

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

Present:

City Council:

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

City Employees:

- Rodger Worthen, City Administrator
- Steve Brooks, City Attorney
- Scott Brenkman, Police Chief
- Jared Sholly, Fire Chief
- Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Visitors:

- Lori Fleming
- David A. Leahy
- Chuck Kerkvliet
- Brett Stephenson

A. Welcome & Roll Call

The City Council meeting began at 6:01 p.m. 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 Jackie Manning, the City Recorder, 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 decisions 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.

Brett Stephenson, a property owner in Riverdale, asked what the City has done to help mitigate the landslide. He stated he has spoken to Steve Bowman, with the Utah Geological Survey, regarding the landslide and Mr. Bowman advised Mr. Stephenson to apply for a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) grant. Mr. Bowman explained to Mr. Stephenson there is a clay layer in the hill and drilling pipes through the clay layer could help drain the water and dry the hillside. This could be done in the areas surrounding the landslide. Mr. Stephenson asked why the City was not doing this, and Mayor Searle explained the hillside is private property. This action would be up to the property owners.

Mr. Stephenson stated he owns a home north of the mandatory evacuated homes and asked why he has not been receiving notifications regarding the landslide, specifically the meeting where the Fire Chief explained the situation to the residents being affected by the landslide. Rodger Worthen, the City Administrator, explained a flyer was delivered to each home on the hillside. Mr. Worthen informed Mr. Stephenson that the person renting Mr. Stephenson's home, Misty, was present for this meeting. Mr. Worthen asked Mr. Stephenson to leave his contact information.

Mr. Worthen explained the City's involvement right now is public safety concerns. He discussed the roles of government and limitations of government in relation to private property and public safety. Mr. Worthen discussed long term solutions versus short term solutions for the landslide.

Mayor Searle commented regarding past concerns expressed by Charles Kerkvliet regarding the Standard Examiners free paper delivery service. Mayor Searle explained he contacted the Standard Examiner who explained residents are welcome to put their names on a list to avoid getting the free newspapers. Mayor Searle is exploring all options regarding opting out of the newspapers..

Charles Kerkvliet, a Riverdale resident, felt the Standard Examiner's free paper delivery service was littering and he wanted code enforcement to site the business as such. Mr. Kerkvliet stated he has called Standard Examiner, but he still gets the newspapers delivered.

E. Presentations and Reports

1. Mayors Report

Mayor Searle stated the Riverdale City band will have a free Christmas concert this Saturday, at 7:00 p.m. at the Riverdale Senior Center.

2. Landslide Report

Mr. Worthen provided a timeline of events regarding the landslide. He explained the City's primary concern is public safety and as such is continuously monitoring the progression of the landslide. Mr. Worthen explained the information regarding the landslide is ongoing with relation to geotechnical study.

Mr. Worthen explained the subdivision built on the hillside above the landslide was approved in 1955, in a time that predates State geological study requirements for subdivisions. Mr. Worthen expressed concern regarding the misinformation being presented in social media regarding the landslide. Mr. Worthen emphasized the hillside, the water, the land and road below the landslide are all private property.

F. Consent Items

1. Review of meeting minutes for the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting minutes held on November 21, 2017.

Mayor Searle invited any corrections or comments for the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting minutes held on November 21, 2017. No changes were requested.

2. Consideration to approve the 2018 City Council meeting schedule.

There were no concerns regarding this item.

3. Consideration to set a public hearing on December 19, 2017, to receive and consider comments regarding amending the Riverdale City budget for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Mr. Worthen explained this budget amendment is to accommodate expenditures related to safety response and evacuation for the landslide. There was a discussion regarding the growing cost of the landslide in relation to geotechnical reports with an emphasis on the need to continue monitoring the landslide.

MOTION: Councilmember Hansen moved to approve the consent items as proposed. Councilmember Arnold seconded the motion. There was not any discussion regarding this motion. The motion passed unanimously in favor.

G. Discretionary Items

Councilmember Ellis stated the Lions Club will have a spaghetti dinner on January 26, 2018 for the purpose of helping residents impacted by the landslide. The Lions Club is a private organization.

Councilmember Hansen discussed different options that the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Board could do to assist those individuals impacted by the landslide, such as property relocations, or purchase assistance. He requested City Staff to review various options and present those options to the RDA Board.

H. Adjournment.

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ellis; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Norm Searle, Mayor

Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Date Approved: December 19, 2017