

**NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

January 8, 2019

The North Ogden City Council convened in an open meeting on January 8, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the North Ogden City Office at 505 East 2600 North. Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on January 4, 2019. Notice of the annual meeting schedule was published in the Standard-Examiner on December 28, 2018.

PRESENT:	Ryan Barker	Council Member
	Blake Cevering	Council Member
	Cheryl Stoker	Mayor Pro Temp
	Phillip Swanson	Council Member
	Carl Turner	Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:	Jon Call	City Administrator/Attorney
	Annette Spendlove	City Recorder/HR Director
	Dave Espinoza	Public Works Director
	Bruce Higley	Senior Building Inspector

VISITORS:	Myrl Chugg	Stefanie Casey	Sean Casey
	Kevin Burns	Mona Wald	Brett Hamblin
	Julie Anderson	Dale Anderson	Charlotte Ekstrom
	Lynda Bruington	Mike St. James	Debbie St. James
	Annie Carver	Janeal Huntsman	Steve Huntsman
	Adam Hunsaker	Jon Hunsaker	Abbey Smoot
	Randy Winn	Marci Barker	Marjean Swanson
	Heidi Bitton	Grace Bitton	Kim Christensen
	Aaron Christensen	Taylor Averett	Bob Napoli
	Keith Ashdown	Marlene Welling	Calvin Pack
	Brenda Ashdown	Emily Tree	Calder Davis
	Carter Watson	Janis Christensen	Allen Christensen
	Bob Buswell	Tiffany Turner	Rakel Elmer
	Hope Elmer	Peggy Barker	Lynda Pipkin
	Kerry Pipkin	Herman Armendariz	Annie Bingham
	Denton Bingham	Julee Smith	Melanie Barker
	Jay Johnson	Reese Barker	Josh Turner
	Christian Urban	Cole Liechty	Stacey Giatras
	Jonathan Giatras	Leonard Looney	Zeb Potter
	Meg Sanders		

Mayor Pro Temp Cheryl Stoker called the meeting to order and Council Member Swanson offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 1. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER NOVEMBER 13, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Council Member Swanson motioned to approve December 4, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Cevering seconded the motion.**

**Voting on the motion:**

<b>Council Member Barker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Cevering</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Temp Stoker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Swanson</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Turner</b>	<b>aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## AGENDA

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dale Anderson, 940 E. 2600 N., stated he was at the Barker Park Amphitheater recently and he saw a family sledding down the hill on the west side and into the bowl area; there is a steel handrail that they were sliding under and towards and he feels this could be a liability issue for the City. He feels it is the responsibility of the parents to keep their kids safe, but felt it important to bring this issue to the City's attention.

Keith Ashdown, 193 E. Pleasant View Drive, stated that Mr. Chugg has done a fine job serving as the City's Mayor for the past year, but he hopes the Council will give serious consideration to all candidates for the position. There may be someone that is more qualified and that should be considered.

Mike St. James, 3644 N. 575 E., stated he thinks it is wonderful that such high-quality individuals applied to fill the vacant Mayor seat; he does not know any of them, but as he has considered this issue, he has come to realize that Mr. Chugg has provided a steady hand at the helm of the City. He sees many qualities of Mayor Taylor in Mr. Chugg as well. He stated he would like to hear each candidate declare their vision for the future of

the City along with their qualifications for filling the position during a full election campaign. He stated he learned so much about Mayor Taylor during his campaign and that is an invaluable experience. He would like to see Mr. Chugg remain in the position of Mayor for the next year and encourage all other applicants to run for office in the 2019 election. He stated he is satisfied with the manner in which the City is running now, and he would like for that to continue over the next several months leading up to the election.

Lynda Bruington, 1010 E. 1700 N., stated she met a lady in Smith's about three weeks before Christmas and they began talking about the trials the City has been through of late. The woman commented that the City had been divided over the past three or four years and when she thought about that statement, she ultimately agreed. She stated the City needs unity; any person who has been elected to City Council should stay in that position as that is where they are needed. She encouraged the Council to select someone new to fill the position of Mayor and to select an individual that is unaffiliated with any group or single issue in the City. The City needs someone that is unbiased and can consider issues with an open mind in order to make the right decisions for the City as a whole.

### **3. INTERVIEWS FOR MAYOR SEAT:**

City Recorder Spendlove provided an overview of the process the Council will follow tonight to conduct interviews of the applicants. Only the person being interviewed will remain in the chambers and all other candidates will move to another room until it is their turn to be interviewed. Following the interviews, Ms. Spendlove will provide an overview of the manner in which the Council will select the individual to be appointed as North Ogden Mayor.

Mayor Pro Temp Stoker conducted the interviews and asked each candidate five questions.

#### **a. Sean Casey:**

Question 1. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Mr. Casey stated he has lived in North Ogden for the majority of his life; he and his wife Stefanie have three children. He likes a lot of things about North Ogden, but has been a bit 'damaged' as of late. He reported he has been an entrepreneur most of his life and has managed several businesses. One issue that he has had in the past is that he is easily distracted and often starts a project and moves to another project without finishing the first; however, in the year 2000 he became employed by his current employer and he has overcome his distraction issues. He works in the audio trade where he designs, manufacturers, and sells speaker systems and cable assemblies. He works with his wife and two of his children also work with them.



Question 2. What motivated you to run for Mayor?

Mr. Casey stated initially this was a platform to push buttons, but that motivation has evolved. He views himself as an agitator in a good way as he feels agitation is a good way of finding truth. He believes the City has been struggling to differentiate between needs and wants for the community and he feels his experience in First Amendment issues will help him to serve as a Mayor that can be cognizant of censorship, free speech, and the free exchange of ideas. That is something he is very passionate about; elected officials at the City level are sworn to uphold and defend the Constitution and he has a lot of experience and expertise that can be beneficial to the City. The City is currently running quite well and basic needs are being met, but when deviating from those basic needs, that is when the City 'gets a little messy'.

Question 3. What do you see as the future of North Ogden City regarding residential development and commercial development?

Mr. Casey stated the needs of the City should be directed by the residents of the City and property owners should have precedence; his vision would be to work with the people who currently live in the City to find out what they want and what their needs are. He would engage as many people as possible. The City's form of government is very democratic, and each person's vote counts individually. He will engage everyone to find out what they want pertaining to residential development. Relative to commercial development, that is under the purview of the commercial sector and the City should be open to listening to businesses who want to move here; however, to actively recruit businesses is not the City's job.

Question 4. How well do you handle conflicts and complaints from citizens?

Mr. Casey stated he would like to say he is coated in Teflon, but that is not completely accurate. He looks at conflicts, problems, and obstacles as opportunities. Without problems, life is boring and while he is not here to make problems, they will arise. The City's leaders need to know their facts and he would not strive to make decisions that would be controversial as he would be leaning on expertise from within or outside the City. He would use a degree of science to understand a problem and to select a solution. It does not matter what the answer to a problem is so long as flexibility is present; direction should be amended as the community demands. Problems may not be fully understood at their onset, but solutions will present themselves as long as the problem is being viewed rationally.

Question 5. Phase one of the Barker Park Amphitheater project has been completed.

What do you see moving forward for the Amphitheater project in future phases and how would you handle the positive and negative comments about the project?

Mr. Casey stated that the City has 'gotten itself into a pickle' relative to the amphitheater and he likened the situation to when someone marries another person without properly vetting them. The City has packaged the amphitheater as a theatrical venue, but it is actually a music venue and music is a greater draw than theater realistically speaking. This will lead to problems; however, there is clear guidance from the Constitution

relative to how the amphitheater should be used and that relates to freedom of speech. Lawmakers shall make no law restricting the free exchange of ideas and he is in favor of promotion of that free exchange of ideas. He feels that providing entertainment is outside the purview of City government, but the facility has been built and it now must be dealt with. If the needs of the City change, the use of the property can change, but an amphitheater is difficult to change. The deed for the property requires that the use of the property be passive and while that is possible for an amphitheater, the City did not build an amphitheater that can be used passively. It has the capacity to host a 10,000-person concert or play, but it was built in a residential area. There will always be residents near the amphitheater, and they will be impacted by the use. The noise generated at the Layton City amphitheater can be heard two miles away and the same will be true at the North Ogden facility. Regardless of the selected content, people will be offended; yet it is necessary to give everyone equal opportunity to use the facility. As Judge Hyde said in his preliminary injunction hearing, the facility is for all people as it was paid for by residents of the community and with the use of federal funds. The facility needs to be used as liberally as it can be. Tearing the facility down at this point is not an option and it needs to be made available to all residents interested in using it.

**b. Brent Chugg**

Question 1. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Mr. Chugg stated he was born and raised on a farm in Cache Valley, Utah and he spent 26 years there. He went to work for Del Monte Corporation and spent 23 years there overseeing production of peas, beans, and corn and he eventually got involved in research and development for new varieties of peas, beans, and corn. He was asked to go to work for the LDS Church and he spent 27 years there overseeing the production of food for the Bishop's Storehouse System as well as other consulting assignments internationally. He is now retired; he has five children and many grandchildren as well as a wonderful wife who has supported him for his entire career.

Question 2. What motivated you to run for Mayor?

Mr. Chugg stated that he had not considered entering the political world before last year when he was called by Mayor Taylor and asked to consider serving as the temporary Mayor during Mayor Taylor's deployment. He had become acquainted with Mayor Taylor when working on the Public Works Facility committee and he agreed to stand in as temporary Mayor. He found out how big of shoes he had been asked to fill very quickly; after Mayor Taylor was killed in Afghanistan, he reconsidered the position and he has also talked with many people who have urged him to apply to continue his service as Mayor.

Question 3. What do you see as the future of North Ogden City regarding residential development and commercial development?

Mr. Chugg stated that North Ogden has become a very progressive City under the direction of Mayor Taylor and he has been very inspired by the things that Mayor Taylor accomplished. He recognizes that additional business is needed in the City in order to



provide a stable tax base to keep residential property taxes low. This includes evaluating suitable zoning for the City and working to attract businesses to the City that will improve the quality of life for the residents.

Question 4. How well do you handle conflicts and complaints from citizens?

Mr. Chugg stated that he has not dealt with the kind of conflict that has been present in the City recently. He recognizes there are issues in the community with people on both sides that feel very passionately. He felt as if he was fumbling his way around to try to calm people and now, looking back, he would have tried to communicate better with residents in order to remediate certain situations.

Question 5. Phase one of the Barker Park Amphitheater project has been completed. What do you see moving forward for the Amphitheater project in future phases and how would you handle the positive and negative comments about the project?

Mr. Chugg stated that the amphitheater is a beautiful facility and a monument to those that have worked to develop it. He believes that the facility needs to be finished so that it can be functional. He hopes everyone will work together to get that done; he sees the amphitheater as a facility that can provide opportunities to those that love the arts and want to participate in cultural events. The City provides recreational facilities for those involved in athletics, but many love to perform and the amphitheater project makes it possible for residents – young and old – to display their talents. The amphitheater should be a place for people to enjoy theatrical and other artistic productions.

**c. Janis Christensen**

Question 1. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Ms. Christensen stated that she prepared to explain to the Council why she is seeking appointment to this position; she is not concerned about a political career or about money or any type of recognition. Rather, she loves North Ogden and its residents and she is grateful for the interactions she has had with so many of them over the years. She moved to North Ogden for the same reason as many others. She was raised and educated in a metropolis of several million residents and she lived and worked in San Francisco. She also lived and raised a family in Las Vegas, Nevada, but she was delighted to move to North Ogden and enjoys it because of its values. It is a family-based quiet community and she treasures that. However, she has some concerns about the City, and she wants to step forward and invest in moving the City forward in the right directions. She is very concerned about the animosity that has developed in the community, the lack of respect between people who disagree with one another, and the lack of communication. The lack of respect leads to bullying, isolation, name calling, and censorship. If a person disagrees with someone, they may be called uncivil instead of being recognized as having a different opinion. Her concern about this is that the lack of respect comes right back to the leaders of the City and she would like to participate in enhancing the respect between the community and its leaders. She also believes the City should be focused on basic needs; if there is a desire to provide a venue for entertainment or other clubs, there should be a stamp of approval from the community. She knows it is not possible to ask for a

community vote for every issue, but when expanding beyond the basic needs the community should have a voice in how their tax money is spent. She has heard people say that is not possible, but she has the energy and interest to knock thousands of doors in the community. She has done this several times in the past and knows how to do it successfully. If she were Mayor, that type of activity would be implemented, and it will be possible to get better input from the community about how they feel. She feels the things she is most interested in are of a critical nature and without communication or public support, the City has nothing. She heard a saying recently: 'if you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together'. She wants North Ogden to go far and to be known as a solid family-based and value-based center.

Question 2. What motivated you to run for Mayor?

Answered in question one.

Question 3. What do you see as the future of North Ogden City regarding residential development and commercial development?

Ms. Christensen stated that she knows the City has a master plan that was updated as late as 2015; as far as the vision related to that plan, she would hope the City will work to maintain a family-values based community and use economic development as it has been envisioned along the main corridors in the City only. Commercial land use should not creep into residential areas where residents desire peace and quiet. She knows a master plan is needed and should be reassessed frequently, but the general core values of the City should be family based.

Question 4. How well do you handle conflicts and complaints from citizens?

Ms. Christensen stated that she would be respectful, and she would beg everyone involved in dialogue with the City to be respectful as well. People may have valid complaints, but it cuts her to the core when she sees public officials treat residents with disrespect. She has seen many opportunities of the opposite and she has expressed her admiration when individuals have handled a complaint with respect. The only way the City can move forward in a strong position is if it is possible to deal with negative responses with respect.

Question 5. Phase one of the Barker Park Amphitheater project has been completed. What do you see moving forward for the Amphitheater project in future phases and how would you handle the positive and negative comments about the project?

Ms. Christensen stated that she would deal with people on both sides of the issue with respect. She also feels it would be important to refer to the master plan for the City and consider its priorities and how they related to this project. Additionally, the community values must be considered to determine how the amphitheater can be used to promote those family-based values. Because the amphitheater is a public venue, it will be a challenge to control the content displayed there; she looks forward to sorting out what is and is not acceptable for the amphitheater because she would hate to see the facility used in a manner that is averse to community values.



**d. Julie Anderson**

Question 1. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Ms. Anderson stated she was born in Rochester England and was raised there as well; in 1979 she met her husband and worked to become a United States citizen. She has three boys and many grandchildren. She is a substitute teacher who loves working with kids. For 28 years she has run the Weber County Junior Posse and she has loved it. She has been involved in City politics since moving here and has attended many Planning Commission and City Council meetings. She believes in the process and is grateful for the opportunity to participate and make her voice heard.

Question 2. What motivated you to run for Mayor?

Ms. Anderson stated that when she decided to sign up, it was because only one other person had applied and that was the current Mayor, Brent Chugg. She has no problems with him, but she wanted to make sure that the citizens of the community as well as the members of the City Council had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Chugg as well as any one else applying. She wanted the Council to have a choice and she does not like to see people running for positions unopposed. She also has many strong feelings and is passionate about North Ogden. She believes in the City and believes she is the kind of person that could help move it in the right direction; she recognizes diversity is a good thing and that will help her to deal with conflict. It is necessary to take advantage of unique things about every individual in the community. She concluded that when she believes in something, she gives her all and that is why she is here today.

Question 3. What do you see as the future of North Ogden City regarding residential development and commercial development?

Ms. Anderson stated that when she looks at North Ogden, she views it is a 'dead-end' City, but not in a negative way. She means that North Ogden is at the end of the road and people will only come here if they live here, if they need to visit someone in the community, or to shop. That is why it is important to have the right businesses that will cater to the citizens of the City as well as draw people from other communities to shop here. The City can only attract certain types of businesses because of its size and demographics; this may be smaller stores that cater to the desires of the residents. She is not sure of all the types of businesses that would be successful here, but she is willing to have an open mind. She then cited the following quote relative to residential development: 'Keep your home spirit. Keep your unique flavor. Don't try to grow so fast that you lose it. Bigness is not always excellence; the importance of individual personality and the strength of individual friendships are greater than to be able to boast statistics of great populations. Keep the spirit of neighborliness.' She stated the leaders should be building a City recognizing where the City started, where it is right now, and where it should go in the future. Those three can be incorporated to make this the most unique family-friendly City ever.



Question 4. How well do you handle conflicts and complaints from citizens?

Ms. Anderson stated that she believes it is possible to reach across the table to one another and share views; it will not be possible for everyone to agree, but at the end of the day it is necessary to consider what is best for the City and all of its residents. As long as voices are heard, a difference will be made. She knows from experience that one voice can make a difference and it is possible to share opposing views and come away as equal citizens.

Question 5. Phase one of the Barker Park Amphitheater project has been completed. What do you see moving forward for the Amphitheater project in future phases and how would you handle the positive and negative comments about the project?

Ms. Anderson stated the City has spent a lot of money on the project and intends to spend more still, but at the beginning of the project there should have been a plan for how the facility would be used, how it would benefit the City, how it will be maintained, and the funding sources for all of those things. That plan is still missing. Some people have said that it might be a good idea to tear the facility down, but she would not support that unless a study were completed that indicated it would be less expensive to tear it down and wipe away the money that has been spent than to maintain it into the future. That study is necessary, and she would support that type of work being done. She also wants to be conscious of those living around the facility. It may be possible to continue the project at a lower cost than what has been projected. The project has caused a lot of contention in the City and it is time to put that aside and bring people together that are willing to consider the pros and cons of the project. Citizens, the Council, and staff need to step up and evaluate how to use the facility in a way that will benefit everyone.

**e. Steven Huntsman**

Question 1. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Mr. Huntsman stated he was raised in Oklahoma and moved to Utah to attend Brigham Young University (BYU). He struggled in college, but earned bachelors and masters degrees in engineering. He and his wife moved to North Ogden over 20 years ago and he is grateful to live here.

Question 2. What motivated you to run for Mayor?

Mr. Huntsman stated that he built his own home in North Ogden and he is grateful he had the opportunity to raise his family here; all but two of his children are married and when he thinks of the benefits he received from living here, he feels strong about providing that same opportunity for future generations. Everyone should have the ability to build their home in a safe and wholesome community.

Question 3. What do you see as the future of North Ogden City regarding residential development and commercial development?

Mr. Huntsman stated he feels more commercial development is needed; it would be nice to have more restaurant options and other shopping venues so that residents are not forced to leave North Ogden to find what they are looking for.

Question 4. How well do you handle conflicts and complaints from citizens?

Mr. Huntsman stated that conflict is inevitable. He referenced a Facebook page managed by Council Member Swanson and stated that page is inundated with negative feedback even when the original post may have been positive. Elected officials will lose friends and be criticized for the decisions they have made, but it is still necessary to try to make decisions that benefit the entire community. When receiving criticisms, it is important to understand that the feedback may be coming from one person that is very upset about an issue, but that there are also approximately 20,000 more residents in the City who may not have the same opinion and they are being silent. When receiving criticism, it is important to listen, but to also weigh the feedback provided against what is right and legal.

Question 5. Phase one of the Barker Park Amphitheater project has been completed.

What do you see moving forward for the Amphitheater project in future phases and how would you handle the positive and negative comments about the project?

Mr. Huntsman stated there are five voting members of the City Council and the Mayor does not vote; the job of the Mayor is to implement the policies enacted by the Council and he plans to have no other influence than that if he is selected as the Mayor. He may not support a decision made by the Council, but he will implement and administer it while trying his best to bring the community together. He stated there has been a lot of criticism of the Mayor in the past, but it is important to recognize that the City Council enacts laws and regulations.

**4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER TEMPORARY MAYOR**

City Recorder Spendlove then provided an overview of the process the Council will follow to select a temporary Mayor; the State Code governing this process is somewhat vague, but it is clear that two votes must take place before an individual can be selected. The first vote can be to narrow the field of candidates to two and the second vote can be to select the final individual to be appointed. The vote must be public.

Mayor Pro Temp Stoker facilitated the process by which each Council Member would declare their votes.

Council Member Swanson stated his first vote is for Mr. Chugg and his second vote is for Mr. Huntsman.

Council Member Barker stated his first vote is for Mr. Chugg and his second vote is for Ms. Christensen.

Council Member Cevering stated his first vote is for Mr. Chugg and his second vote is for Ms. Anderson.



Council Member Turner stated his first vote is for Mr. Chugg and his second vote is for Ms. Anderson.

Mayor Pro Temp Stoker stated her first vote is for Mr. Chugg and her second vote is for Mr. Huntsman.

Ms. Spendlove declared that Mr. Chugg got the highest number of votes and there is a tie for second place; the tie between Ms. Anderson and Mr. Huntsman will be broken by coin flip. After three flips of a coin, Ms. Anderson was declared the candidate that will be considered along with Mr. Chugg. Ms. Spendlove instructed all Council Members to vote for one person.

Council Member Turner voted for Mr. Chugg.

Council Member Cevering voted for Mr. Chugg.

Council Member Barker voted for Mr. Chugg.

Council Member Swanson voted for Mr. Chugg.

Mayor Pro Temp Stoker voted for Mr. Chugg.

**Council Member Swanson motioned to appoint M. Brent Chugg as Temporary Mayor of North Ogden City through the end of calendar year 2019. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.**

**Voting on the motion:**

<b>Council Member Barker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Cevering</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Temp Stoker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Swanson</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Turner</b>	<b>aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**5. POSSIBLE SWEARING IN OF APPOINTED TEMPORARY MAYOR**

City Recorder Spendlove administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Brent Chugg as the North Ogden City Temporary Mayor.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Winn, 2412 Barker Parkway, thanked all individuals who applied to be considered for the Mayor position. He sees this as the beginning of the Mayoral election, which will be held in the fall of 2019; there are many good people in the City who care deeply.

Julie Anderson, 940 E. 2600 N., congratulated Mayor Chugg and wished him success over the next year. She also applauded the citizens who were in attendance tonight for their participation. She thanked the Council for the opportunity to be considered for appointment to the position of Mayor.

Janis Christensen, 1233 E. 2250 N., also congratulated Mayor Chugg and stated that it was a privilege to participate in this process. She also asked that the Mayor and Council consider the comments she made tonight about the negativity that has been present in the City in the past several months and that City officials consider 'cleaning up' social media channels controlled by the City to allow diversity with respect. She asked that the City leadership not continue along the same path that it has suffered over the past year.

Mona Wald, 2457 N. 750 E., congratulated Mayor Chugg and thanked him for his willingness to serve. She offered some insight into the opinions that have been shared about the classification of the City as a bedroom community. She does not see that happening for much longer and she feels it would be smart to vie for quality growth and development. Growth is spreading throughout the entire State and it is not something that North Ogden can avoid for much longer and she encouraged the Council to take advantage of the current market and plan wisely for growth and expansion.

Terry Bexell, 3432 N. 875 E., stated he has not been involved in City government much, but it has been humbling to him to watch this process and hear the different views that have been expressed. Every person was very qualified and very smart and it was great to hear their views. It seems that the current climate is that people tend to take offense to things too easily and he asked that everyone fight that urge and to not take offense when no offense was intended. He stated he is happy to see Mayor Chugg continue and he thinks the City is on a great track. He thanked the entire Council for the time they dedicate to their position.

Peggy Barker, 2553 N. Fruitland Drive, stated that she took notes tonight to write the inspiring things that each candidate said; she was very inspired tonight and everyone who spoke has something to offer to the community. She encouraged the City to take advantage of that and use them and rely upon their strengths over the next year.



Bob Buswell, 962 E. 3025 N., agreed that growth is inevitable; when he returned to North Ogden after serving an LDS mission, he looked out his back door and saw houses built behind his. He asked his father why he allowed people to build there and his father told him a story about previous generations having the same experience. There is always someone that has let another person build behind them and that growth is natural for any community.

Taylor Averett, 1019 E. 2950 N., stated that he thinks it would be appropriate for the City to show its appreciation to the later Mayor Taylor by renaming the City's skate park after him. That would show how much Mayor Taylor did for the community and how he worked to educate the community. He concluded by congratulating Mayor Chugg.

## 7. COUNCIL/MAYOR/STAFF COMMENTS

Council Member Turner thanked everyone who applied for the position of Mayor and he reminded the entire audience that there will be four elected positions open in the 2019 election. Serving is a great opportunity and he has met more people than he would have otherwise. He encouraged anyone interested in serving to declare their candidacy.

Council Member Cevering echoed Council Member Turner's comments and stated that the Council benefits by hearing comments from the residents. He then asked Mayor Chugg to pass onto the Public Works Department his gratitude for the snow removal service they provide to the community. He then reported on a sign that has fallen upside down that needs to be repaired. He then stated that he has been approached by several residents about a public survey that is being circulated, yet he was not aware of the survey. He asked that the Council be informed of those types of things before they are made public so that he can answer questions.

Council Member Barker reported on two recent fires that were responded to with success by the North View Fire District; the City's fire supply was adequate to handle the fires. He then stated that he agrees that the City's snow plowing team does a great job and the work they perform results in fewer vehicle accidents than are seen in other communities.

Council Member Swanson stated that he would echo the comments about the snow plowing team, and he congratulated the North View Fire District for their successful response to difficult fire situations. He also thanked all residents in attendance this evening.

Council Member Stoker thanked all candidates who applied for the Mayor position; one must be thick skinned to be willing to serve in this capacity. She also thanked citizens for their love of the community and for getting involved. She added the City does have great employees who make North Ogden a great City to live in.

Ms. Spendlove stated she appreciates the respect and reverence that each candidate had for the process that was followed tonight; she agreed each candidate was high quality.

City Administrator/City Attorney Call responded to Mr. Anderson's comments about the sledding in Barker Park; he has instructed the Parks and Recreation Department to visit the park and take precautions to avoid liability. He then reported on the need to hold a special meeting to discuss the detention basin project on 2550 North; the discussion will be held January 22. He then discussed the survey referenced by Council Member Cevering and noted that it pertains to amendments to the General Plan relative to a mandate from the State of Utah pertaining to affordable housing options. He stated that he will keep the Council apprised of the progress and results of the study.

Mayor Chugg thanked all residents for their participation this evening and thanked the other four candidates who were willing to serve as Mayor of the City.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Stoker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.**

**Voting on the motion:**

<b>Council Member Barker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Cevering</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Stoker</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Swanson</b>	<b>aye</b>
<b>Council Member Turner</b>	<b>aye</b>

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**



  
M. Brent Chugg, Mayor

S. Annette Spendlove  
S. Annette Spendlove, MMC  
City Recorder

February 26, 2019  
Date Approved