



**RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
CIVIC CENTER - 4600 S. WEBER RIVER DR.
TUESDAY –JANUARY 21, 2014**

Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **January 21, 2014** at 6:03 PM at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

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

Others Present: Larry Hansen, City Administrator; Steve Brooks, City Attorney;
 Michael Eggett, Community Development Director; Lynn Fortie;
 Business Administrator; Ember Herrick, City Recorder and three
 members of the public David Leahy, Cody Hansen, and David
 Gailey.

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 Staten 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 principal role of government. He said people are superior to government since God created people with certain unalienable rights and people created government to secure those rights and he reminded the Council their first duty is to serve the people they represent. 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 and there were none.

E. Presentations and Reports

Mayor Searle said the Riverdale Substance Abuse Court (RSAC) graduation is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2014 and he invited anyone with interest to attend. He said the Utah Legislature's Local Officials Day is January 29, 2014 and he invited all Council members to attend with the Riverdale Youth City Council. Mayor Searle said Council members can order a shirt with a city logo through Administrative Assistant Lynette Limburg.

City Administrator Larry Hansen gave a brief summary of the department, treasury and community development reports included in the packet and asked that any questions be directed to staff. He briefly reviewed the list of employees with anniversaries in January and noted that Public Works employee Kelly Rose has worked for Riverdale for 31 years and has announced his retirement as of April 1, 2014. Mr. Hansen briefly reviewed the staffing authorization plan and explained how it has been key to the success of his 2005 Action Plan. He noted that Riverdale is operating with 73 full-time equivalent employees with full time police, fire, and ambulance coverage.

Mayor Searle complimented the staff for their orientation of the new mayor and council members on Thursday, January 16, 2014 and he said that all the employees who presented commented on how much they love working for Riverdale City. He attributed staff's efficiency to the ability of the different departments to communicate and work together to provide services to the residents and businesses of Riverdale. Mayor Searle complimented Mr. Hansen for his leadership, job performance, and personal commitment and presented him with a service recognition award for his 15 years working for Riverdale City.

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

F. Consent Items

Mayor Searle asked if there were any changes to the January 7, 2014 meeting minutes and none were noted. He said he is proposing the appointment of the following Council members to serve on boards based on their interest and seniority:

Riverdale Senior Center Board Councilor Griffiths
Communities That Care, Key Leader Board Councilor Mitchell
Weber Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees Councilor Ellis
Central Weber Sewer Improvement District Board of Trustees Mayor Searle
Legislative Policy Committee Councilor Hunt

According to Mayor Searle, Councilor Staten already represents Riverdale at Weber County Trails meetings along with Public Works Director Shawn Douglas to discuss bike paths and trails. Mayor Searle said he also currently serves on the Weber Area Council of Governments (WACOG), the Weber Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, Weber Pathways, and as an alternate on the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC).

Mayor Searle said a new bridge was installed on Thursday, January 16, 2014 to connect Riverdale's trail on the south end to Uintah and the Adams Parkway Trail.

Mayor Searle said the next two consent items are consideration of the reappointment of City Treasurer Lynn Fortie and City Recorder Ember Herrick for two year terms through January 31, 2016. He asked for discussion on any of the consent items to this point and none were noted.

Mayor Searle said he is proposing Councilor Hunt continue to serve as Riverdale's Mayor Pro Tem but he has yet to select someone to finish Councilor Ellis' term on the Planning Commission and would like to defer this consent item until the next Council meeting. Mayor Searle said he reviewed staff research and has determined Riverdale's Planning Commission will continue with seven members if Community Development Director Michael Eggett has no objections and Mr. Eggett said there are pros and cons to five and seven member committees but he is happy to work with both. Mr. Eggett said Commissioner Kathy Eskelsen has done a wonderful job serving on the Planning Commission bringing a unique, analytical perspective to the Commission and a positive energy to the body. He commended her on her ability to ask developers tough questions and respectfully articulate her concerns and he said she has been an asset to the Planning Commission and he recommends her reappointment for another four year term.

Mr. Eggett said at the January 14, 2014 Planning Commission meeting Blair Jones was nominated as the new Chairman and Steve Hilton as the new Vice-Chairman by unanimous consent and he said staff supports this recommendation. Councilor Ellis said Commissioners Jones and Hilton will do an excellent job and will bring experience and strong leadership to the Planning Commission. Councilor Staten says he supports the Planning Commission and feels these two appointees will do a great job.

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

Mayor Searle asked for discussion on the motion and Councilor Griffiths stated he would like separate votes on each of the consent items. Mayor Searle called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Hunt, aye; Councilor Griffiths, nay; Councilor Staten, aye; Councilor Mitchell, aye; and Councilor Ellis, aye. The motion passed with four in favor and one opposed.

G. Action Items

None.

H. Discretionary Items

Mayor Searle asked if there were any discretionary items and Councilor Ellis said he and the Mayor met with local historian Gary Boatright Jr. to discuss Riverdale's Historical Preservation Project and involving interested members of the community in an ad hoc committee to write historical summaries for the historical markers proposed along Riverdale's river trail. Councilor Ellis said the markers will have more visibility along the trail as many of the actual sites have been developed and he said Mr. Boatright also suggested a comprehensive history of Riverdale at both trailheads. Mr. Hansen asked how many people Councilor Ellis is proposing for his ad hoc committee and Councilor Ellis said five or six depending on interest and he said he has written something for the February newsletter. Mr. Hansen said the newsletter article should help Councilor Ellis see how much interest there is and if an ad hoc committee would be appropriate the Council could vote on that proposal at their March 4, 2014 meeting. Mayor Searle asked

about the cost of the markers and the amount the Council had appropriated in their budget for the current fiscal year and Mr. Hansen said he would get the exact numbers to the Council.

Councilor Staten said after 18 months the Riverdale Bike/Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee has been disbanded as directed by the Council at the February 23, 2013 Strategic Planning Meeting with the completion of a plan to make the city more bike and pedestrian friendly. Councilor Staten said the plan which has been submitted to the Mayor and city staff includes short and long term projects including a proposal to stripe some streets and add some signs and trail amenities for \$70,000, which is less than the Council budgeted for new pickleball courts. Councilor Staten said he has been attending Weber County Trails meetings along with city staff where different cities and agencies discuss the projects they are working on. According to Councilor Staten, at the last meeting the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) discussed how their agency is working to make roads more transportation friendly to all modes of travel. Councilor Staten said Weber County Trails is working on a regional map of projects and with Council consensus his report recommendations could be included on that map. He said he would also like to see a Riverdale Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Group created to help implement the report's recommendations. He asked for any questions from the Council and there were none. Mayor Searle thanked Councilor Staten for his work on the committee and the report.

Councilor Mitchell asked Councilor Griffiths to share his snow removal expertise with Riverdale's Public Works Department. Councilor Griffiths said he plans to meet with the city's snowplow operators to show them a "V" cut on approaches to make it easier for residents to shovel their driveways and his snow book.

Councilor Hunt asked about a proposal the Council previously considered to use RDA funds to assist a resident who lives in one of the city's mobile home parks to repair a hazard on his porch. Mr. Hansen said Riverdale's Building Official Jeff Woody has been working with the petitioner and making calls to see if the materials and labor can be donated and if assistance from other agencies has been exhausted. Mr. Hansen said he will keep the Council updated.

There were no additional discretionary items.

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 6:47 p.m.

Approved: February 4, 2014

Attest:

Norm Searle, Mayor

Ember Herrick, City Recorder