

Date: January 29, 2015
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Willard City Hall, 80 W 50 S, Willard, UT 84340
Attendance: Mayor Pro-tem Mike Crossley, Council members Robert Beebe, Del Fredde, Michelle Mund, and Josh Braegger, Recorder Teri Fellenz, City Planner Bryce Wheelwright

Excused: Mayor Kenneth Braegger

Others: (see attached for others)

The Willard City Council of the Willard City Corporation began with a work session at 5:30 p.m. The City Council members met at the City Shops 160 E 300 S. Council member Beebe explained he wanted them to see the shop area and show some suggested areas of improvement as well as some surplus property items they would like to have sold. The members then convened at the Willard City Hall to, 80 West 50 South at 6:00 p.m. for the special session.

1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Business

a. Discussion of Loan amount from Capital Projects Fund to Water Fund the 100 N Waterline Project and set a public hearing for the budget adjustment. Mayor Pro-tem Crossley opened the item and turned the time over to City Recorder Teri Fellenz. She explained the Ryan Child of Wood Richards and Associates was present and has performed the annual audit for the city for the past few years and is also a resident of the community. He reviewed the December Financial Statement and the Water Fund has approximately \$276,000 cash on hand. Ryan explained that could be spent rather than borrowing from the Capital Projects Fund. He also suggested amending the rate structure to help pay for the necessary replacement of infrastructure

Ryan then stated in the General Fund he feels they could look at a tax increase to keep up with the rising costs. He stated he has coworkers that have smaller houses than he does and they pay \$200 more per year in taxes. He stated they would not be out of line looking at a tax increase, especially since they have not raised taxes since 1994. A brief discussion was held that the process of truth in taxation and the need to explore it further.

Ryan Child then asked to offer a comment in respect to water and South Willard. He stated he was concerned about some things that were proposed in the last meeting. He stated the Bear River Water Conservancy District has invested \$3,000,000 in taxpayer dollars in the water system they put in, in South Willard to provide culinary water. They have made some agreements to follow the Division of Drinking Water quality standards and specifications and in order to do so they have come in with Pine View water to provide secondary water, because the culinary water is fairly limited. He stated a developer down there doesn't like Pine View water and wants to avoid those specifications of the Division of Drinking Water to run his own secondary water system. He stated it does not make any sense to him at all for Willard to run their culinary water system down there when another

governmental entity already has it in place. He said the end result would be the specifications of the Division of Drinking Water would be circumvented. He stated it seems it would cost the city of Willard, the residents, the Bear River Water District and the future residents of that development because they would be on substandard systems probably without secondary water. Council member Mund explained she and Mayor Braegger met with South Willard Water stated Bear River Water Conservancy District had defaulted three times and with that many defaults the agreement with South Willard and BRWCD is probably broken. She said South Willard Water was going to check, probably with lawyers, to see when the agreement becomes null and void.

Ryan Child then stated it would be best to speak with Bear River Water Conservancy District. He said they are their partners and another government, represented by other cities, including Willard and the Box Elder County Commission. He does not understand why the Box Elder Commission would put the water system in representing the Conservancy District and then one of their former commissioners propose that you go away from that. Ryan stated he knows there is a pump that went bad because there is not enough water. He stated they have been drilling and doing repairs to get that fixed. Council member Mund stated she did not know if that is what South Willard Water was talking about as far as default, but she does know they were trying to talk about breaking away from them.

Council member Beebe stated he read the proposed letter and what he sees is we would be on the hook immediately. Ryan Child agreed. Council member Beebe stated according to the engineers that would be two reservoirs at about \$1,200,000 each and piping to hook them in. He said if they sign the letter they are on the hook. A discussion was held on what it would take to hook the systems and he estimated \$3,000,000. Council member Beebe stated through all of the talk about annexation and everything no one has offered where the money is coming from. Council member Mund stated they want to share the cost. A clarification was made that Council member Mund was talking about the proposed connection of the two systems for emergencies. Council member Mund stated they want to loop the systems and added they want to loop it because they need our water. She stated ultimately the end result is they don't have enough water so they want to be able to use ours and they would pay us for what they use.

Council member Beebe asked who owns the infrastructure in South Willard. Council member Mund and Braegger stated it was South Willard. Council member Beebe asked about BRWCD and if they own the reservoir. No one was able to answer. Additional discussion was held on a well purchased by South Willard from Rod Mund, rates in South Willard, and water rights.

Council member Mund made a motion to set a public hearing to increase the capital projects in the Water Fund to move forward with the 100 N Water Project. The motion was seconded by Council member Braegger. The motion carried.

***Council member Beebe – yes Council member Braegger – yes
Council member Mund – yes Council member Fredde – yes***

The motion carried and the public hearing will be set for February 12, 2015.

b. Van Mund - Request for approval of expenditure of approximately \$1,500 from Fire Department Restricted Funds for annual Fire Department Dinner. Chief Van Mund made a request for approval of \$1,500 from their restricted funds for their annual dinner.

Council member Braegger made a motion to approve \$1,500 for their annual dinner from their restricted funds, seconded by Council member Mund the motion carried.

***Council member Beebe – yes Council member Braegger – yes
Council member Mund – yes Council member Fredde – yes***

c. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the January 22, 2015, meeting were individually reviewed.

Council member Beebe made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Council member Braegger. The motion carried with Council member Fredde abstaining from the vote.

***Council member Beebe – yes Council member Braegger – yes
Council member Mund – yes Council member Fredde – abstain***

3. Adjourn: A motion was made by Council member Mund to adjourn, seconded by Council member Beebe, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes were read individually and approved on _____ February 12, 2015 _____.