

City Council – October 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Fountain Green City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023, in the Fountain Green City Hall, 375 N. State Street.

Attendance – Julio Tapia, Shelith Jacobson, Rod Hansen, an Alyson Strait. Excusing Stuart Smith.

Presiding – Mayor Mark Coombs

Prayer – Alyson Strait

Pledge

1. Comments/Minutes. There were no comments from those in attendance or from Zoom participants.

Rod Hansen made the motion to approve the City Council minutes from September 21, 2023, with clarifications in #8 (adding that the State is paying the fees associated with the application) and also clarifying the Fire Department Report – Accessories bought by the city, for the Becker, will stay with the city. Seconded by Shelith Jacobson. The motion did not pass due to the lack of a quorum. These minutes will be presented in November's City Council meeting.

2. Assignment Reports.

Mayor Coombs explained the following in regard to hiring a Contractor for the DUP restoration:

*Power Plus Cleaning can but won't be able to get to it for a couple of months, which will be about the same time the City finds out if they are to receive the grant. He also wanted to reiterate that any work done before the grant money is awarded will not be covered by the grant.

*Mayor Coombs is still waiting to receive the sample nuisance letter from Mt. Pleasant.

Shelith asked one of the County Commissioners about using some of the money being saved by the County for the Bookmobile, possibly being used for the libraries.

The Commissioner explained that all the money being saved is already earmarked for the meals-on-wheels program. He did say that the County may know of possible resources that could help with funding. There was also a discussion between the officials regarding the charging of a fee for non-residents. The question was posed about having enough non-residents using the library to justify the cost of setting a fee.

Shay addressed the following:

3. CDBG Discussion. The City will reapply for the Park Improvements Project. The application will have the same scope of work but will be asking for more funding.

To start the process – Noticing, Public Hearing, and Procuring an Engineering Firm (who will oversee the entire project). The Engineer will then procure the Contractor. There is a match of 20% - 30% of the total project that the city will have to cover in order to get the full 5 points. Shay will help put an RFP (Request for Proposal) and an RFQ (Request for Qualification) for an engineering firm. They will come up with an initial estimate. Submit application. If awarded, there will be a second Public Hearing and an Engineer will go through the process of procuring a contractor to do the actual work.

4. Rural Opportunities Grant. Grant closes Nov. 17th. Project – Community Garden. Add a Veteran's Memorial later. Shay will review Bicknell's application. Shelith and Julio work together to get an estimate. The project needs to be framed around Economic Development.

5. Subdivision. Legislation, Bill 174, made changes to the Subdivision regulations and Process. Changes will take effect at the end of 2024. Bill takes the legislation out of the process. Planning and Zoning and staff will be able to approve without going before the Council. Plan a work meeting as it gets closer. Michelle will email the newest subdivision application to Shay.

6. Government Requirements.

*Open/Public Meeting Act. Review what can take place in a work meeting, City Meeting, or Planning and Zoning meeting. Recommendation – work meetings are not a place to vote on formal decisions.

*Forms of Government – Six members/Mayor is non-voting unless there is a tie. Quorum – 3 members present to pass a vote.

*How vote is taken – roll call vote. The city chooses to make a roll call vote immediately after each action.

*Starting January 2025 – new regulations. All websites and emails have to change to .gov entities.

7. Code Enforcement. Amy was unable to attend. Would like to review all the fees (Kennel License, and Large Animals) Put on next month's agenda. Amy will bring violations to the city for a recommendation from the city council. Amy will have a job description for the Animal Control Officer next month.

8. Fire Department Report. *Open burn starts on November 1st. Chief Robinson wanted to thank the public for contacting him before burning. The Fire Department is currently working on an Ordinance that includes the rules for burning and permits. He plans on presenting it at the next city council meeting. *The Lion's Club is doing their annual trunk or treating at the park and has asked the Fire Department to be at the South end. *The Department decided to keep the old Seagrave Fire Engine for sentimental reasons. It was suggested to park it behind the city hall as a yard decoration. Michelle offered to check on liability. *Todd also explained that the Department was called out to provide backup for the County Sheriff's responding to a resident who poured gas on himself. * Set Back discussion on "fire lanes" will continue. *He will plan on a date and time to meet Curt to burn at the pit before the Nov. 4th cleanup. *Food truck – 4th Thursday (except in November – 5th Thursday because of Thanksgiving).

9. Police Report. Mayor Coombs read the report from the County. The report included - Animal Calls, Personal Property, Controlled Substance, Fraud, and Traffic violations (83 traffic stops; 39 citations). Mayor to write a letter of appreciation.

10. Part-Time Head Librarian. Table for now. Currently no funds. Great service to the community. Need to finish removing the glass partition.

11. Fraud Risk Assessment. An assessment of local government's internal controls (policies, practices, and processes) that are intended to deter or prevent fraud. Points are associated with each question.

Fountain Green City earned a total of 375/395. There was also a discussion about having a second notary in the office (Laura agreed to take the test).

12. Raising Utilities (.50/review 2023). In 2017, a Resolution was created to raise utility rates by .50 each July until 2023. Rod made the recommendation to renew. Michelle to have a new Resolution ready for next month.

13. Resolution to Cancel Elections. Rod Hansen motioned to approve Resolution #2023-10 to cancel the 2023 General Elections. Seconded by Julio Tapia. A roll call vote was taken; Julio – aye, Shelith – aye, Rod – aye, and Alyson – aye. Motion carried.

14. Jones & DeMille Invoices. Invoices that need approval will be on next month's agenda.

15. Brown/Summit. Brown Brothers used 345,900 gallons – Billed for \$1,556.55; Summit Line used 330,990 gallons – Billed for \$1,489.45.

16. Forest Service Proposing to close a portion of the Manti-LaSal. Mayor Coombs presented information from the Forest Service regarding their proposal of closing a portion of the Manti-Lasal Mountain range between Spring City and Manti to all types of motorized vehicles and the Resolution from Sanpete County Commissioners to actively oppose actions to impose restrictions on federal lands without the express written consent and cooperation of the county government where the affected federal lands are located. Mayor Coombs encouraged all citizens to respond. The information will be added to the City's website. All responses have to be in by November 16th.

17. Planning Commission Report. Alyson reported that the Planning and Zoning made the following approvals: A shed for Tyson Rasmussen, a Modular Home for Tiffany Taylor, and a Carport for Curt C. Lund. During the meeting there was a discussion on the fire lane setbacks and whether the County requires a city permit for solar panels.

18. City Report/Traffic Control Report. Curt reported – * The Grader will be in Salt Lake within the next couple of weeks. They will go ahead and make the necessary repairs and put on new tires. *He had 3 burials. *The sprinklers are winterized at the park, cemetery, and planters. *The plow is on the dump truck and the cutting blades have been switched out on the dump truck and the backhoe. *He is working on the planter strip next to Huffman's store. *Street mowing is done. *J&D finished shooting manholes. *Having to replace water meters (50 on order). *Will have city pit ready for clean up on the 4th. He is willing to open the pit if he's working. *The Scada system has had issues and is trying to get them fixed. *There is a meter that has had to be removed in order to keep someone from turning the water back on. Paula will inform the property owner of the situation and what it is going to take to get the water turned back on. The next step is for Curt to turn it off at the main.

Traffic Control. It was requested that the speed bumps stay until after the deer hunt. The Committee will be having a meeting.

19. City Bills. Michelle was asked to provide gas usage information at the old Fire Station (Dominion). The mower at the cemetery should be under warranty. There was a question as to why it was on Beck's Auto bill. Alyson Strait motioned to approve the city bills. Seconded by Shelith Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken; Julio – aye, Shelith – aye, Rod – aye, and Alyson – aye. Motion carried.

20. Miscellaneous

Alyson will contact a couple of her clients who can do price estimates for commercial buildings.

Julio's Governor's Recognition Award was rescheduled for November 20th.

Rod wanted to make sure the Fire Department goes through the proper channels when they sell city property.

The Quit Claim deeds for Evan Jacobson are recorded and finished.

He asked Michelle to find the deeds to the lower water tank.

Rod also explained that the reason the home on 265 N. 200 W. had water in their yard was that one of their flowerpots had blown off their porch into the ditch and ended up plugging the pipe going under the road.

CDBG's First Public Hearing will be before next month's city council meeting.

Alyson Strait motioned to move into an Executive Session. Seconded by Julio Tapia. A roll call vote was taken; Julio – aye, Shelith – aye, Rod – aye, and Alyson – aye. Motion carried.

Officials moved into an executive session at 9:20 p.m.

Rod Hansen motioned to move back into the regular city council meeting. Seconded by Julio Tapia. A roll call vote was taken; Julio – aye, Shelith – aye, rod – aye, and Alyson – aye. Motion carried.

Officials move back into the regular city council meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Rod Hansen motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Alyson Strait. A roll call vote was taken; Julio – aye, Shelith – aye, Rid – aye, and Alyson – aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourns at 10:40 p.m.



Michelle Walker, City Recorder

