

**MINUTES OF HARRISVILLE CITY**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Tuesday, August 25, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
363 West Independence Blvd  
Harrisville, Utah 84404

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**Present:** Mayor Bruce Richins, Council Member Michelle Tait, Council Member Jeff Pearce, Council Member Michael Murtha, Council Member Jennifer Jensen. [Council Member Grover Wilhelmsen excused.]

**Staff:** Jennie Knight, City Recorder, Shawn Read, Bailiff.

**Visitors:** Ruth Pearce, Brenda Nelson.

**7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Richins called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors.

**2. Opening Ceremony.**

Council Member Pearce led the pledge of allegiance and conducted the opening ceremony.

**3. Consent Items.**

- a. Approve the minutes of August 11, 2015 as presented.

**MOTION: Council Member Tait motioned to approve the consent items of August 25, 2015 as presented. Council Member Pearce seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.**

**4. Business Items.**

**a. Discussion/possible action on advice and consent to Mayor's Appointment of Planning Commission Alternate.**

Mayor Richins recommended Brenda Nelson to be appointed as the Planning Commission alternate. He explained she submitted her application a few months ago along with several others that were submitted. Brenda Nelson informed Council she has been a licensed realtor for 18 years with the last five being a licensed real estate broker. Her business is based out of Roy. She is active with the Board of Realtors and is currently serving as the Treasurer. She is also active with other associations but the majority of her time is spent selling real estate. She recently decided she would like to involve herself in the local community and her husband is supportive of her service. They have grown children and live over on 225 West on the border of Harrisville and North Ogden. She and her husband also bought a lot adjacent to their property to

maintain their view of the mountains. Council Member Tait said that is a good indication she and her husband are invested in Harrisville City.

**MOTION: Council Member Pearce motioned to ratify the appointment of Brenda Nelson as a Planning Commission Alternate. Council Member Murtha seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.**

#### **b. Heritage Days Discussion**

Mayor Richins said the first decision they need to make is whether to move the date of Heritage Days. He encouraged Council to decide whether or not to continue this celebration. Council Member Jensen said she liked the idea of doing a family night with games and then fireworks. She felt the day was long and the money could be better spent. Council Member Murtha said it makes sense to have it that way, by removing the variables out of the equation. Mayor and Council discussed the fact that residents like to have the big event. Council Member Tait pointed out Heritage Days is a lot of work. She suggested combining Heritage Days with the Farmer's Market by using the city celebration to kick off the market. She explained the Farmer's Market could be an internship with Weber State every year and the intern could run the market and help put things together.

Mayor and Council gave discussion about the hot weather and the conflict in dates with the Weber County Fair, Roy Day's, sports and back to school activities. They agreed to move forward with the knowledge and information we have. By combining with the Farmer's Market the vendors may be more acceptable. The intern could plan the market throughout the summer. The movies in the park have opened other community involvement. Mayor and Council gave discussion on whether to finish or lead with Heritage Days, potential dates to hold the event and other conflicting events. Council Member Jensen said she received feedback from some vendors that the city celebrations are typically held in June and July, county celebrations in August, and the state fair in September. Mayor and Council gave discussion on the availability of produce and how early produce vendors will be available. They agreed there is no sense in holding the market in June when the produce is not available.

Mayor Richins suggested holding the first Farmer's Market on a Thursday, have the 5K on Friday, and a condensed version of Heritage Days on Saturday. Council Member Murtha said this is similar to what Pleasant View does. Mayor Richins said the parade has been difficult the last few years. Council Member Tait pointed out residents in the North end of the city feel left out of the parade route. Having the event in August might allow for more harvest to be available. Council Member Murtha said he likes the idea of expanding the fireworks. Council Member Tait suggested a dinner that Council cooks themselves. If they could get the food donated by a local company and Council cooks the food themselves the dinner could be affordable.

Council Member Tait suggested having an online payment option for the Farmer's Market in the future. She would like to commit the vendors before they come to the market. A lot of people paid weekly. Mayor Richins reminded Council Member Tait the RAMP grant money for the Farmer's Market must be spent by the end of the year. Council Member Tait said she plans to order a larger sign.

Mayor and Council gave discussion as to where the money for Heritage Days was spent. They discussed how a lot of things were done right and they have learned from the other things. Council Member Murtha suggested starting to plan for the next celebration early and standardize the times of things. He said as far as budgeting goes, if you approach the sponsors early in January when they are making plans for the year, they may be willing to sponsor entire events.

Mayor Richins asked Council Member Pearce to be the chair person for Heritage Days 2016 with Council Member Murtha as vice-chair. Council Member Murtha said he would be willing but doesn't know where the election will go.

Mayor and Council agreed this was a good discussion and they will be ready to nail down the dates and start the marketing process shortly.

**c. Discussion and/or possible action on preparing/updating strategic plan/general plan.**

Mayor Richins suggested tabling this item until Bill Morris can be present. He explained that Bill Morris has a lot of good information regarding the preparation of the General Plan Update.

**MOTION: Council Member Tait motioned to table the discussion on preparing/updating strategic plan/general plan. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.**

Mayor Richins asked Jennie Knight to send out copies of the current general plan to the council members.

**5. Public Comments - (3 minute maximum)**

Brenda Nelson, 1878 N. 225 W., asked about the new subdivision that is proposed on the planning commission agenda.

Mayor Richins explained this subdivision has received preliminary approval through the city council two weeks ago and is a six lot subdivision which includes extending 1500 North into a cul-de-sac.

**6. Mayor/Council Follow-Up:**

Mayor Richins said the ribbon cutting ceremony at Greenwood Charter School went well. He thanked Council Member Murtha for attending. It was a wonderful ceremony where the board members children cut the ribbon.

Council Member Jensen said traffic at back to school night was terrible. People were parked up and down Highway 89. Council Member Tait pointed out because of the construction, a lot of the parking lot is still not available. Council Member Murtha explained how difficult it was to pull out of the parking lot with the traffic issues. Council Member Tait said she is anxious for this construction to be completed because they work all day and night. Council Member Murtha suggested approaching UDOT to address the safety concern and possibly consider a reduction in speed limit in this area. Council Member Pearce said it would be wise to reduce the speed limit in this area. Mayor and Council gave a brief discussion on the proposed access on 1100 North, including the access to this school.

Mayor Richins reminded Council of the upcoming conference through the league of cities of towns. Per Diem requests need to be submitted by Friday. Mayor Richins said he remembers what they said two weeks ago regarding the overnight stay; this will be discussed in the future budget meetings. Mayor and Council gave discussion about who will be attending and which classes will be offered.

Council Member Murtha reported he just left Pleasant View City council meeting after giving an animal control presentation. He said they are going to have a lengthy discussion after the council meeting tonight; although, a final decision will not be made. Their council asked why we don't start our own animal control service. Council Member Murtha said the funding for Weber County Animal Control services is not justifiable to the tax payers. Even including the ten year bond, there is a savings of \$11,000. Because the money was pledged the city is obligated to cover the bond for ten years. Council Member Murtha said he feels this was a very bad decision. Additionally, he feels the county should be held accountable in writing through a contract, of the money amount that will be spent. He said Weber County has now gotten wind of this proposal, and Sheriff Thompson is aware. Council Member Murtha said he is now waiting to hear back from Pleasant View City and is unsure of where this will go. He feels there may be some past events that are influencing their decision.

**7. Adjourn.**

Mayor Richins motioned to adjourn at 7:55p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**BRUCE RICHINS**  
Mayor

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**JENNIE KNIGHT**

City Recorder

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2015.