothing on similar bridges. Councilor Arnold asked Mr. Douglas about maintenance of the bridge and if the city will be required to keep it cleared during the winter months what products would be appropriate to melt ice and snow on the concrete in the winter. Mr. Ellis said Weber County doesn't scrape the South side of the trail or put down salt melt in the winter so Riverdale City won't be required to keep the bridge cleared. Councilor Hunt asked about the estimated annual cost to the city for bridge maintenance and Mr. Ellis said costs should be low as the concrete deck has an expected lifetime of 20 years and bridge itself should last longer than that. Mr. Douglas said it will require regular cleaning and he recommended that a notice be placed at the bridge indicating that it isn't maintained during the winter months so that his department will only be responsible for clearing the trail up to the bridge.

Councilor Arnold said he was having trouble hearing because of static on the line which he attributed to a lightning storm in the area and he ended his call and participation in the meeting.

Mr. Hunt asked if River Restoration had been consulted on this project and Mr. Ellis said flood planes were studied and an aquatic expert recommended the proposed site as the most stable location for a bridge because it is in the area near power lines where the ground has been hardened and stabilized for years. Councilor Mitchell asked if Riverdale City would be responsible for repairing damage to the bridge in the event of another flood and Mr. Ellis said technically it would be the city's responsibility but Weber Pathways has resources that could be used in the event of a catastrophe. Councilor Mitchell asked about a guarantee on the lifespan of the bridge if there are problems with the workmanship in the first few years and Mr. Ellis said the bridge will be built to the highest engineering standards based on a geo tech study. Councilor Staten asked about a time frame when the trail will be connected to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and Mr. Ellis said the next four miles to the mouth of the canyon do not have a timeline for completion because Weber Pathways is still trying to acquire all of the property necessary to complete the trail.

**Motion:** Councilor Hunt moved to approve Weber Pathways bridge request. Councilor Staten seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**2. Consideration of Change Order #1 for Flood Protection Improvement Project #2, Irrigation Diversion Box on 4400 South Street in the amount of \$690.00 to be paid to Cornerstone Excavating, LLC**

Mayor Burrows said the second action item is a change order for Flood Protection Improvement Project #2, Irrigation Diversion Box on 4400 South Street in the amount of \$690.00 to be paid to Cornerstone Excavating, LLC. Mr. Douglas said a drain line was in the way when Cornerstone Excavating began work on the Irrigation Diversion Box and the \$690.00 was the cost to disconnect and reconnect the pipe that was in the way.

**Motion:** Councilor Hunt moved to approve Change Order #1 for Flood Protection Improvement Project #2, Irrigation Diversion Box on 4400 South Street in the amount of \$690.00 to be paid to Cornerstone Excavating, LLC. Councilor Searle seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**3. Consideration of Ordinance 810 amending RCC 4-1 Fire Services**

Mr. Hansen said the proposed changes to abolish the city's Public Safety Department are designed to update the city code by removing all references and incorporating in the most recent state statute and allowing the fire chief to designate fireworks restrictions. Councilor Staten said in the title of the proposed ordinance the wording "fire service" should be changed to "fire department" and the City Recorder noted the change.

**Motion:** Councilor Searle moved to adopt Ordinance 810 amending RCC 4-1 Fire Services. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

**4. Consideration of Ordinance 811 amending RCC 5-1 Police Services**

Mr. Hansen said this proposed ordinance will eliminate a Department of Public Safety in the current police department ordinance. Councilor Mitchell asked about the police reserve corps reference and Mr. Hansen said that entire section is proposed for deletion as the city has never used a police reserve corps and Riverdale's Certified Emergency

Response Team would oversee the city's emergency response in the event of a catastrophe.

**Motion:** Councilor Mitchell moved to adopt Ordinance 811 amending RCC 5-1 Police Services. Councilor Searle seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

#### **H. Discretionary Items**

Mayor Burrows asked if there were any discretionary items and Councilor Staten said the Bike/Pedestrian Committee would like Riverdale to seek designation as a bicycle friendly community. According to Councilor Staten, there is an application that must be filled out by July 20, 2012 and he said if there is consensus from the Council he would like to fill out the application and submit it this week. Mayor Burrows asked City Attorney Steve Brooks if the Council could take action on this item even though it wasn't on the agenda as an action item because the designation isn't binding and won't have a financial impact on the city. Mr. Brooks said this shouldn't create a problem.

**Mayor Burrows asked for consensus to allow Councilor Staten to complete an application on behalf of Riverdale City to seek designation as a bicycle friendly community. Consensus was unanimous from the four members of the Council present.**

Councilor Mitchell said there was a recent social media conversation about the poor quality of the Council meeting recordings posted on the city's website. He asked if the system could be upgraded to improve the quality of the recording. Mr. Brooks said the city is aware of the problem and the court just implemented a new recording system but the quality of the recording is not noticeably different. Mr. Brooks said now the city is looking at purchasing better microphones as the current ones are more than ten years old and only pick up well when you speak directly into them.

Councilor Searle said several residents have told him that they watch the Old Glory Days fireworks from Rohmer Park across town and would like more of the fireworks that explode higher in the sky so that more of the show is visible to them. Mayor Burrows said Riverdale's fireworks display was very well attended this year because some cities didn't have shows. He said the longer show was appreciated by residents and Mr. Hansen said he recently spoke with the Account Manager of Fireworks West and would call him again to ask about a higher fireworks display next year to accommodate viewers in outlying areas. Mayor Burrows said he has received requests to bring back the cannon shots for the sunrise service on July 4, 2012 and he asked Captain Matt Hennessey if the fire department could arrange to start old Glory Days with a cannon shot at 6 a.m. next year and another round at the start of the parade. Captain Hennessey said he had assisted in shooting off the cannon in the past with the help of Fireworks West and arrangements

can be made to coordinate the continuation of this tradition again next year. Mayor Burrows asked Captain Hennessey if he has his pyrotechnics certification and he said that he doesn't but other senior fire fighters on staff do. Councilor Hunt said he heard positive feedback about Old Glory Days and was grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of the event. He said he enjoyed serving ice cream to the crowd that showed up to enjoy the movie in the park at dusk on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the evening would have been perfect if the sprinklers hadn't come on. Mr. Douglas joked that it was a warm night and the sprinklers were just extended hours for the Splash Pad. He said the employee who was responsible for shutting off the sprinklers forgot but the damage was minimal and it shouldn't happen again next year. There were no additional comments.

Mayor Burrows said a motion to adjourn into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a) would be appropriate at this time.

**Motion:** Councilor Searle moved to adjourn into an executive session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a). Councilor Hunt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

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

The Council adjourned into an executive session at 6: 57 p.m. and resumed at 7:39 p.m.

**Executive Session (City Council Conference Room)**

Consideration of adjournment into Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a).

**I. Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilor Searle moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Approved: August 7, 2012

Attest:

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Bruce Burrows, Mayor

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Ember Herrick, City Recorder