



**RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
CIVIC CENTER - 4600 S. WEBER RIVER DR.
TUESDAY –APRIL 15, 2014**

Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the **Riverdale City Council** held Tuesday, **April 15, 2014** at 6:00 PM at the Riverdale Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive.

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

Member Excused: Don Hunt, Councilor

Others Present: Rodger Worthen, City Administrator; Steve Brooks, City Attorney; Stacey Comeau, HR Manager; Roger Bodily, Fire Chief; Dave Hansen, Police Chief; Scott Brenkman, Police Lieutenant; Casey Warren, Police Sergeant; Trent Thompson, Police Officer, Ember Herrick, City Recorder and two members of the public including David Leahy and Charles Kerkvliet.

A. Welcome & Roll Call

Mayor Searle called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance including all Council members except for Councilor Hunt who is excused.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Moment of Silence

Mayor Searle called for 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 Charles Kerkvliet asked for an update on the Riverdale Veterans Advisory Group request at the last Council meeting to replace the bricks on the walkway of the Veterans Memorial that have deteriorated. Mr. Kerkvliet said if staffing is an issue the city is currently operating under authorization and short two part time employees. He recommended hiring temporary help from Turn Community Services for a reasonable cost with a job coach overseeing the work. Mayor Searle said Riverdale's Public Works staff has sprayed area for weeds and marked the broken bricks with spray paint and has plans to replace the damaged bricks in the coming weeks prior to Memorial Day. Mr. Kerkvliet asked if the city is planning on a program for Memorial Day and he offered his assistance. Mayor Searle said staff is planning a program for Memorial Day and he said he will pass along Mr. Kerkvliet's offer to help. He said Congressman Rob Bishop has tentatively been scheduled as Riverdale's sunrise service speaker on July 4, 2014.

E. Presentations and Reports

Mayor Searle said 11 students from Germany are on a foreign exchange program and five of them are staying with Riverdale families and attending Bonneville High School and TH Bell Junior High School. He thanked Councilor Mitchell for changing his work schedule to attend a welcome event for the students and represent Riverdale City and said that the host of the event complimented Councilor Mitchell on his presentation.

Councilor Mitchell said he prepared a five minute speech highlighting the features and amenities in Riverdale City and he said it was interesting to meet the students and their host families and hear their admiration of Utah's beautiful mountains, good food, and the freedoms Americans enjoy.

Mayor Searle said Riverdale's six week fitness program kicked off on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6 p.m. and 238 people participated in the first night's events. According to Mayor Searle, over 375 people are registered including 100 families and the first night's events were successful with all participants receiving a shirt, bag and pedometer. Mayor Searle said there were games for the 60 children on lawn south of the civic center so the adults could listen to Mark Ewert share his experience of losing over 150 pounds by exercising and cycling. Mayor Searle thanked the committee members and residents for participating in the Monday night trail walk and he said although Sandy City has ten times the population of Riverdale, our city had more participants in their fitness program.

Mayor Searle read a proclamation declaring May as Bike Month in Riverdale.

City Administrator Rodger Worthen reviewed the department report and asked City Attorney Steve Brooks to talk about the court audit report. Mr. Brooks said Riverdale's court passed without any recommendations for changes and Councilor Griffiths asked if it was a BCI audit and Mr. Brooks said that is was. Councilor Griffiths said it is good to see that staff is following BCI policy and procedure and Mr. Worthen noted the hard work of the court employees and other staff to resolve problems and serve the public.

Mr. Worthen reviewed the treasury report, staffing authorization report and Community Development Report and said the 2015 budget is currently being put together by Business Administrator Lynn Fortie for Council review at their first meeting in May and a Strategic Planning Meeting at the end of May. He noted Shape Up Outlets and UT Mattress Outlet opened recently and Blue Hills Dental will open shortly with Massage Envy scheduled to open in the summer. Mr. Worthen recognized employees with anniversaries in April including Scott Brenkman, Cherie Burrows and Casey Warren. Mayor Searle presented Mr. Brenkman and Mr. Warren, who were present, with service recognition awards for their 15 and 10 years of service to Riverdale City. Mayor Searle excused Cherie Burrows who was unable to attend because she works until 7 p.m. Mr. Brenkman said Riverdale is a great city to work for and he thanked the Council for their support and allowing the police department to hire and retain the best officers. Sergeant Warren thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and said he is proud to work for Riverdale City.

F. Consent Items

April 1, 2014 City Council Work Session

April 1, 2014 City Council Regular Session

April 1, 2014 City Council Executive Session

Mayor Searle asked for any changes or corrections to the meeting minutes and none were noted.

Motion: Councilor Staten moved to approve the consent items. Councilor Ellis 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

1. Consideration of Resolution 2014-10 a continuation of contract agreement with PEHP for Employee Medical and Dental Plans for fiscal year 2015

Mayor Searle said the first action item is consideration of Resolution 2014-10 a continuation of contract agreement with PEHP for Employee Medical and Dental Plans for fiscal year 2015. HR Manager Stacey Comeau said the PEHP renewal rates for 2015 include a 12.5% increase in medical and eight percent increase in dental benefit costs. According to Mrs. Comeau, the national average is a rate increase of nine percent but because Riverdale has fewer than 100 employees eligible for insurance PEHP won't provide her with information about what areas are being under or over utilized to help explain the rate increase. Mrs. Comeau said staff hasn't petitioned the Council to increase the allowance for health insurance since 2011 with staff absorbing all rate increases for the past three years. She said employees on the family plan can expect an increase of \$193 a month with a 75/25 proposed split because the full \$345 a month increase will hit families hard. Mrs. Comeau said employees with single or double coverage will absorb all of the rate increase. Councilor Staten asked what percentage employees pay for their health and dental insurance now and Mrs. Comeau said it depends on what plan the employee chooses but the proposal for 2015 is that the city cover 75% of the increase and the employees on the family plan pay the additional 25%. There were no additional questions or comments.

Motion: Councilor Staten moved to approve Resolution 2014-10 a continuation of contract agreement with PEHP for Employee Medical and Dental Plans for fiscal year 2015. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Ellis, aye; Councilor Mitchell, aye; Councilor Staten, aye; and Councilor Griffiths, aye. The motion passed unanimously

2. City Council authorization for Chief Bodily of the Riverdale Fire Department to prepare bid documents and or an RFP to design for remodel of Station 41 and RFP documents to solicit proposals from

contractors for the Station 41 upgrades including bedrooms, truck bay, exercise room and day room in the FY 2015 budget year

Mayor Searle said the next agenda item is consideration of City Council authorization for Fire Chief Roger Bodily to prepare bid documents and or an RFP to design for remodel of Station 41 and RFP documents to solicit proposals from contractors for the Station 41 upgrades including bedrooms, truck bay, exercise room and day room in the FY 2015 budget year. Chief Bodily said instead of requesting bids from different architects he is proposing expediting the project by using Riverdale City's Engineer Scott Nelson to contract with an architect to manage the new addition to Station 41 and prepare the bid documents in the next month. According to Chief Bodily, Mr. Nelson submitted a bid for the work for an amount not to exceed \$14,020 and is willing to defer payment until the new fiscal year begins in July 2014. Councilor Griffiths asked how quickly construction work can begin and Chief Bodily said if the Council approves a bidder in June work could begin in July 2014. Councilor Griffiths said he expects to see more details at the Strategic Planning meeting on May 31, 2014. There were no additional questions or comments.

Motion: Councilor Mitchell moved to untable the discussion of authorization for Chief Bodily of the Riverdale Fire Department to prepare bid documents and or an RFP to design for remodel of Station 41 and RFP documents to solicit proposals from contractors for the Station 41 upgrades including bedrooms, truck bay, exercise room and day room in the FY 2015 budget year. Councilor Ellis seconded the motion.

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

Call the Question: The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Ellis said he toured the fire station with Chief Bodily who pointed out the deficiencies in the current design and he said he is in favor of the proposed remodel. Mayor told Chief Bodily to prepare a more exact cost estimate for the Council's consideration at the May 31 Strategic Planning Meeting and Chief Bodily said if there is Council consensus tonight he will speak with Mr. Nelson first thing tomorrow morning.

Motion: Councilor Mitchell moved to authorize Chief Bodily of the Riverdale Fire Department to prepare bid documents and work with Riverdale City's Engineer to create an RFP to design for remodel of Station 41 and RFP documents to solicit proposals from contractors for the Station 41 upgrades including bedrooms, truck bay, exercise room and day room in the FY 2015 budget year for an amount not to exceed \$14,020. Councilor Staten seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Mitchell, aye; Councilor Staten, aye; Councilor Griffiths, aye; and Councilor Ellis, aye. The motion passed unanimously

Chief Bodily said Riverdale is a great place to work and he thanked the Council for their support.

H. Discretionary Items

Mayor Searle asked for any discretionary items and Councilor Ellis said the Lions Club has a fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner on April 25, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Riverdale Elementary to raise money for the school for the blind and he encouraged everyone to attend and support this cause.

Councilor Mitchell said Riverdale Police Lieutenant James Ebert appears to be the next Weber County Commissioner and Police Chief Dave Hansen said Lieutenant Ebert will be leaving the employment of Riverdale City at the end of 2014 to fill his new position.

Councilor Mitchell said two residents approached him recently to request an additional crosswalk be striped on 700 West because there are currently only two crosswalks, one at the intersection of Parker Drive and the second at the roundabout on 4400 South.

Councilor Staten said the Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee recommended a mid block crossing on 700 West in their 2013 plan and the creation of a raised island in the middle to provide a pedestrian refuge and improve safety.

Mayor Searle recommended Public Works staff investigate how Salt Lake City crosswalks are painted because the lines are more noticeable to drivers. He said a Boy Scout contacted him recently about installing flags at Riverdale's crosswalks for his Eagle Scout project and he forwarded him a report from Riverdale's police department discouraging the use of flags at crosswalks. Councilor Mitchell said children that live off of 700 West and walk to the bus stop need a safe place to cross the street and he asked staff to investigate where a crosswalk could be optimal. Councilor Griffiths said a raised crosswalk does calm traffic but presents an issue for winter snow removal and he recommended a traffic engineer evaluate the effectiveness of a raised crosswalk and present his/her findings to the Council in a study. Councilor Staten said the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee recommended a pedestrian refuge which is a median in the middle the crosswalk but did not propose a raised crosswalk because speed bumps create noise in neighborhoods as vehicles hit them. He said four areas for additional crosswalks throughout the city were identified by the citizen committee but safety experts should be consulted before any crosswalks are considered by the Council.

Mr. Worthen said he has dealt with traffic calming measures in other cities and if this is the direction the Council wants to go in they should first create a policy that can be universally applied throughout the city because this expenditure involves spending public funds. Mr. Worthen said once traffic calming devices are implemented residents in favor of them will lobby for them in their neighborhoods and residents opposed to them will

fight to keep them out of their neighborhoods. He said a refuge for pedestrians won't impact traffic as significantly as a raised crosswalk but should still be carefully considered because it will be built with taxpayer dollars. Councilor Staten asked what criteria would be used to determine if traffic calming measures are merited and Mr. Worthen said the length of a road, traffic speeds, and in many cities 70% of the neighborhood must approve a traffic calming feature before the Council can approve the expense. Councilor Staten said he is in favor of a city wide policy and Councilor Griffiths asked what cities have traffic calming policies and Mr. Worthen said he will do some research on this question and report back to the Council. Mr. Worthen said when he worked in Syracuse traffic calming measures became a very divisive issue for the community because there was no policy and each speed bump costs \$15,000 to \$20,000. Mayor Searle said pedestrian crosswalks should be placed where people will use them and Riverdale's Public Works and Community Development departments should have input too. Councilor Staten said the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee recommended a crosswalk at the intersection of 700 West and 4300 South because it leads to the Weber River Trail. Mr. Worthen said there is a science to determine where to build traffic features and Mayor Searle asked staff to investigate the possibility of a new crosswalk on 700 West.

Mayor Searle said there has been some discussion about using traffic calming measures to open Ritter Drive back up and allow traffic from Freeway Park Drive to turn East onto Ritter Drive. Councilor Griffiths said he has observed fewer accidents and more bicycle and pedestrian traffic on Ritter Drive since the current road restrictions were implemented.

There were no additional discretionary items.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilor Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 p.m.

Approved: May 6, 2014

Attest:

Norm Searle, Mayor

Ember Herrick, City Recorder