

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 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
Alan Arnold, Councilmember
Cody Hansen, Councilmember
Bart Stevens, Councilmember

City Employees: Rodger Worthen, City Administrator
Steve Brooks, City Attorney
Mike Eggett, Community Development
Scott Brenkman, Police Chief
Rich Taylor, Community Services Director
Jared Sholly, Fire Chief
Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Visitors: David A. Leahy Chuck Kerkvliet

There were multiple people in the audience that did not sign in.

A. Welcome & Roll Call

The City Council meeting began at 6:00 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 Rodger Worthen, the City Administrator, 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. There were no public comments.

E. Presentations and Reports

1. Mayors Report

Mayor Searle noted the presentation regarding the YCC (Your Community Connection) has been moved to the next city council meeting on April 2, 2019.

Mayor Searle invited all to attend the grand opening of the La-Z Boy furniture store this Saturday at 12:30 p.m. on May 23, 2019.

2. City Administration Report

Rodger Worthen, summarized the administration report which outlines staff anniversaries, full time employee (fte) allocation, community development (i.e. new businesses coming into the community or existing business remodels), individual staff monthly progress reports, and the condition of the treasury. Mr. Worthen recognized Steve Brooks, the City Attorney, for the various work he performs for the city, such as: resolutions, ordinances, contracts and agreements, and his supervision of the court department.

Awards were presented to the following employees for their years of service: Camille Tesch for 15 years of service, Rodger Worthen for 5 years of service, and Miranda Rizzi for 5 years of service.

Rich Taylor, Community Services Director, discussed his enjoyment in working with Miranda. He explained she does a great job with customer service and working with the seniors. Mayor Searle and Rodger Worthen expressed appreciation for Miranda's hard work.

Scott Brenkman, Police Chief, discussed the great customer service of Camille Tesch. Chief Brenkman explained how Camille makes work a fun place to be. Mr. Worthen and Mayor Searle discussed appreciation for Camille and all her hard work.

Mayor Searle expressed appreciation for all of Mr. Worthens hard work and his good service to the city.

There was a brief discussion regarding the fire department staff report with relation to the heavy rescue vehicle.

3. Presentation and Swearing In – Fire Department

Chief Sholly explained this was the annual swearing in of the new fire fighters. He discussed the comraderie of the department and discussed the sacrifice of all public safety staff members. Chief Sholly introduced the new fire fighters and provided a brief job history for each new staff member. The fire fighters, Gerrett Henry, Stephanie Fischer, Shane Erisoty, Max Higley and Noah Pincomb were sworn in. Each fire fighter had a special pin on their uniform, placed there by a loved one.

Mayor Searle welcomed the new fire fighters to the city.

F. Consent Items

1. Consideration to approve the City Council meeting minutes from: March 5, 2019 Work Session and Regular Meeting.

Mayor Searle invited any corrections or comments regarding the above referenced meeting minutes. There were no requested changes to the minutes.

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

G. Action Items

1. Consideration or Resolution 2019-05, Interlocal Agreement between Riverdale City and Weber County for 2019 and 2021 Election Services.

Jackie Manning, City Recorder, summarized the executive summary which explained:

Weber County would like the Inter-Local Agreement to last 2 election cycles (2019 and 2021). This is beneficial to the city, because it locks in the price and it helps us to know what to budget for the next election. The services Weber County will be providing are listed in Exhibit A.

The cost of the Primary and General Election is outlined in Exhibit B. It should be noted that Weber County is only charging for materials and their staff time. There are various factors that affect the overall cost. For example, if the primary election is cancelled, Riverdale City will not be charged for that election. Weber County will have an item on the ballot for the 2019 election year, which will also reduce the overall cost to Riverdale City, because of the sharing costs of noticing and printing.

There will be 6 voting centers located throughout Weber County, as outlined in Exhibit C. Weber County registered voters can go to any polling place or ballot drop box located within Weber County regardless of which city they reside.

During the work session meeting there was a question regarding the definition of an active and inactive registered voter. Ms. Manning read for the record to two definitions as defined in Utah State Code 20A-1-102, "Inactive voter means a registered voter who is listed as inactive by a county clerk under Subsection 20A-2-306(4)(c)(i) or (ii); and Active voter means a registered voter who has not been classified as an inactive voter by the county clerk." It was noted the reasons a county clerk would inactivate a registered voter would be listed in Utah State Code 20A-2-306.

There was a discussion regarding the election costs with a comparison of conducting the elections through a private vendor versus contracting with the county. Ms. Manning discussed the significant cost savings for Riverdale City by contracting with the county.

MOTION: Councilmember Hansen moved to approve Resolution 2019-05, Interlocal Agreement between Riverdale City and Weber County for 2019 and 2021 Election Services. Councilmember Arnold seconded the motion.

Mayor Searle invited discussion regarding the motion. There was not a discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmembers Stevens, Ellis, Mitchell, Arnold and Hansen all voted in favor of the motion.

2. Consideration of Ordinance 907, Amendments and language addition to Municipal Code 10-13F Hillside and Slope Protection.

Rodger Worthen, the City Administrator, summarized the executive summary which explained:

Uncontrolled disturbance of steep slopes and inadequately controlled land-clearing activities on slope areas can lead to failure of slopes and the mass movement of earth; damage to the natural environment, man-made structures and personal safety; and the degradation of aesthetics. The establishment via amendment of City ordinance 10-13F will support the public health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of Riverdale City. This ordinance amendment adds additional regulations and enforcement clause to the critical lands and steep slope ordinance of the City; by doing so increases the public safety of the community and protects property and the use thereof as directed by the land use regulation. Lastly, to ensure that all activities involving land clearing and/or land disturbance in sloped areas of the City are carried out so as to ensure the maximization of benefits to the residents of the City and the protection of the natural and man-made environment ensuring that soil erosion is contained to the extent practicable. City staff recommend approval of these amendments.

Councilmember Ellis asked if there was any public comment regarding this proposed ordinance. It was noted there was a public hearing held at the previous planning commission meeting and no comments were made. Staff has also not received any form of communication from the public regarding this proposed ordinance amendment.

Councilmember Hansen stated he received a comment from someone residing on the east bench who was supportive of this ordinance.

Councilmember Mitchell expressed appreciation to city staff for reviewing and updating the ordinance.

Mr. Worthen read for the record the purpose of this ordinance "This chapter is to protect public health, safety and general welfare, reduce man-made hazards, protect property and water quality by implementing management practices, criteria, and provisions included herein for land use activities, construction and earth disturbance activities, and to achieve the following throughout the City. Furthermore, to establish the required process to determine whether property on or adjacent to certain critical slopes can be maintained or protected and; used in a safe, orderly and beneficial manner."

Mr. Brooks noted this proposed ordinance would not have prevented the existing active landslide. This ordinance is more a proactive approach to increase safety.

MOTION: Councilmember Arnold moved to approve Ordinance 907, Amendments and language addition to Municipal Code 10-13F Hillside and Slope Protection. Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion.

Mayor Searle invited discussion regarding the motion. There was not a discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmembers Ellis, Mitchell, Arnold, Hansen and Stevens all voted in favor.

H. Discretionary Items

There was a brief discussion regarding code enforcement and following up with reported violations.

Mr. Brooks informed the council that Judge Renstrom has been appointed by the governor to become a district judge. The approval is pending by the senate. As such, there will be a need to find a new justice court judge for Riverdale City.

Councilmember Mitchell expressed appreciation for the Riverdale Police Officers for their response times to calls.

There was a brief discussion regarding the water line break with an emphasis on emergency preparedness and bottled water.

Mayor Searle noted the Chevron business has been sold and will be demolished shortly, to make way for new businesses, such as Starbucks.

I. Adjournment.

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Arnold made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Norm Searle, Mayor

Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Date Approved: April 2, 2019