

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

**Present:**

City Council:

- Norm Searle, Mayor
- Brent Ellis, Councilor
- Gary E. Griffiths, Councilor
- Braden Mitchell, Councilor
- Alan Arnold, Councilor
- Cody Hansen, Councilor

City Employees:

- Rodger Worthen, City Administrator
- Steve Brooks, City Attorney
- Mike Eggett, Community Development
- Jared Sholly, Fire Chief
- Scott Brenkman, Lt. Police Officer
- Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Visitors:

- Charles Kerkvliet
- Dave Leahy
- Lori Fleming
- Cindy Gooch, JUB Engineering
- Greg Graves, JUB Engineering

**A. Welcome and Roll Call**

Mayor Searle called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, including all Council Members and all members of the public.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Searle invited City Recorder, Jackie Manning to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Moment of Silence**

Mayor Searle called for a moment of silence and asked everyone to remember our police officers, fire fighters, U.S. Military service members, and members of the City Council as they make decision this evening.

**D. Open Communications**

Mayor Searle invited any member of the public with questions or concerns to address the Council and asked that they keep their comments to approximately three minutes.

Lori Fleming, 1229 W 5175 S Riverdale, Utah, is affiliated with Golden Spike Realty and the Northern Wasatch Realtors Government Affairs Committee. The committee works with Cities regarding property rights to protect the public. She provided real estate information for Riverdale City for the month of February:

- 25 listings total as of February
- 14 homes under contract in February
- Average days on market: 42.4
- 8 homes sold in February
- The 8 homes sold ranging between \$22,000 to \$194,000

Ms. Fleming discussed the home listings under contract in relation to the amount of homes sold. She discussed the vacancies in the homes that are currently selling. She discussed the average prices for homes under contract with the average days on market is 42 days. She compared Riverdale to Weber County in regards to active homes. She stated there is a demand in listings.

**E. Presentations and Reports**

**1. Mayors Report**

There was no mayor report.

**2. City Administration Report**

Mr. Worthen discussed the packet and highlighted the police department and expressed appreciation for the police department. He discussed the efforts of Mike Eggett in the Community Development Department. He discussed his

weekly meetings with Mr. Eggett and Mayor Searle regarding community development.

Mr. Worthen stated there were no 5 year anniversaries to discuss tonight, but Mr. Worthen recognized the years of service of the employees and expressed appreciation. He discussed the fte (Full Time employee) report and noted Riverdale City is still slightly under the allotted staffing amount. Mr. Worthen invited discussion regarding the finance report, noting that the water fund is in a negative balance which is concerning for staff. He discussed the need to prepare for future maintenance.

### **3. Presentation of Concept Park Design/Update Regarding HUD Resiliency Grant**

Mr. Worthen discussed the presentation and expressed appreciation for JUB Engineers. This presentation was the same which was presented in February at the open house for the concept park design.

Mr. Worthen discussed the Resiliency grant awards, which was not awarded to Utah. He invited Cindy Gooch to comment regarding the grant process and the potential for future funding.

Mr. Graves, with JUB Engineering, stated this was the same presentation which was used for the open house. He discussed the process from start to finish. Such as concept meetings, site visits, inventory analysis, etc. He discussed the complications, such as the private property on the boarder of the park and the river complications as well as steep banks and river difficulties.

Mr. Graves discussed the three concepts proposed by the Design Review Committee and highlighted the parking areas. The goal of the city was to maintain open space for various flexible recreation needs.

He discussed the most favorable concept with an emphasis on the playground and briefly discussed ADA (American Disability Act) compliance. The park will have an internal loop trail. He discussed the growth in popularity for park trails. He discussed the growing desire for shade. He discussed the wheelchair access to the amenities at the playground to provide a good balance. He distinguished between the park surface and the softer areas with the wheelchair area. He discussed the various playground amenities available in relation to their growing popularity trend with children. This information has been provided to Mike Eggett which includes the comments and questions of the open house. This information will be available on the City website shortly.

Councilor Ellis expressed appreciation to JUB for the design and the concept. Mr. Graves stated it was great working with the committee to arrive at the design of the park. There was a discussion regarding the cost of the park. Mr. Graves estimated a little over 3 million, which is approximately the standard for a 10 acre park. The open space can help reduce some of the cost.

Councilor Griffith discussed the financial impact developing this park may have on the City if no grant funds are available to assist in the purchase of developing. He discussed the possibility of using this land to assist Riverdale Elementary as they are looking to build a new facility. There was a brief discussion regarding acquiring funding with an emphasis on potential land trade. Mr. Graves stated he will look into whatever option the Council feels would be best for Riverdale City.

Cindy Gooch thanked the council and discussed the NDRC grant. She expressed the disappointment as to not receiving any funding. She discussed the ranking of Riverdale's application and explained there were two areas within the grant application that Riverdale fell short, specifically in the matching category. She explained Riverdale City received compliments for their well put together application. Mr. Worthen thanked Ms. Gooch for all of her efforts in the grant application process.

Ms. Gooch discussed 7 funding options as a community. She discussed the grant writing process in terms of submission deadlines as well as the funding timelines for grants that are awarded. Ms. Gooch explained the different strategies and approaches to each grant application. She did not feel it would be realistic for Riverdale City to receive the entire amount of 3 million dollars to build the park, but felt that 700 thousand would be achievable. She explained that when grants are awarded there are often obligations to the recipient.

Ms. Gooch discussed the approach the city would need to take if they decide to continue forward in applying for grants. There was a brief discussion regarding ADA playground equipment. Mr. Worthen explained Syracuse City has built a park, Chloe's Sunshine Park, with ADA playground equipment, but it took nearly 8 years to acquire the funding. In the end, Syracuse City did not contribute to the development of that park.

### **4. Presentation of Fireworks Area**

Jared Sholly, Fire Chief, summarized an executive summary as seen in the packet. Councilor Ellis recommended allowing public comment regarding the recommended firework viewing area change to allow feedback from the residents.

There was a discussion regarding the fire department and the use of the Spillman program with an emphasis on getting the program ready.

**F. Consent Items**

**1. Review of Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2016 City Council Regular and Work Session.**

Mayor Searle asked for any changes to the regular and work session meeting minutes for the City Council Meeting held on March 1, 2016. There were no recommended/requested changes.

**MOTION:** Councilor Mitchell moved to approve the regular and work session meeting minutes for the City Council Meeting held on March 1, 2016. Councilor Ellis seconded the motion. There was not any discussion regarding this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Discretionary Items.**

Councilor Arnold expressed gratitude for cleaning up the courtyard in front of the Civic Center.

**H. Adjournment.**

**MOTION:** Having no further business to discuss, Councilor Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Arnold; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.

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Norm Searle, Mayor

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Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Date Approved: **April 19, 2016**