

AMERICAN FORK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2014

WORK SESSION

ATTACHMENT

The purpose of City Work Sessions is to prepare the City Council for upcoming agenda items on future City Council Meetings. The Work Session is not an action item meeting. No one attending the meeting should rely on any discussion or any perceived consensus as action or authorization. These come only from the City Council Meeting.

The American Fork City Council met in a work session on Thursday, April 3, 2014, in the American Fork City Offices, 51 East Main Street, commencing at 3:30 p.m. Those present included Mayor Pro-tem Councilman Clark Taylor and Councilmembers Carlton Bowen, Brad Frost, Rob Shelton, and Jeff Shorter. Mayor James H. Hadfield was excused.

Staff present: City Administrator Craig Whitehead
City Recorder Richard Colborn
City Treasurer Melanie Marsh
Fire Battalion Chief Doug Bateman
Legal Counsel Melissa Mellor
Parks & Recreation Director Derric Rykert
Police Chief Lance Call
Public Works Director Dale Goodman

Also present: Dan & Karen Adams

In the absence of Mayor Hadfield, Mayor Pro-tem Councilman Clark Taylor Chaired the meeting. He welcomed all to the inaugural meeting in the new work room in the City Offices.

DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A LOG CABIN GRIST MILL IN BI-CENTENNIAL PARK – Dan Adams

Mayor Pro-tem Taylor welcomed Historic Preservation Committee members Dan and Karen Adams to the meeting and turned time to Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams explained that his Great Grandfather Arza Adams came to American Fork in 1851 when he was 46 years old. (See **ATTACHMENT**) Arza, along with several other settlers had authorization from Brigham Young to come to this area. He built a log home that still exists now in the area behind the old Fitzen Gardens on South Center Street just north of the Centennial Park. He was a “grist miller” by trade which he learned in Canada from his father. He began to build a grist mill next to his cabin. There were still a few log cabin grist mills in existence in the United States and he assumed his Great Grandfather’s mill looked like them. The original location was just across Center Street east of Centennial Park.

Arza Adams farm consisted of ten acres bounded by 200 North and 300 North between Center Street and 100 East. Two summers ago they took out the old existing cabin and logs that were part of a house and saved them waiting for a place to build a replica mill. It was his thought to build it in Centennial Park in the rear sandy area. It was basically a log structure with an 8 to 10

foot diameter water wheel on the side of it. There would be no tours. It would be a historical monument with a six-foot ornamental fence around it similar to the one surrounding the cabins in Robinson Park. The total estimated cost was nearly \$6,000.

Dan Adams explained that there were probably thousands of descendants of Arza Adams at this time and he would call upon them for some donated labor. He also had contacted the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and they were interested in participating and in providing some volunteers and some financial assistance as well. He requested that the City Council consider three things.

1. Authorization to place the facsimile grist mill in Centennial Park.
2. Request support from some City equipment like a backhoe to dig footings and to move some of the dirt around.
3. He would like to see the donations run through the City so the donations would be tax deductible.

The grist mill would be a gift to the City. He asked if there were questions.

Councilman Shelton expressed that Mr. and Mrs. Adams did an awesome job. He asked if it would be better to place it in a more prominent location closer to the front of the park.

Mr. Adams felt it would still stand out in that location especially if the water wheel were to be painted red or something like that. There was no intent to make it a working water wheel. It was more of a monument and a curiosity.

Councilman Taylor felt it could be placed on the City's Historical Sites. He added that it would be marvelous to have it there. The park has been set aside as something significant in the City but it had never come to fruition.

Mr. Adams thought that down the road they possibly could obtain and move the log cabin from behind the old Fitzen Gardens.

Councilman Bowen liked that it was privately funded for the most part. It would add to the community to have it publicly visible. He asked if he had worked with anyone at the State level.

Mr. Adams reported that he made contacts and resources when they did the other two cabin restorations.

Councilman Bowen asked about the ownership of the structure and felt there might be reasons down the road to keep it private.

Councilman Shorter felt that if it was in private ownership that there would be a problem with providing tax deductions.

Dan Adams stated that it would be a gift to the City.

Councilman Shelton thanked Mr. Adams.

Councilman Frost gave everything said a thumbs up.

Councilman Taylor suggested that this item be placed on the April 22, 2014 City Council Agenda.

DISCUSSION OF CREATING A “NO PARKING” ZONE ON 350 WEST FROM MAIN STREET TO 80 SOUTH – Chief Call.

Chief Call explained that complaints regarding parking had come from the Mayne’s to the west and from Sandee Trepanier who was the owner of the 4-plexes to the south. Enterprise Rentals was on the west side of the Mayne home and World Class Auto was immediately east of 350 West Street. In looking at the parking, it was found that most of the vehicles were from Enterprise Rental and that they did not have enough parking for their own vehicles. It was proposed to mark both sides of the street, No Parking.

Fire Battalion Chief Doug Bateman explained that the road was only about 22 feet wide and with parking, it was inadequate for fire apparatus to use for access.

Councilman Shorter stated that the solution needed to be such that they did not drive Enterprise away.

Councilman Bowen asked if they knew for certain that they were Enterprise cars. He hated to penalize a business. The parking was available to everyone. Making it no parking would impact everyone not just Enterprise.

Councilman Taylor added that by parking there they were impacting the safety of everyone in the area.

Fire Battalion Chief Doug Bateman commented if that road were opened they could go all the way down and then go out to 300 West.

Councilman Shorter suggested parking on one side as they needed to reach out to Enterprise and in a friendly way explain to them that this needed to be done.

Councilman Shelton reported that he traveled in a fire truck driven by Chief Garcia to some of the narrow roads in developments and he had to be a skillful driver to make it through some of the areas.

Councilman Frost reported that he had rented from Enterprise and on a Friday one could not park around Enterprise and go in and negotiate with them. Enterprise just needed more space to accommodate the growth of their business. They knew this was coming.

Councilman Bowen thought it was an assumption that it was Enterprise cars that were parked there or their customers.

Councilman Frost responded that it did not really matter because they were in the way and they were blocking others.

Councilman Bowen expressed that this was kind of a back alley off of Main Street and Main Street was short on parking. It kind of made sense that there was parking there.

Councilman Shorter explained that there was a safety issue.

Councilman Bowen asked what the safety issue was.

Councilman Shorter answered that it was too narrow and with cars parking on both sides a fire truck could not make it through.

Councilman Bowen asked if a fire truck could make the turn at the end of the street.

Battalion Chief Bateman responded that they could.

Councilman Bowen stated that this had not been identified as a safety issue. Now, it was just the neighbors petitioning. He appreciated that. He would not want his driveway blocked in. It seemed that if it was a business that was blocking it, he thought they would be pretty willing to make sure they were not doing that.

Councilman Taylor noted that Chief Call referenced Enterprise and asked if it was an assumption.

Chief Call responded that the Ordinance Enforcement Officer Jay Christensen obtained the plate information and went and talked with Enterprise. It was proposed that no parking be established on both sides.

Councilman Taylor noted that it was not theirs to negotiate but he thought that World Class Auto might have some space and that they might be able to work something out.

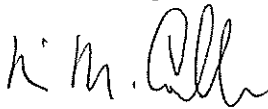
Councilman Bowen thought they were being hostile toward a business. He would rather be welcoming.

Councilman Shorter commented that this was something that had been going on longer than just the last week.

Chief Call explained that this was not unlike what they did at the high school.

ADJOURNMENT

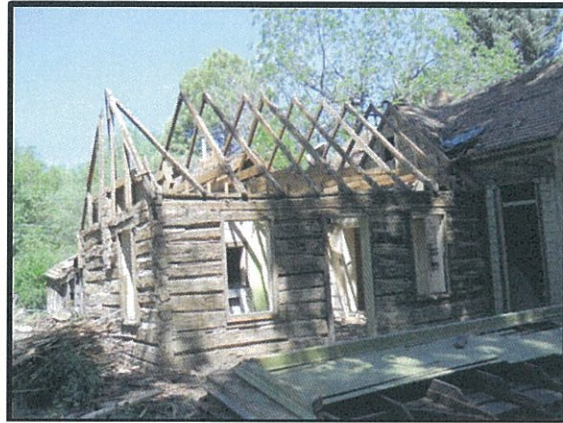
The Work Session adjourned at 4:13 p.m.



Richard M. Colborn
City Recorder

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

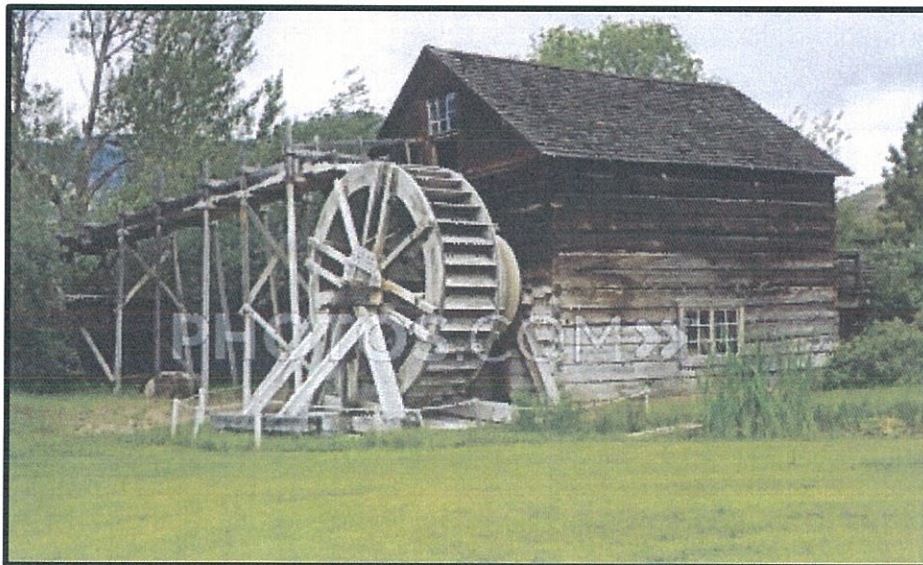
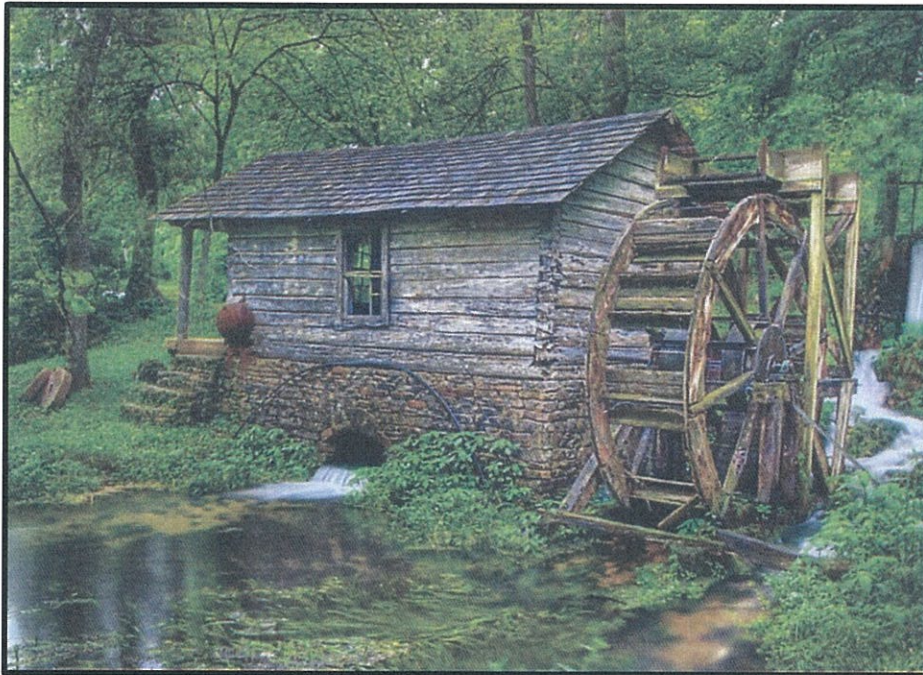
1. Pictures of the removal of the Log Cabin from a home being demolished at 243 N. 100 E.



The logs are all numbered and stacked according to wall waiting for restoration. Additional surplus poles have been donated by Rocky Mountain Power to be used where needed in the rebuilding of the cabin.

2. Pictures of historic log cabin grist mills in other states.

Since no pictures exist of Arza Adams' first grist mill, the internet supplied pictures of small log cabin flour mills that still exist in other states.



3. Two Scale drawings of the proposed building project

The plan is to rebuild the demolished log cabin, adding a water wheel to create a facsimile of what the Arza Adams Log Cabin Grist Mill looked like in 1851.

