

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
COUNCIL BUDGET WORK MEETING**

MARCH 27, 2014; 5:32 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR BOB STEVENSON, JOYCE BROWN,
TOM DAY, JORY FRANCIS, SCOTT FREITAG
AND JOY PETRO**

STAFF PRESENT:

**ALEX JENSEN, GARY CRANE, JAMES (WOODY)
WOODRUFF, TRACY PROBERT AND THIEDA
WELLMAN**

The meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Layton City Center.

Mayor Stevenson opened the meeting and thanked James (Woody) Woodruff, City Engineer, for the great job he did last evening at the FEMA meeting.

Woody said updated models of the flood plain maps would be done in two weeks. He said there would be a meeting on the 9th to present the information to the Council and public.

Mayor Stevenson turned the time over to Staff.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Tracy Probert, Finance Director, gave a brief sales tax update. He said sales tax revenue for January was up \$18,000 from the previous year and up \$46,912 from what was budgeted. Tracy said sales tax revenue for the year was up about \$380,000.

Tracy said at the last meeting a question had been raised about how B and C Road funds were calculated. He indicated that the funds were distributed by the State to the City based on population and lane miles. Tracy said Layton City received about \$1,600 per lane mile and the County received \$7,200 per lane mile.

Alex Jensen, City Manager, said the distribution was way out of whack between what the County and the City received. He said the urban cities were not receiving a fair share of the funds.

Councilmember Brown asked what the County did with their money.

Alex said they bought really nice equipment.

Tracy provided information about the Ellison Park bond that was raised at the last meeting. He said the balance on the bond debt was \$3,690,000.

Mayor Stevenson asked what the long term plans were when the property was purchased.

Alex said there was not a specific plan. He said when the property became available the idea was to have extra ground to eventually expand Ellison Park to meet the City's growing needs.

Mayor Stevenson asked if someone wanted to buy that property, could the City sell it or would there be issues because of impact fees used to pay for the property.

Tracy said it could impact that; impact fees had been used to pay the debt.

Alex said the money could be paid back to the impact fee fund and used for other park projects.

Tracy reviewed enterprise fund project information.

Alex said most of the projects in the street lighting fund were associated with UDOT projects, with the exception of the extension of Layton Parkway.

Woody explained some of the projects in the street lighting fund.

Councilmember Freitag arrived at 5:56 p.m.

Tracy reviewed projects in the water fund and indicated that many of these projects were also included in the street lighting fund and street fund because new waterlines were installed with street projects.

Woody explained that Weber Basin Water would be paying for the Fernwood booster station replacement because of the impacts to their lines. He gave detailed information about some of the other proposed projects in the water fund.

Tracy presented information on projects in the sewer fund and storm sewer fund.

Councilmember Brown asked if the North Davis Sewer District was done with the Gordon Avenue project; would there be similar problems with the Antelope Drive project.

Woody said the Gordon Avenue project was not finished yet; there had been some delays. He said the Sewer District had coordinated their Antelope Drive project with the UDOT project and there shouldn't be any problems.

Councilmember Francis arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Tracy indicated that in the pool fund there was a lobby remodel project proposed and in the EMS fund there was an ambulance remount proposed.

Tracy reviewed revenue and expenditure information for the capital projects fund.

Tracy reviewed operations information for the general fund.

Council and Staff discussed the pros and cons of a fuel management system proposed by Maverik.

Alex said a lot of operation costs were driven by technology. He said service agreements were always going up, which was a huge impact to operational costs.

Tracy reviewed non-departmental information.

Councilmember Freitag said at the caucus meeting, he received several questions from residents; where was the City at with UTOPIA; what could the City do to get a Costco; and what was the status of Winco. He said he received a lot of negative comments about the thru-u-turns proposed as part of the Hill Field interchange project. Councilmember Freitag said he received several comments about the street lighting fee and people wanted to know what was happening with the West Layton Village property and the Adams property.

Mayor Stevenson said Winco was coming along fairly good and the information on Costco was that they were still 2 to 3 years away. He said he was in a meeting in St. George last week and the City should know something about the interchange in the next 30 days, but he felt that it was very positive. Mayor

Stevenson said there had been some discussion about development in west Layton.

Tracy reviewed revenue and expenditure information in the debt service fund.

Alex said the Council had asked earlier about the peg channel fee from Comcast. He said Comcast indicated that they had approximately 7,500 subscribers in Layton, which would generate about \$9,000 a year that could be put toward programming.

Councilmember Day said there had been a question about other providers assessing that fee as well.

Gary Crane, City Attorney, said anyone that received a tax on telecommunication services could collect it.

Alex said the City would be asking only Comcast to impose the fee. He said in order to implement the fee they would need a formal request from the City, and it would take about 60 days to implement. Alex said they would do quarterly distributions to the City.

Mayor Stevenson asked Alex what his opinion was of imposing the fee.

Alex said it could be an important piece of a broader marketing effort or strategy. He said the City wouldn't want to rely totally on a peg channel to try and disseminate information, but it could provide some very good opportunities.

Councilmember Francis said a group of residents impacted by the new flood plain maps came unglued at him at a recent soccer game. He said they thought the City was behind the changes to the maps. Councilmember Francis said it reinforced to him that the City had to get the City's messages out more quickly.

Councilmember Brown asked if Comcast could determine how many people would view the channel. If only 2% of the 7,500 Comcast subscribers watched the channel that wasn't reaching very many people.

Mayor Stevenson said that was true, but if the City sent newsletters to every household in the City probably only 40% would even look at it. He said you needed a number of different advertising sources and hopefully with many different sources people would get the information.

Council and Staff discussed the importance of using different advertising tools.

MISCELLANEOUS:

UTOPIA UPDATE

The Council and Staff discussed the Macquarie proposal and the advantages to the City. They discussed ways to get the message to the residents and different marketing strategies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Thieda Wellman, City Recorder