

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

Present:

City Council:

Braden Mitchell, Mayor
Alan Arnold, Councilmember
Bart Stevens, Councilmember
Anne Hansen, Councilmember
Mike Richter, Councilmember
Stacey Haws, Councilmember

City Employees:

Steve Brooks, City Administrator/Attorney
Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
Shawn Douglas, Public Works Director
Jared Sholly, Fire Chief
Casey Warren, Police Chief
Michelle Marigoni, City Recorder

Excused:

Visitors:

Bonnie Young
Wanda Ney
Amy Ann Spiers
Kathy Eskelsen
Kent Anderson

Welcome & Roll Call

The City Council meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, including all Council Members and all members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mitchell invited Michael Richter to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Steve Brooks offered the invocation.

Public Comment

Mayor Mitchell invited any member of the public with questions or concerns to address the Council and asked that they keep their comments to approximately three minutes, noting no action will be taken during public comment. There were none.

Presentations and Reports

Mayor's Report

A recent senior center meeting was attended by various elected officials from the county. The meeting highlighted disparities in funding and support for senior services among different cities. A chart presented during the meeting showcased what each city offered in terms of senior services, what the county provided in funding and resources, and what each city contributed. Riverdale was notably at the bottom of the list, receiving no county funding despite providing various services such as daily meals and a building. The issue will be addressed further in upcoming meetings.

Additionally, he brought up the Truth in Taxation bill, which proposes requiring an election for any tax increase. This bill has gained support at the state level due to resident preferences but has raised concerns about its potential impact on local tax policies and budgeting processes.

City Council Assignment Reports

Introduction of Bonnie Young, CERT Program Volunteer Coordinator for Riverdale (Chief Sholly)

Chief Sholly introduced Bonnie Young, who was passionate about volunteering, works for Team Rubicon, and agreed to volunteer for Riverdale City. She gave a brief biography.

A. Consent Items

1. Consideration to approve meeting minutes from:

January 16, 2024 Council Work Session
January 16, 2024 Council Meeting

Councilor Hansen changed one word from “meeting” to “discussion”

MOTION: Councilmember Arnold moved to approve the meeting minutes with Councilmember Hansen’s suggested change. Councilmember Richter seconded the motion. There was not any discussion regarding this motion. The motion passed unanimously in favor.

2. Consideration to ratify the Planning Commission Election results for Kent Anderson as Chair and Amy Ann Spiers as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Eggett reported the election results were unanimous, and he would endorse both commissioners in their respective positions.

MOTION: Councilmember Arnold moved to approve consent to ratify the Planning Commission Election Results. Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion. There was not any discussion regarding this motion. The motion passed unanimously in favor.

Mayor Mitchell thanked the Planning Commissioners for their contributions.

B. Action Items

1. Discussion regarding proposed amendment(s) to the Riverdale City Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

Mr. Cardon explained the need to reallocate funding following the retirement of a full-time employee who held multiple responsibilities. This included transferring code enforcement duties to the police department and fire inspections to the fire department. The reallocation of funds was not an increase, but that it would streamline the budget process for the upcoming year. Mr. Cardon clarified that the adjustment was previously discussed during budget meetings in June and in the fall, and that further adjustments based on actual revenues may be required in a future amendment.

2. a. Public Hearing to receive and consider comments regarding proposed amendment(s) to the Riverdale City budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

MOTION: Councilor Arnold moved to open the public hearing.
SECOND: Councilor Hansen

Councilor Hansen	Yes
Councilor Arnold	Yes
Councilor Stevens	Yes
Councilor Haws	Yes
Councilor Richter	Yes

The public hearing was opened at 6:20 pm.

Public Comments: None

MOTION: Councilor Arnold moved to close the public hearing.
SECOND: Councilor Haws

Councilor Haws	Yes
Councilor Richter	Yes
Councilor Stevens	Yes
Councilor Arnold	Yes
Councilor Hansen	Yes

The public hearing was closed at 6:21 pm.

b. Consideration of Resolution #2024-02 amending the Riverdale City budget for FY2024.

MOTION: Councilor Hansen moved to approve Resolution 2024-02 amending the Riverdale City budget for FY2024 with the removal of section two as it is not needed in this instance.

SECOND: Councilor Richter

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Arnold:	Yes
Councilor Hansen:	Yes
Councilor Stevens:	Yes
Councilor Richter:	Yes
Councilor Haws:	Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

H. Comments

Councilor Hansen expressed gratitude to Kathy Eskelsen, former chair of the Planning Commission, acknowledging her exceptional performance and professionalism in maintaining order over the past couple of years.

Mr. Brooks addressed some administrative matters, including distribution of Chromebooks for the council. He announced the departure of Mike Eggett, who served for 11 years and had accepted a position with Centerville City. Mike's contributions were praised, particularly his meticulous work on significant projects such as zoning changes and moderate-income housing initiatives. Mike also shared his appreciation for the opportunities and experiences he gained in Riverdale and expressed confidence in the city's future. City staff and councilors offered their farewell messages to Mike, recognizing his contributions and expressing appreciation for his professionalism and dedication. The mayor acknowledged the impact of Mike's departure on the city and emphasized the need for swift action in finding a replacement, particularly concerning salary competitiveness. While Mike's departure poses challenges, the city is determined to continue its operations smoothly. Discussions regarding the hiring process and potential challenges in salary competitiveness were also addressed.

The Mayor brought up scheduling a strategic planning meeting for the city council to delve into pressing issues. After considering the matter, it was proposed to include Mr. Brooks in the meeting. The goal is to establish council values and priorities before delving into deeper discussions.

Regarding the budget meeting, it was mentioned that it would likely take place in the first week of March, possibly on the 5th, when department heads will present capital requests. The strategic planning meeting could potentially follow this budget meeting. Additionally, the Bonneville CTC requested to be included in the agenda for the next meeting for a presentation.

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Arnold moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hansen and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Date Approved: