

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY  
910 South Mountain Road  
February 24, 2015

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The City Council Strategic Planning Meeting was called to order by Mayor Don Carroll at 6:00 pm.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members Diane Anderson, Julia Busche, Craig Hill, Eileen Moss, Scot Poole, and Mayor Don Carroll were present.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Brandon Green, City Engineer Brandon Jones, City Planner Jeff Oyler, Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen and Recording Secretary Kelli Rollins.

**VISITORS:** ANDREW BUSCH

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Minutes were not presented.*

**3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS- Items from the Public**

There were no items from the public presented.

**4. STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

**4.1 Strategic Planning Meeting**

Founder's Day was discussed and it was suggested that the emergency preparedness committee have a tent at Founder's Day. Fireworks were voted down. It was suggested that there be models of park projects the city would like to complete in the future. The budget would remain the same as the previous year. A Christmas Lighting Event to be held in the early part of December was suggested. The City Council discussed hiring a lighting company, getting a transformer for the lights, having hot chocolate donated, inviting bell choirs or singing groups. The City Council concluded that it would be a great idea. The next steps would be looking into budgets and the Mayor assigning it to a Council Member.

City Manager Brandon Green spoke to the City Council about finishing the work at Fruit Heights City Hall. This would include the stairs, bathrooms, public address system and perhaps a different monitor and computer system. The priority would be the stairs/bathrooms and the PA system in the Council Chambers. The City Council also mentioned sound panels for the basement room, repairing the clock in the council room and a piano for the basement. The City Council was supportive of these

changes. They also suggested that the City Staff put the need for a piano in the Ridgerunner for possible donations.

City Engineer Brandon Jones demonstrated the iWorq's program to the City Council and Mayor. He explained the rating systems for the roads and the numbering of the Remaining Service Life (RSL) years that the iWorq's program compiles. He presented the different maps that pinpointed where the roads are located that have the greatest need of attention. The five steps of road maintenance were discussed, Mill & Overlay, Chip Seal, Crack Seal, Minor Patching and Major Patching. City Engineer Jones presented a street cycle chart which, if followed, would extend the life of a road. He encouraged the City Council plan to budget a set amount to be used towards chip and crack sealing every year. The City must take a more proactive approach using the facts or the roads will be in even worse shape. The City Council discussed raising the city standard on new roads to 4 inches of asphalt and 10 inches of road base. The City Staff presented costs and priorities for the street projects that will need to be done in the next several years. The Staff will continue to work on a 5 year plan for the roads.

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The City Staff discussed the proposed projects for the City Parks. The Nicholls Park proposed projects were prioritized and included upgrading the baseball diamonds, pavilions, signage, playground relocation and an amphitheater. The City Staff was tasked with providing a model of the park at city events and use it to solicit donations for the different projects. Council Member Julia Busche requested looking at a basketball court to be installed at Harvey Park. The City Council discussed removing the water tank, expanding the parking and adding security cameras at the Bear Canyon Trailhead. The government is requiring a 25 foot access easement for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. City Manager Green will work with Farmington about moving that easement to the East. There was also a discussion about the problems of youth from all over the valley gathering for illegal purposes at the site of the old mine and also the idea of a "D" on the mountain. 02:16:17

City Manager Brandon Green brought to the City Council a few different options for a city cemetery. The forest service property, the golf course and the city property are three proposed sites. The pros and cons for each property site was discussed. The City Council and Mayor would like to form a committee. Mayor Carroll asked City Staff and the Council to send him suggestion of names of people who would be interested in serving on a committee. The committee would be given time and cost parameters.

The City Staff discussed utility fees with the City Council and Mayor. The current plan for the water utility fee will expire in June therefore the City Staff will bring the recommendation for the next 5 years to the Council. The Mayor mentioned that the City Council raised the utility fees to reduce property taxes and by not increasing property taxes for years it has in essence been reduced.

The City Staff discussed paying off the Hinckley Property debt. The money is there and it could be paid off now. There was a discussion about the interest on the account and if it would actually be beneficial to pay off the loan early. City Engineer Jones and City Manager Green were tasked with researching the agreement to check about the

interest and then bring it to the City Council as an agenda item. The City Council discussed the timing on the Ellison Farms water line replacement and the water and storm drain replacement for South Mountain Road. Other storm drains were discussed for the upcoming year. The Council and City Staff determined that the Raymond Road storm drain needs to be in place before the Highway 89 project. The City Staff will present a 5 year plan for the water and storm drains to the City Council at a later date.

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A request for proposal will need to go out for a new contract for garbage haulers in March. The Mayor and City Council discussed the plan of Wasatch Integrated Waste to install a MURF System. This system would sort the waste and remove the recyclable materials. This would have many benefits including everyone would be participating in recycling while only paying one bill for all services, only one truck on the road, better air quality, and perhaps lowering rates. One drawback would be some citizens would not want to give up sorting their own garbage. Education would play a huge part. The City Council suggested bringing Mr. Nathan Rich into a City Council meeting.

The City Staff discussed several planning and zoning ordinances that will need to be discussed in the future. Some of the items that were deliberated were the annexation of the Hinckley property and other areas of unincorporated Davis County. Also the SLEDs ordinance, Good Landlord ordinance and a noise ordinance will need to be discussed. The City Staff also mentioned creating a master plan for Cherry Hill, Lloyd MHP and Apple Acres MHP. The City Staff also mentioned creating a time-line for each of the ordinances and they also were tasked with looking at an alternative energy ordinance. The Council was reminded of the Work Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March where the SLEDs ordinance would be discussed. The Council was reminded that they needed to be prepared so they could discuss the proposed ordinance and move toward lifting the moratorium. 03:57:00

City Staff discussed vehicle and equipment needs for the future. The City Staff needs two new Grasshopper mowers. There is also the concern of the 2009 Ford F350 with the faulty engine. There will also be a need in the next few years to replace one of the 5500 dump trucks. Mr. Mark Mitchie has a big generator he is willing to sell to the city that would be a good generator for the City Shops. The City Council requested that the generator be included on an agenda in this budget year. Signage for the City Shops was discussed but dismissed because of security issues.

Public Safety was discussed by the Mayor, City Council and City Staff. Everyone expressed appreciation to the Davis County Sheriff's office for the good work they do for the city of Fruit Heights. The City Staff has been approached by other law enforcement organizations who would like to work with Fruit Heights. Neighborhood Watch was discussed as well as lighting and lookout areas along the Nicholls Trail. The Justice Court situation was brought up and the city is looking into several options including combining with other cities such as Centerville, Farmington or Layton. 04:20:15

Emergency preparedness was discussed and the operations plan is almost complete and then it will need to be read and adopted. It was requested to be included on an April agenda.

The City of Fruit Heights has limited revenue resources and the City Council and Mayor are concerned about not placing a burden on the residents through fees and taxes. The City Council and Staff are always looking at other means of revenue such as cell towers and franchise taxes. The Mayor mentioned that there are generous individuals in the city of Fruit Heights who would be willing to help with soliciting funds for special projects. He requested that the City Council send him some names to participate in the philanthropic endeavors. It was suggested that having something to see i.e. models, pictures, diagrams help people see what they are donating towards.

The City Staff, Council and Mayor deliberated over how to make this meeting even better in the future. Some suggestions were more meetings, less time or starting earlier, breaking for dinner and then resuming. It was agreed that this meeting was very informative and successful.

## 5. UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

### 5.1 City Sponsored Spring Clean Up April 20-May 8

## 6. DEPARTMENT AND CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS:

There were not any reports given at this meeting.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT: 04:30:11

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the Fruit Heights City Council meeting held February 24, 2015.

*Not approved until signed*



Kelli Rollins, Fruit Heights Recording Secretary

Date approved by City Council: March 17, 2015