

Minutes of the Work Session Meeting for the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 5:30 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
- Cody Cardon, Business Administrator
- Scott Brenkman, Police Chief
- Jared Sholly, Fire Chief
- Jackie Manning, City Recorder
- Steve Brooks, City Attorney

Excused:

Visitors:

- South Ogden Fire Chief, Cameron West
- Jr. Van Dyke Matt Kameron Dean Gallegos
- Jordan Weber Susette Demar

A. Welcome & Roll Call

The City Council meeting began at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Searle called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, including all Council Members and all members of the public. Mayor Searle explained the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the potential for an interlocal agreement between the two cities, South Ogden and Riverdale, for fire services. This is a work session only meeting to allow for open dialogue and questions regarding the presentation. It was emphasized this is not a fire district, but strictly an interlocal agreement for the purpose of increasing fire response times and overall service improvements for South Ogden and Riverdale City residents.

Rodger Worthen, thanked the fire chiefs for researching how to improve fire protection coverage for both cities.

B. Presentations and Reports

1. Fire Study Analysis Update

Fire Chief, Jared Sholly, introduced Fire Chief West from South Ogden City and discussed the collaboration between the two cities in an effort to improve fire safety.

Chief Sholly referred to past meetings where fire consolidation was discussed. Some of the topics of discussion for those meetings were concerns regarding response times, cost of fire services, and staffing efficiency. Chief Sholly addressed the misconceptions of the existing mutual auto aide agreement, and discussed the limited control and availability of assistance for fires from surrounding cities. It was emphasized that it was not always the closest fire engine that responded to aide in fire assistance.

Chief Sholly showed a video of a fire incidence he was involved in wherein his partner fire fighter lost his life. He emphasized the inefficiencies of that evening with an emphasis on the need of having a strong commander to take charge and give instruction during a fire.

Chief Sholly and Chief West proposed the ambulance billing be evaluated between the two cities with a side by side comparison for the purpose of adopting one formal ambulance billing in the future.

The interlocal agreement addresses effective use of "First Responder" concept, to increase efficiency in the ambulance services. It allows for full command staff response, which increases the safety of the fire fighters. Chief Sholly discussed the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) standards and noted the legal importance and requirements of following those standards.

Chief Sholly discussed the staffing changes that would occur if this agreement were to be adopted, which allows for increased staffing and efficiency. Chief West explained the 12 hour floater shift and how it would impact Riverdale and South Ogden's full time employment authorization. Funding additional employees will be carefully reviewed and determined between the two city councils. Chief Sholly emphasized they are still separate departments with regard to pay and benefits, but they work to address the staffing deficit of the two departments. Councilmember Stevens asked if there would be a fire fighter union formed, and Chief Sholly answered no in response.

Chief Sholly referred to the city maps displayed for South Ogden and Riverdale City and explained the quickest

response routes, and discussed how the shifts would work to increase coverage for these areas.

Chief Sholly discussed fire response standards as established by the National Fire Protection Association, 62-NFPA5.2.4.22.

There was a discussion regarding prioritization of ambulance services with an emphasis on efficiency and control.

Chief Sholly displayed a map that showed all the fire stations throughout Weber County. He discussed each city policy with regard to the mutual aid agreement, and explained Ogden City does not allow more than one fire engine out of their city at a time. There was a brief discussion regarding the arrangement Washington Terrace has made with Ogden City with regard to ambulance and fire services.

There was a brief discussion regarding transfer ambulances with an emphasis on revenue.

Chief Sholly presented various scenarios and data with the listed locations for actual fires displaying response times and which cities responded to each fire. Chief Sholly felt the examples and existing data displayed the need to improve staffing and response times. He compared the existing data with the anticipated changes, should the interlocal agreement be adopted.

There was a brief discussion regarding the calling pyramid with dispatch. The interlocal agreement would allow more flexibility, because South Ogden and Riverdale would maintain control over which engine responded to fires within the two city boundaries.

There was a discussion regarding additional staffing required for this interlocal agreement to work for the part time shifts. It was noted an additional 12 hour shift would have to be added for this to work, which would impact the city budget.

There was a discussion regarding monitoring the progress for the interlocal agreement. Mr. Worthen advised that data should be analyzed by at least the 6 month mark of the effective date, should this be approved.

CONSENSUS: Councilmembers Hansen, Arnold, Mitchell, Ellis, and Stevens all agreed to a consensus to allow both fire chiefs time to continue to compile data and develop the interlocal agreement between South Ogden City and Riverdale City, for further future review of the council.

Mayor Searle thanked the fire chiefs for their presentation.

C. Discretionary Items

Mayor Searle explained Recycle Earth, who does recycling services for Riverdale City and various cities throughout Weber County, has increased their fees abruptly by 42 percent. As such, multiple cities throughout Weber County are exploring multiple recycling options. It was noted Ogden City is in negotiation with Recycle Earth. After a brief discussion regarding recycling it was determined this item should be listed as a topic of discussion at the next city council meeting to allow for a more in depth discussion.

Mr. Worthen notified the council of email scams that are circulating and emphasized caution when receiving emails.

D. 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 6:36 p.m.

Norm Searle, Mayor

Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Date Approved: May 7, 2019