



**RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
CIVIC CENTER - 4600 S. WEBER RIVER DR.
TUESDAY –JANUARY 7, 2014**

Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **January 7, 2014** at 6:00 PM at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

Members Present: Norm Searle, Mayor
Michael Staten, Councilor
Braden Mitchell, Councilor
Don Hunt, Councilor
Brent Ellis, Councilor
Gary Griffiths, Councilor

Others Present: Larry Hansen, City Administrator; Steve Brooks, City Attorney; Michael Eggett, Community Development Director; Dave Hansen, Police Chief; James Ebert, Police Lieutenant; Ember Herrick, City Recorder and 58 members of the public including David Leahy, Stan Hadden, John Christensen, Deanne Winterton, Lynette Limburg, Colleen Winget, Rick Winget, Ron Hamblen, Kurtis Ellis, Rohn Griffiths, Marian Griffiths, Stuart Jensen, Myrnajo Strausbaugh, Rick Wardell, Sandy Hunt, Rod Hess, Tamra Ellis, Camee Ellis, Lawanna Brown, Wayne K. Brown, Kaitlin Ellis, David Gailey, and Kent Holsten

A. Welcome & Roll Call

Mayor Searle called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance including all Council members, family and friends. The Mayor and Council members Ellis and Griffiths were sworn in by the city recorder.

Mayor Searle said he never aspired to the position of Mayor but is excited to serve the citizens of Riverdale City and he thanked his family and the community for their support. He said this is an exciting and challenging time for Riverdale with many changes ahead and he thanked former Mayor Bruce Burrows for his 20 years of service including 12 as Mayor and City Administrator Larry Hansen for his 15 years of service as he plans to retire at the end of March 2014. Mayor Searle said he is confident the new Council will work well together and will respectfully voice their opinions to reach a consensus that is in the best interest of the residents they represent. He welcomed public input and said Riverdale is a great place to live and his goal is to keep the city fiscally responsible while working with staff to continue to provide excellent services.

Councilor Ellis said he also had no aspirations to political office but is excited to serve on Riverdale City's Council after six years on Riverdale's Planning Commission and he thanked the public for their support. He said he feels a special connection to the city because he was born on the day Riverdale incorporated and his family has farmed land in Riverdale and raised fruit trees for generations. Councilor Ellis said the public can contact him with their problems and concerns and he recognized that challenges lie ahead

but he expressed confidence in the ability of the Mayor, Council, and staff to work together to ensure Riverdale continues to be a great community to raise a family.

Councilor Griffiths said he loves the spirit and feeling in Riverdale and he shared an anecdote about the friendliness of his neighbors when his family moved into the community. Councilor Griffiths said he aspired to public office since attending a civic meeting as a boy scout working on his citizenship in the community merit badge. He said his motto throughout his life has been to serve his fellowmen in his church and community and he expressed excitement about serving again on Riverdale City's Council following a difficult election campaign

Mayor Searle thanked former Mayor Bruce Burrows for his service to the community and invited the public to an open house in his honor Thursday, January 16, 2014 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Riverdale Senior Center.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Moment of Silence

Mayor Searle read a quote from *Stand Up for Freedom: Teachings on Liberty* by Ezra Taft Benson former Secretary of Agriculture under President Eisenhower about the proper role of government for the benefit of men. He said men should be held accountable and peace maintained through inviolate laws designed to secure the rights of individual citizens. Mayor Searle's quote was followed by a moment of silence when he asked everyone to remember our police officers, fire fighters, and U.S. military service members.

D. Open Communications

Mayor Searle invited any member of the public with questions or concerns to address the Council for approximately three minutes.

Riverdale resident David Gailey thanked Councilor Ellis for his years of service on Riverdale's Planning Commission, said he will be missed, and complimented his leadership as Chairman. Mr. Gailey said as a current member of the Planning Commission he looks forward to working with the new Mayor and Council and hopes they will be as good to work with as the previous administration.

E. Presentations and Reports

Mayor Searle said Communities That Care (CTC) is hosting a town meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at Bonneville High School for junior high and high school students and their parents to discuss the dangers of underage drinking. He said Riverdale participates in and helps fund CTC and he encouraged everyone to attend the town meeting. Mayor Searle said he recently attended a Weber Area Council of Governments (WACOG) meeting where tipping fees for solid waste were discussed and an increase from \$30 to \$32 dollars a ton was proposed for the summer of 2014. He said cities like Riverdale that participate in a recycling program have been instrumental in keeping fees low in recent years.

There were no questions about the Recorder's Report or the Community Development Report.

Stuart Jensen with the Northern Utah Disc Golf Association (NUDGA) created in 1998 said his association has been playing disc golf in Riverdale since 2002 and with permission from the city has created a popular disc golf course near the civic center that over 400 members use. Mr. Jensen said in December NUDGA held the Annual Winter Charity Bowl with 30 participants and he gave a \$500 check to John Christensen representing the Riverdale Senior Center Board. Mr. Christensen thanked NUDGA for their donation and Mr. Jensen presented a commemorative disc from the event to the Mayor and each member of the Council. Mayor Searle thanked Mr. Jensen and his association for the donation and the group's contributions to community.

F. Consent Items

Mayor Searle asked if there were any changes to the December 17, 2013 work session and regular Council meeting minutes and none were noted. He said the second item on the agenda is consideration of committee appointments and will be discussed further before the Council is prepared to vote on his recommendations.

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

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

Call the Question: The motion passed unanimously.

G. Action Items

None.

H. Discretionary Items

Mayor Searle asked if there were any discretionary items and Councilor Mitchell thanked Riverdale's Animal Control Officer Bonnie Jones for providing excellent service to a family in the community and he asked Police Chief Dave Hansen to relay the compliment. Chief Hansen said Ms. Jones has one of the most thankless jobs in the city but regularly goes out of her way to serve the residents of Riverdale and Mayor Searle added his commendation crediting Ms. Jones for helping his neighbor catch a feral cat.

Mayor Searle said Ogden City Public Ways and Parks Division plans to install six bike fix it stations around their city near trail heads and he said Riverdale may want to invest in some too. He explained the stations are five feet tall, have a tire pump and tools attached to cables and cost approximately \$1,000 each. Mayor Searle said Ogden was able to negotiate six stations for \$4,000 paid for by Ogden City, the company Quality Bike Products, and Weber County Recreation Arts Museum and Parks tax monies. Councilor Staten said one station will be placed near the mouth of Weber Canyon at Rainbow Gardens, another near the trail at 21st Street and a third at Fort Buenaventura and he said he would like to see Riverdale City invest in one near the BMX Park.

Councilor Ellis said he would like to work with local historian Gary Boatright Jr. on a project to preserve Riverdale's history and Mayor Searle said the city should investigate

if the Patterson family donated land to create Golden Spike Park and if a plaque commemorating their contribution would be appropriate.

Councilor Mitchell congratulated Mr. Hansen on his retirement and asked how the position will be filled and Mr. Hansen said the decision is up to the Mayor and Council and tonight's executive session was scheduled to discuss how the Council would like to proceed. There were no additional discretionary items.

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

Call the Question: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned into closed executive session at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Motion: Councilor Staten moved to adjourn out of closed executive session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a). Councilor Ellis seconded the motion.

Call the Question: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting resumed at approximately 7:20 p.m. where the Mayor and Council reached consensus to instruct staff to post the city administrator position beginning January 8, 2014 through January 31, 2014.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilor Staten moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Approved: January 21, 2014

Attest:

Norm Searle, Mayor

Ember Herrick, City Recorder