



**RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
CIVIC CENTER - 4600 S. WEBER RIVER DR.
TUESDAY –DECEMBER 17, 2013**

Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **December 17, 2013** at 6:02 PM at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

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

Others Present: Larry Hansen, City Administrator; Steve Brooks, City Attorney;
Shawn Douglas, Public Works Director; Michael Eggett,
Community Development Director; Dave Hansen, Police Chief;
Stacey Comeau, Human Resources Manager; Roger Bodily,
Riverdale Fire Chief; Ember Herrick, City Recorder and four
members of the public including David Leahy, Steve Hilton,
Phillip Jensen and Lloyd High.

A. Welcome & Roll Call

Mayor Burrows called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance including all Council members.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Searle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Moment of Silence

Mayor Burrows read the first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence signed on July 4, 1776 and written by Thomas Jefferson “When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”

D. Open Communications

Mayor Burrows invited any member of the public with questions or concerns to address the Council and Riverdale resident Phillip Jensen said he disagrees with the Council’s recent decision as the Board of Canvass to disqualify Council candidate Gary Griffiths from the 2013 Municipal Election. Mr. Jensen said he is very upset and would like to know why the Council thinks they are smarter than the state and he asked if there is a secret conspiracy behind their decision.

Riverdale resident Lloyd High said he lives at Riverdale Mobile Estates and he has concerns about the health and safety of an existing home for sale in his neighborhood that was built in

1963. He distributed copies of a handout he had prepared and said national safety standards for mobile homes were not instituted until 1974 and he doesn't think homes built before that year should be sold to new owners because of the potential of roofs to collapse and fire danger. Mr. High said he has a BA degree in physics and has identified 17 homes at Riverdale Mobile Estates he believes are in violation of building codes because they were built before 1974. He accused one of his neighbors of having work done on his mobile home by an unlicensed contractor and he said the neighbor's roof has 50 years of fatigue and in his opinion is in danger of collapse under a heavy snow load. Mr. High also said he believes the wiring is insufficient and he invited the Mayor and Council to come and inspect the homes he is concerned present a fire hazard to the entire mobile home park. He requested staff investigate his allegations and require any mobile homes that present a fire hazard be removed from the park so that the residents are safe.

There were no additional open communications.

E. Presentations and Reports

Mayor Burrows said seven new bus shelters are going up in Riverdale and he thanked City Administrator Larry Hansen for petitioning the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) to use a portion of the millions of dollars they collect from Riverdale sales tax annually to improve some of the bus stops in the city. According to Mayor Burrows the shelters will be placed in high traffic areas of the city to provide commuters with a way to get out of the weather while waiting for buses. He said more bus shelters are planned for 2014 including one at the busy bus stop in front of Convergys on the border of Roy and Riverdale. Mayor Burrows thanked Councilors Alan Arnold and Norm Searle for their four years of service on Riverdale's City Council and work in various capacities and on different committees and he presented them with certificates of appreciation and clocks in recognition of their service.

Mr. Hansen said Riverdale City will host a special open house reception at the Riverdale Senior Center on January 16, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to honor Mayor Burrows for his years of service. He said more information will be included in the January city newsletter and a press release will also be sent out so that members of the public that would like to attend and thank the Mayor for his 20 years of service to Riverdale and 12 years as Mayor will have an opportunity to come to the reception. Mr. Hansen said Riverdale will receive annual property tax revenue in December that will be reflected in the next treasury report and he said the ongoing community development projects continue to progress towards completion and there are no new items to report. Mr. Hansen recognized fire fighters Stephen Stenquist, Brian Wood and Jered Hawkes with five year anniversaries working for Riverdale City and he briefly reviewed the staffing authorization report stating there are currently 57 full-time 47 part-time employees.

F. Consent Items

Mayor Burrows asked if there were any changes to the December 3, 2013 meeting minutes or any corrections to the proposed 2014 meeting schedule and none were noted.

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

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

Call the Question: The motion passed unanimously.

G. Action Items

1. Consideration of Resolution 2013-39 adopting proposed amendments to HR Policy 9-11 Leave Without Pay

Human Resources Manager Stacey Comeau said Resolution 2013-39 is a proposed addition to Riverdale City's employee policy to adopt a leave without pay provision which will require employees with compensatory or vacation time to use their accrued leave before being able to take leave without pay. Ms. Comeau said this will create consistency in city practices and she asked if the Council had any questions or concerns and none were noted.

Motion: Councilor Arnold moved to approve Resolution 2013-39 adopting proposed amendments to HR Policy 9-11 Leave Without Pay. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion.

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

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

2. Consideration of action on purchase, exchange, or lease of real property

Mr. Hansen said the city has an opportunity to purchase 3.53 acres of land near Riverdale's north trailhead from a family that has lived in the community since pioneers first settled the area. Mr. Hansen said he is recommending the city purchase this land for \$80,223.00 because it is strategically placed in an area that could be tied into Riverdale's existing trail system. He said part of the deal involves memorializing the Burch family with a metal marker that will be located along the city's trail and he said if the Council approves this land purchase the deal will be finalized on December 20, 2013. Councilor Mitchell asked if the cost of the plaque should be included and Mr. Hansen said the Council has already approved money in the current fiscal year's budget for historical markers placed along the trail.

Motion: Councilor Searle moved purchase 3.53 acres of property in the vicinity of the Weber River Trail north trailhead for \$80,223.00. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion.

Mayor Burrows asked for discussion on the motion and Councilor Hunt asked about items currently located on the property and Mr. Hansen said the land was previously used as horse property and the Burch family will have 120 days after the deal closes to remove a horse walker and any wood from an existing hay barn. Mr. Hansen said the city could start developing this land in the spring of 2014 if there is consensus from the Council about what the land should be used for. Councilor Hunt asked if there are any structures on the adjacent Ogden City property and Mr. Hansen said none that he is aware of.

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

3. Consideration of Resolution 2013-40 authorizing execution of an easement to the Utah Transportation Authority

Community Development Director Michael Eggett said Riverdale City staff has been working for several years to convince UTA to build bus shelters in high traffic areas where many members of the public use mass transit. He said in this first phase UTA is constructing seven shelters and three are located in city right of ways necessitating an easement between Riverdale City and UTA to allow the structures to be built and properly maintained. Mr. Eggett recommended approval of Resolution 2013-40 authorizing execution of an easement to the Utah Transportation Authority and he asked for any questions. Councilor Mitchell asked about the right of ways and Mr. Hansen said in phase one four of the shelters are on private or state owned property requiring UTA to sign easements with the land owners or UDOT and three are on city property including the two shelters on 4400 South and the one in front of Carey's Motorcycle Center. Mr. Hansen said these bus shelters will protect commuters from the rain and snow and he is glad to see them going in because UTA collects between \$3 and \$4 million dollars in sales tax revenue from the city annually but has only built one bus shelter at the UTA park and ride on Freeway Park Drive. According to Mr. Hansen, the cement pads are poured first and then the shelters, which are assembled off site, are brought in and bolted down, alongside trash receptacles. Councilor Mitchell confirmed the trash cans are maintained by UTA and Mr. Eggett said that is outlined in the easement agreement. Mr. Hansen said he has worked for years to convince UTA to reinvest some of the money they collect from Riverdale into bus shelters for commuters and he said staff has identified other locations around the city where bus shelters are needed to be built in the coming years. Mayor Burrows said he was frustrated to learn UTA secured grants to build these seven shelters when they collect between \$3 and \$4 million dollars in sales tax revenue from the city annually. Mr. Hansen said Riverdale is a busy commercial district where many people come to shop and work and he said he hates to see young mothers with children standing out in the weather waiting for buses so he is excited to see the shelters going up and Councilor Hunt agreed the timing is ideal with winter starting.

Motion: Councilor Hunt moved to approve Resolution 2013-40 authorizing execution of an easement to the Utah Transportation Authority. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion.

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

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

4. Consideration of Resolution 2013-41 authorizing execution of Emergency Mutual Aid Interlocal Agreement

Riverdale Fire Chief Roger Bodily said this Emergency Mutual Aid Interlocal Agreement allows Riverdale to partner with neighboring cities to combine resources to fight serious structure fires. According to Chief Bodily, 13 to 15 firefighters from other cities can be

on site at a Riverdale fire within 10 minutes, which is useful because Riverdale only has four fire fighters on duty at a time and it typically takes 15 to 18 fire fighters to handle a residential structure fire. He said this agreement has been in place for years and he recommends renewing the interlocal if the Council doesn't have questions or concerns. Councilor Searle asked about the length of the contract because it isn't set to expire for 50 years and Mr. Brooks said the interlocal has an opt out clause that Riverdale City could use if this agreement was determined to not be in the city's best interest at some future date. Councilor Hunt asked why Riverdale might want to get out of this agreement and Mr. Brooks said it might be determined to not be mutually beneficial if another city like Roy had a high volume of calls and Riverdale was always being called out to help but Roy rarely reciprocated. Chief Bodily said different agencies are called to certain areas to prevent this type of fatigue and the over extending of city resources and he said he cannot think of a drawback to Riverdale participating in this partnership. Mr. Hunt asked if cities bill each other and Chief Bodily said they do not and he added that if a Riverdale fire fighter was injured or killed in another city or his/her equipment was damaged it would be handled as if it occurred in Riverdale.

Motion: Councilor Arnold moved to approve Resolution 2013-41 authorizing execution of Emergency Mutual Aid Interlocal Agreement.
Councilor Hunt 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; Councilor Staten, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of Resolution 2013-42 adopting an Interlocal Agreement with Ogden City and other governmental entities as a participant in an area wide SWAT Team program

Police Chief Dave Hansen said this proposed interlocal was last renewed in 2009 and after 20 years of involvement he is asking the Council for approval to renew the agreement allowing Riverdale to continue participation in a county wide SWAT team. He said Ogden City is handing the SWAT program over to the Weber County Sheriff Department and all the participating cities are being asked to sign a new interlocal agreement changing the controlling agency. According to Chief Hansen, the name will remain the same to avoid complications in retaining grant funding and he said this type of police partnership would prove essential if Riverdale had an incident like a gunman barricaded in one of the city's big box stores. Chief Hansen said Officer Lynn Wright currently serves as Riverdale's SWAT team member having completed the training and he said it is a tough job to brave harsh weather conditions for hours in difficult circumstances. Councilor Searle asked what the SWAT team response time typically is and Chief Hansen said all Riverdale police are trained to deal with gunmen and carry their gear in the trunk of their vehicles so they would be the first responders on this type of call. According to Chief Hansen, SWAT would only be called in if the suspect barricaded himself in a home or business creating a standoff or hostage situation or if the police need to carry out a search warrant where weapons are believed to be inside. He

said members of SWAT rehearse their plan before going into a situation with an armed suspect so their response is slower and more methodical.

Motion: Councilor Mitchell moved to approve Resolution 2013-42 adopting an Interlocal Agreement with Ogden City and other governmental entities as a participant in an area wide SWAT Team program. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion.

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

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

6. Consideration of Resolution 2013-43 adopting a Betterment Agreement between UDOT and Riverdale City

Public Works Director Shawn Douglas said a betterment agreement between UDOT and Riverdale City will allow Riverdale to replace and upgrade a city waterline that crosses the freeway between Gibby Floral and 1500 West while UDOT is doing construction on the road. Mr. Douglas said this project should improve the water flow to the West Bench area and will save the city considerable cost in tearing up the road and replacing the line when it becomes necessary at some future date.

Motion: Councilor Arnold moved to approve Resolution 2013-43 adopting a Betterment Agreement between UDOT and Riverdale City. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion.

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

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

H. Discretionary Items

Mayor Burrows asked if there were any discretionary items and Councilor Mitchell said he read about Riverdale's role in a call about an active shooter at McKay Dee Hospital last week and wanted to commend the officers that responded. Chief Hansen said he would pass on the compliment to the officers involved.

Mayor Burrows said this is the last meeting he will chair as Riverdale City's Mayor and he thanked the Council for their work and recognized Mr. Hansen for his support and wisdom as City Administrator. There were no additional discretionary items.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilor Arnold moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:54 p.m.

Approved: January 7, 2013

Attest:

Norm Searle, Mayor

Ember Herrick, City Recorder