

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 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
Brent Ellis, Councilmember
Alan Arnold, Councilmember
Cody Hansen, Councilmember
Bart Stevens, Councilmember

City Employees: Rodger Worthen, City Administrator
Steve Brooks, City Attorney
Scott Brenkman, Police Chief
Mike Eggett, Community Development
Shawn Douglas, Public Works Director
Cody Cardon, Business Administrator
Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Excused: Braden Mitchell, Councilmember

Visitors: Jerry Siefert Sandy Siefert Brett Benager

A. Welcome & Roll Call

The City Council meeting began at 6:02 p.m. Mayor Searle called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, including all Council Members and all members of the public. Councilmember Mitchell was excused from the meeting.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Searle invited Councilmember Arnold 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. Public Comment

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. No action will be taken during public comment.

Sandy Siefert, a Riverdale Resident, thanked the city staff for allowing her to conduct the fundraiser in the gymnasium at the Riverdale Community Center. Ms. Siefert asked how much the water acoustic test cost the City. Rodger Worthen, the City Administrator, explained the cost is based on linear footage. Shawn Douglas, the Public Works Director, estimated the cost to be \$1,000. Mr. Worthen offered to send Ms. Siefert the information regarding the water acoustic test.

E. Presentations and Reports

1. Mayors Report

a. Council Committee Assignment Reports

There were no comments made for the Mayors Report or the Council Committee Assignment Reports.

2. Landslide Update

Mr. Worthen provided an update regarding the landslide, which included all efforts made by the City.

March 21, 2018 – Steve Brooks, the City Attorney, met with a representative from the National Voluntary Organizations Active in a Disaster (VOAD) and was informed no assistance is available at this time. It was recommended the City contact United Way to see if housing assistance is available.

March 22, 2018 – There was a meeting with Nathan Andersen, with Union Pacific, regarding impact on the roadway east of the train tracks near the landslide area. Mr. Worthen provided Mr. Andersen with the contact information for the property owner to the east regarding the private road access. There was a meeting with Lance Peterson, at Weber County, regarding the landslide status. Mr. Peterson recommended the City contact the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) regarding the right-of-ways in the landslide area in relation to the accruing sediments.

March 23, 2018 – The landslide continues to be active and dangerous as more soil is lost. Mr. Worthen interviewed with Channel 13 News regarding the landslide. The structures of the evacuated homes are in need of a follow up of an engineer review to assess the safety of the buildings.

March 24, 2018 – Jared Sholly, the Fire Chief, sent text messages to the evacuated residents encouraging them to stay out of the homes and off the landslide properties as it is a dangerous area. The biggest concern for the City is the safety of the residents.

March 26, 2018 – Ben Erickson, with the Utah Geological Survey (UGS), collected data samples and posted them on their website. Mr. Worthen has requested the data be compiled to allow better understanding. Mr. Worthen discussed piezometer readings in comparing water level elevations to seasonal changes in the weather.

March 27, 2018 – A UGS representative requested future visits to the landslide site to continue collecting measurements. As of this date, the distances from the evacuated homes to the landslide drop off are as follows: 16.6 feet, 37 feet, 40.6 feet, and 60.5 feet.

March 28, 2018 – The structural building report was updated.

March 29, 2018 – Mr. Erickson shared data from the piezometer readings and offered to add the information to the UGS website. Mr. Worthen spoke to the landowner below the landslide, Becky Meehan, regarding the Weber County Assessors evaluating the landslide area and reassessing property values. There may be some tax relief available to the landowners in the landslide area. Red tags were placed on the evacuated properties as a result of the international building code, which identified the homes uninhabitable due to safety reasons. There was an order to vacate and abandon the homes. These letters were sent, via certified mail, to the evacuated landowners as well as their mortgage lenders.

March 30, 2018 – A drone was flown over the landslide area by the Davis County Sheriff's Office. The aerial images for the drone are pending.

April 2, 2018 – Mr. Worthen spoke to a representative from Rocky Mountain Power informing them of the landslide progression, which appears to be heading eastward. Mr. Worthen encouraged the power company to have a contingency plan for power on the east side of the road. Mr. Worthen sent an email to a representative from the Standard Examiner clarifying the aforementioned order to vacate letters.

3. Discussion of future water needs of Riverdale City

Shawn Douglas, the Public Works Director, discussed his meetings with representatives from Weber Basin regarding canal water. He explained the Weber River water could be treated through the Weber Basin treatment plant. This would allow the City to lease some of their water shares to provide revenue to the City, as well as provide a secondary water source for the City. The overall goal is to provide water redundancy options.

There was a discussion regarding wells relating to cost, maintenance, and efficiency. Mr. Douglas felt wells were not the most reliable of options for a secondary water source, and explained the cost can be significant. Cody Cardon, the Business Administrator, provided a cost comparison for wells versus the water treatment option and it was determined the water treatment option would save the City money and be a more reliable option for a secondary water source.

Mr. Worthen explained more information will be given in the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting. Mr. Worthen encouraged the City Council to attend a tour hosted by Weber Basin regarding water treatments.

4. Discussion of FY 2018-2019 Enterprise Funds and Ritter Drive Project Status

Mr. Worthen discussed enterprise funds and explained the cost of hauling garbage and recycling is anticipated to increase. The sewer rates are also anticipated to increase as a result.

There was a discussion regarding Ritter Drive and 1250 West with an emphasis on road improvement timelines. It was anticipated 1250 West would be improved during the summer of 2018, with Ritter Drive being improved thereafter.

There was a discussion regarding the developments occurring along Ritter Drive that could help escalate the time line for road improvements such as, the Assisted Living Facility and the Coleman Farms Subdivision.

F. Discretionary Items

Mr. Worthen reminded the City Council of the upcoming conference/training for the City Councilmembers hosted by the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) in St. George, Utah.

G. Adjournment

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Arnold made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ellis; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Norm Searle, Mayor

Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Date Approved: April 17, 2018