

Minutes of the Payson City Council Meeting held at the Payson City Center, 439 West Utah Avenue, Payson, Utah on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Rick Moore; Councilmembers: JoLynn Ford, Kim Hancock, Mike Hardy, Scott Phillips, and Larry Skinner; City Manager Dave Tuckett, City Attorney Mark Sorenson, and City Recorder Jeanette Wineteer.

#### PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prayer offered by Councilmember Ford and Pledge of Allegiance led by Phillips.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Philips to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of approval of May 15, 2013 City Council Minutes, and an Ordinance amending Title 19. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hancock. Motion carries.

#### SUSPEND AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Hardy to suspend the agenda and allow the Mayor to move at his discretion. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ford. Motion carries.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Rhett Huff, Lions Club President announced that the Lions Club is holding a Talent Contest on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Peteetneet Amphitheater. He invited everyone to come and enjoy the local talent and he presented a flyer regarding the event.

Burtis Bills expressed his gratitude to the Fire Department and Police Department for the service they provided on the incident/fire that happened in his neighborhood. He said he was glad no one was injured and felt the fire investigation was conducted very professionally.

MOTION by Councilmember Hancock to continue the Public Forum later in the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ford. Motion carries.

#### COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Human Resources Coordinator Dora Edvalson presented employee Service Awards to:

- Kent Fowden, Streets, Solid Waste, Storm Drain 30 years
- Greg Madson, Gladstan Golf Course 25 years
- Marcus Perry, Electric Department 20 years
- Ty Roylance, Electric Department 20 years
- Liberty Kirk, Electric Department 20 years
- Jill Spencer, Development Services 15 years
- Lia Jones, Police Department 5 years

Superintendent Kent Fowden updated the Council on the 930 West reconstruction project. He said the sewer is completed, the main line water is installed and the service laterals will be completed next week; storm drain should be in the end of next week then they will move into demolition of the road and concrete. We are looking at an August 15<sup>th</sup> completion date.

Recreation Director Teemant announced that Grand Marshal applications are available, and we seeking nominations for that. The Grand Marshal will be selected and announced at the Salmon Supper in August.

He also reported that the Recreation Department is holding a youth British soccer camp this week and youth tennis will be held this month and swimming lessons start this week.

Chief Runyan noted that the Fire Department does all the investigation on fires and commended them for their work sifting through the burned rubbish and other details of the investigation. He said the Fire Department and EMTs also helped on another call last weekend and he thanked them for their help.

He also thanked the Solid Waste Department for helping them get a place for firearms training at the landfill. He felt that all employees are good team players.

Chief Spencer agreed and thanked all crews for helping with the fire. He said that fire included a lot of entities, and a lot of man power was needed, including securing the scene until late Monday night. He said they have collected most of the evidence that they need and are still working on investigating it. The firemen did a good job saving the homes next door, specifically because they are so close. It all went well.

Planner Spencer updated everyone on the Tour of Utah and said that stage 3 of that will finish in Payson with the official routes going over the Nebo Loop. She said they are still looking for volunteers. To kick this off, there will be a Safety Fair and a Bike Rodeo with a pancake breakfast at Walmart on Saturday from 10 – noon.

Councilmember Hardy reminded everyone of:

- Kiwanis Golf Tournament on Friday which is held to provide scholarships.
- Nebo Economic Summit on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. at Payson High. He said you can still register with Carolyn at the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Ford thanked Fire and Police Departments for their help in the Cody Towse precession back into town. She is happy to have our city involved.

She also noted that the streets, as well as the parks look nice.

Mayor Moore said he watched the Fire Department perform during the fire and he also commended them. He felt the kick off for the Tour of Utah on Saturday will help spur the momentum of the event in August. He reminded everyone that the dedication of the Veterans Home will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. where Governor Herbert will speak. He said they are expecting between 1000-2000 people and we will be parking by the shops and have shuttles to the facility.

#### PUBLIC FORUM Continued

Steve Southwick said he and other residents of homes east of Riley's are in attendance tonight to let the City know that they do not have pressurized irrigation and only use culinary and they don't have sufficient water pressure. He read a few statements from some homeowners that were not in attendance explaining their situation.

Alan Riley said they have lived in the area for quite a few years now, and he understood when Patterson built the project that there would be two water tanks. With the low water pressure, he wondered if there was enough pressure in the hydrants to take care of fires in that area. He said he doesn't know how

much lower the new tanks are than the previous tank but that could be up to 5 pounds less pressure. He wondered if there was a way to connect the new tanks to the Patterson tank, which might be a solution.

Ruston Jacobson said that he noticed when his sprinklers were installed, he saw that it goes from a ¾" line and wondered if it shouldn't be a 1" line instead. He said he would appreciate city staff looking for any solution to their pressure problem.

Van Devereaux said that he lives below the old Riley home and when he moved in he had adequate pressure but this year he couldn't get the sprinklers to pop out of the ground. He said he has installed a pump for water irrigation and runs that at night, but if you use flush the toilet while the pump is running it takes an hour for the toilet to fill.

Manager Tuckett took the names and contact information from everyone in attendance on this issue and will get back to them.

Water Superintendent Brent Arns said the new underground tanks are a little lower so the pressure would drop 3-4 pounds but when the hydrants were tested there was 40 pounds of pressure. He suggested that the city could come and check the pressure at the homes. The Patterson tank is constructed above them and when it is completed the pressure will be very high.

Manager Tuckett said that Patterson is supposed to finish the pipes from the tank as the development is finished. We might be able to finish this project with the water tank bond money and then work to get reimbursed from Patterson.

#### CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Zach Voorhees and the Payson Chamber of Commerce, presented the June 2013 Business of the Month to Jody Porto of Uptown Maiden. The Council congratulated them.

#### REQUEST BY THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE TO INSTALL CENTRALIZED MAILBOXES ON CITY PROPERTY

Planner Spencer explained that Trisha Houghton with the Payson Branch of the U.S. Postal Service is requesting approval from the City Council to install three (3) 16 unit centralized mailboxes on City property in the Downtown area. The service area includes the four block downtown area. The Post Office plans to discontinue door to door mail delivery to the businesses and residents in the area and transition to centralized mailboxes. The Post Office is requesting the City sign the attached Property Release Form authorizing the placement of the units on City property.

The original proposal of the Post Office suggested financial assistance from Payson City to acquire decorative collection boxes and to place the units in the Breezeway near the Payson Library. Staff has met with Ms. Houghton to discuss alternative locations for the units which would eliminate the need for decorative collection boxes. We are suggesting one in the parking lot behind Daily Freeze and then two behind the City Library.

Security was mentioned and Council felt that the locations proposed would work if the options work for the post office and the businesses. Planner Spencer said that staff would make sure we wouldn't violate any easements before allowing the locations.

Councilmember Phillips noted that he would like to see them so the businesses don't have to walk two blocks to get their mail. Councilmember Hancock agreed that the businesses should be involved in deciding the location.

MOTION by Councilmember Skinner to allow city staff to work with the Post Office with their request but request that they contact the business owners to help locate the facilities. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hancock. Motion carries.

#### RESOLUTION – AMENDING THE CITY FEE SCHEDULE

Manager Tuckett presented a table showing a comparison of what other cities charge for park rentals and cemetery fees and plots.

A concern of leveling headstones was brought up and Golf Professional Tracy Zobell said we could do the leveling but felt we needed a policy or some sort of liability waiver in case the headstones get damaged.

Councilmember Phillips wondered what the city’s plan was for the veterans section of the cemetery for when it is full. Manager Tuckett didn’t know how close it was to being full, but we would have to expand it and the whole cemetery.

We didn’t have any comparisons with other cities on fees for the veteran plots, but Manager Tuckett said that the reason the fee is higher (\$50) is because of the flags, crosses, and the things that go into that section.

MOTION by Councilmember to approve the Resolution approving amendments to the City Fee Schedule as presented except for the Veteran’s portion and have more research and comparisons done before it is presented again. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hardy. Motion carries.

#### DISCUSSION REGARDING ELECTRICAL RATE STRUCTURE

Superintendent Ron Crump presented a new inclining rate structure he would like to implement:

	400 KWh's		800 KWh's		1200 KWh's		1600 KWh's		2000 Kwh's	
Customer Charge		\$ 12.71		\$ 12.71		\$ 12.71		\$ 12.71		\$ 12.71
0.07998	400	31.992	400	31.992	400	31.992	400	31.992	400	31.992
0.1000			400	40	400	40	400	40	400	40
0.1100					400	44	400	44	400	44
0.1190							400	47.6	400	47.6
0.1200									400	48
transfers										
conservation programs		\$ 0.10		\$ 0.10		\$ 0.10		\$ 0.10		\$ 0.10
city energy needs		\$ 5.01		\$ 5.10		\$ 5.10		\$ 5.10		\$ 5.10
street lighting		\$ 1.00		\$ 1.00		\$ 1.00		\$ 1.00		\$ 1.00

The Council liked the idea of the rates inclining which might help with conservation.

MOTION by Councilmember Skinner to approve the rate format as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hardy. Motion carries.

#### PUBLIC HEARING - PAYSON CITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGETS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE PAYSON CITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGETS

MOTION by Councilmember Ford to open the public hearing to receive input regarding the Payson City and Redevelopment Agency FY 2013-2014 Budgets and Amendments to the Payson City and

Redevelopment Agency FY 2012-2013 Budgets. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hancock. Motion carries.

Public hearing opened at 7:40 p.m.

Manager Tuckett said that he gave the Council a summary of budget changes from last budget year to the Council when they received the tentative budget in May. Since that time he explained new items that were also added:

a. Mower for the city grounds crew	\$6,357
b. Improvement of new section at cemetery	\$67,602.50
c. Shade awnings at golf course	\$7,500
d. Finish cart paths on 14 & 15	\$22,000
e. Replace sand in sand traps	\$15,000
f. Added funds for Peteetneet Amphitheater	\$20,000
g. Added funds for new reservoir testing	\$30,000
h. Added funds to extend sewer to RV Park	\$25,000

He then presented the accounting for the “Our Champions” fundraiser which would be included in the current year amendments for a total of \$16,083 and explained the rest of the current year amendments.

Receiving no public input MOTION by Councilmember Hancock. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ford. Motion carries.

Public hearing closed at 7:48 p.m.

Manager Tuckett said that we don’t have the official Certified Tax Rate yet from the County, and he noted that the CPI is built into the utility rates, which is a 1.7% increase across all utilities. He knows there were some councilmembers with concerns so if the council doesn’t want to implement that, we would have to do some cuts based on that additional revenue.

Councilmember Hardy felt it was good to consider a CPI increase because we haven’t had the increases in the past to match inflation, so had to have large increases in one year to catch up with the cost of operation.

Councilmember Skinner wondered what that increase would do to an average city bill and Manager Tuckett explained that the City engineer figured it would increase a resident average bill by \$2.83 per month.

Councilmember Phillips said he is in favor of the CPI for those reasons mentioned but felt we need to be careful with commercial rates, because he is concerned that we are too high and might be impacting economic development. He felt we need to keep competitive, and if we want to be in the power business he suggested the possible use of smart meters and to have them pay more during peak times.

Councilmember Hardy agreed, but didn’t want to impede the budget process.

MOTION by Councilmember Phillips to approve the budget amounts as proposed. Motion seconded by Hardy.

Councilmember Ford agreed that next year we should have a survey and know how we compare in rates prior to putting in a CPI increase, and then the Council could decide which rates should be raised.

Motion carries.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Councilmember Ford to adjourn to closed session to discuss land acquisition. Motion seconded by Councilmember Skinner. Motion carries.

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Council reconvened and MOTION by Councilmember Ford to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hancock. Motion carries.

Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.