

**MINUTES OF HARRISVILLE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
363 West Independence Blvd
Harrisville, Utah 84404**

Present: Mayor Bruce Richins, Council Member Jeff Pearce, Council Member Gary Robinson, Council Member Jennifer Jensen, Council Member Ruth Pearce, Council Member Austin Tracy.

Staff: Bill Morris, City Administrator, Sean Lambert, Public Works Director, Jennie Knight, City Recorder.

Visitors: Aspen Teuscher, Triston Wright, Julee Smith.

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 R. Pearce led the pledge of allegiance and conducted the opening ceremony.

3. Consent Items.

- a. Approve the minutes of February 14, 2017 and February 28, 2017 as presented.
- b. Check Register

Council Member R. Pearce requested a clerical error be corrected on the minutes of February 14, 2017.

Council Member Robinson asked for details on the A-1 key services. Bill Morris suggested he email Pam Crosbie for details.

MOTION: Council Member J. Pearce motioned to approve the minutes of February 14, 2017 as amended and February 28, 2017 as presented. Council Member R. Pearce seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

4. Convene as the Community Reinvestment Agency

- a. **Discussion/possible action to approve Harrisville Resolution 2017-01; a resolution authorizing a survey area.**

Mayor Richins declared the Council is convened as the Community Reinvestment Agency.

Bill Morris explained this resolution is outlining the area to be declared a survey area. The next step is to present a plan for consideration. This will be presented at a later date where Council would again convene as the Community Reinvestment Agency to

approve the plan by another resolution. The final step is to approve an ordinance creating the project. Doug Larsen will negotiate with the taxing entities and present interlocal agreements with each entity to be adopted.

Council Member Robinson asked if the plan will include water retention and run off concerns. Bill Morris said the plan will include sales and property tax values. If the plan is approved, the planning commission will address site plan, street elevation, storm water, and other issues. Council Member Robinson said he feels there are concerns behind Common Cents. Bill Morris said that will be addressed by engineered plans drawn up by engineers that will have to be reviewed by the city engineer. He said the improvements will have to meet the 100 year storm requirements. Council Member Robinson expressed concern for neighbors on the south side of the project and how new streets might affect them. Council Member Jensen pointed out this resolution is to conduct a tax survey to determine how much money is being collected and will be collected with a potential increase.

MOTION: Council Member Jensen motioned to approve Harrisville Resolution 2017-01; a resolution authorizing a survey area. Council Member R. Pearce seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Council Member Tracy	Yes
Council Member R. Pearce	Yes
Council Member Jensen	Yes
Council Member Robinson	Yes
Council Member J. Pearce	Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Richins declared the Council is now reconvening for the regular council meeting.

5. Business Items.

a. Your Community Connection Presentation

Julee Smith, Director of Your Community Crisis Center, passed out hand outs outlining the services provided by the shelter and the impact on each city based on population. They are mainly a domestic violence shelter. In the past they have had to turn down people because their facility could not handle the volume. They have expanded the shelter and now offer childcare and a Head Start program. Families want to be kept together. Additionally they have homeless housing apartments as well. Studies show that 40% of homeless families have a domestic violence element. They provide three meals a day for all clients.

They also provide senior life care for elderly, low income, or homeless individuals. They provide winterization services throughout the county at no cost. They operate off a \$2.15 million budget. They are seeking \$184,000 in donations from local cities. She shared an experience while making a presentation in Murray where an individual sought refuge from a domestic violence situation. This individual was from Weber County. She met with her and provided shelter. They provide services 24/7 and sometimes clients come in with nothing. They provide clothes, furniture, and meals. When they

successfully complete the program, they take everything with them. She shared another individual who reached out for help and needed medical attention. They provide any service necessary. Once they treat the individual seeking shelter, they contact relatives or friends who may be able to provide support.

They cannot provide these services without community support. Hence they are asking for help from all cities in Weber County so they can continue to feed and shelter individuals. She is asking for support of \$3,000 per year from Harrisville City. They are also approaching several other cities and only one has turned them down because of lack of money. Many other cities have been gracious enough to help them out.

Council Member Robinson asked if they hold fundraisers. She explained the many ways they hold fundraising events. The next event will be held May 13th. In fact they have been asked to reduce the number of events because the Ogden area is saturated with non-profit organizations that seek donations from the same communities. There are many amazing resources available. They also partner with the rodeo in July for another fundraiser. Most events bring in \$10,000-\$15,000 each. This does not quite meet the needs of the shelter. She is also reaching out to businesses to see if they will donate or sponsor the shelter.

Council Member Jensen asked if the shelter is funded by grants. Julee Smith responded they are mainly funded by grants. They have a full-time grant writer on staff and the Eccles and Dee families have been amazing for donations. Other foundations have been additional means of funding as well. Unfortunately some will only fund certain issues. They also attend the legislative session each year. This year they were awarded \$75,000 in very restricted funds.

Council Member Robinson suggested they hold a fundraiser similar to Salt Lake City where they raised \$200,000 by selling tickets for individuals to repel off the Maverik Building on 200 South.

Mayor Richins said the YCC is definitely a service to many people. The youth city council donated hand tied blankets one year. Julee Smith said they appreciate any donations. The blankets are made into comfort packages with a book, blanket, and stuffed animal for the children brought into the shelter. Mayor Richins also commented on the secure lock down facility where families come to be protected.

Council Member Robinson asked if there are restrictions to house only citizens of the United States. Julee Smith responded they provide services to anyone for the shelter. For those seeking the housing, they must be US citizens.

Council Member Jensen asked if they are seeking an annual donation or just this year. Julee Smith said they are continually in need of funding each year. They have had cities request they approach them each year for continued donations. She said they would appreciate anything given.

Bill Morris pointed out they can make the decision over the next few weeks of budget discussions. Julee Smith said anyone interested is welcome to come and see the facility to watch what services are provided.

Council Member Robinson asked if they have contacted the school district or Weber State University for domestic violence education purposes. Julee Smith said she actually teaches at Weber State. They do have a handful of professors who visit the shelter as part of their curriculum. Additionally, some are required to volunteer.

Mayor Richins and Council thanked Julee Smith for her presentation.

b. Communities that Care

Mayor Richins explained with the change in school boundaries, the presenter is representing Fremont which no longer services Harrisville students so the presentation was canceled.

c. Discussion/possible action to Harrisville Ordinance 490; Interfering with Snow Removal.

Bill Morris explained with the heavy winter this year some surrounding cities have experienced difficulty and harassment of their snow plow operators. This ordinance lists incidents that have all occurred in various other cities including snow shovels being thrown at snow plow trucks.

Sean Lambert explained there is a misconception that snow plow drivers can keep the snow from filling in open driveways. He said there is no way for them to direct the snow when pushing. Bill Morris said when snow plow trucks are forced to stop they sometimes have difficulty starting again. This ordinance makes interference a Class B Misdemeanor. Council Member Jensen asked if this includes cars parked on the road. Bill Morris explained that is already included in the present municipal code. Mayor Richins pointed out a boat was towed from the street this year. He also said many times residents will park across the driveway. Sean Lambert said this causes ice spots that once frozen cannot be moved.

Bill Morris said this may not be needed next year if we do not have a heavy winter but if we do, we will be prepared to enforce this on the law enforcement side.

Council Member J. Pearce asked if throwing snow into the street is included. Bill Morris said that is already included in the municipal code as well.

Council Member Robinson asked if residents have the option to not have their streets plowed. Sean Lambert pointed out this would be a liability issue on the city's end because streets are city right of ways. If there is an accident, the city may be liable for not clearing the street. He also pointed out often times neighbors support an idea to keep the peace with a neighbor but tell the city contradicting feelings on complaints.

Council Member Robinson asked about cleaning out the storm drains for proper water drainage. Sean Lambert explained there are several hundred storm drains throughout the entire city. They have so many to attend to they usually do not have time to clear them all before the next storm hits. Council Member Robinson asked about stacking snow on street corners. Sean Lambert explained this is the result of residents moving snow with 4-wheelers or tractors. The snow plows cannot pile snow onto corners; they would have to use the back hoe which is not cost effective.

Bill Morris thanked Sean Lambert for his long hours and great service through the winter.

MOTION: Council Member J. Pearce motioned to approve Harrisville Ordinance 490; Interfering with Snow Removal. Council Member Tracy seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Council Member Tracy Yes

Council Member R. Pearce	Yes
Council Member Jensen	Yes
Council Member Robinson	Yes – if this is included in the Newsletter.
Council Member J. Pearce	Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

d. Discussion/action to purchase a street sweeper.

Sean Lambert informed Council he was inquiring about the purchase of a new street sweeper and discovered there is only one available nationwide in Denver. This is already a budgeted item out of the storm drain utility fees. Bill Morris asked if this is a new street sweeper or used one. Sean Lambert said this is a new sweeper. The current sweeper is a 2008 version that continually requires servicing. The maintenance schedule for retention has been met and the time has come to purchase a new sweeper.

Bill Morris explained even though this is a budgeted item, staff prefers to have Council approval for the expenditure of allotted funds. Council Member J. Pearce asked if we would be putting a lot of money into maintaining the current sweeper. Sean Lambert explained the state mandates what they do with collected debris. That combined with the maintenance of the current sweeper is higher and higher each year. The new sweeper will allow the debris to be dumped into our dump truck for removal to the land fill. This reduces and actually eliminates some of the steps of the current process. Council Member Jensen asked what the cost of the new sweeper is. Sean Lambert said we will receive \$75,000 for the sale of the current sweeper and the cost of the new sweeper is \$280,000. The total cost for the new truck will be \$208,000. This is the only truck available in the nation. The truck will also make turns around the radius in cul-de-sacs.

Council Member Robinson asked how much money is collected in the budget and how it can be spent. Bill Morris said the Storm Water Utility Fund has a balance of over \$1.1 million. This is collected through the \$3.00 per month fee to residents. He also reviewed the requirements set forth in the general permit that the city must sweep the streets or be fined. Council Member Robinson asked how much the city paid for the current truck and the expected length of service. Bill Morris said most large municipalities would have to replace this equipment every five years. The current sweeper was purchased in 2008 for \$175,000. Council Member Jensen said she feels we are getting a great deal for the money spent. Sean Lambert pointed out there are new features on updated models.

MOTION: Council Member R. Pearce motioned to ratify the purchase of a street sweeper. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Council Member Tracy	Yes
Council Member R. Pearce	Yes
Council Member Jensen	Yes
Council Member Robinson	No
Council Member J. Pearce	Yes

Motion passed 4-1.

6. Public Comments - (3 minute maximum)

No public comments were offered.

7. Mayor/Council Follow-Up:

Council Member R. Pearce asked if there is confirmation on the Heritage Days car show. Jennie Knight responded the car show is confirmed. Council Member Jensen said she is getting good feedback on Heritage Days.

Bill Morris thanked and acknowledged Council Members Ruth and Jeff Pearce along with the Mayor who took the time to attend the Wasatch Regional Council meeting last night to discuss the future of transportation.

Council Member Tracy said the Youth City Council is set for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 15, 2017 at 8:00am.

Mayor Richins informed Council there will not be another meeting before the league training in April. Council Member Robinson asked about the regularly scheduled meeting on March 28th. Jennie Knight said there are currently no agenda items.

Bill Morris said each department is trying to provide an itemized list of their budget items. Council Member Jensen requested they all provide the detail ledger amounts on the budgets. She expressed her desire to streamline the budget discussions as much as possible.

8. Adjourn.

Mayor Richins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

ATTEST:

BRUCE RICHINS

Mayor

JENNIE KNIGHT

City Recorder

Approved this 11th day of April, 2017