

City of Washington Terrace

Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting

Held on March 19, 2024

City Hall, 5249 South 400 East, Washington Terrace City, Utah

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Mark C. Allen

Council Member Jill Christiansen

Council Member Zunayid Z. Zishan

Council Member Cheryl Parkinson

Council Member Jeff West

Council Member Michael Thomas

City Manager Tom Hanson

City Recorder Amy Rodriguez

Fire Chief Clay Peterson

Others Present

Mike Lawrence

1. WORK SESSION

5:00 P.M.

• Fire Department Terrace Capital Investment Plan (TCIP)

Hanson stated that there are a lot of capital requirements to keep the Fire Department operational.

Hanson stated that our pump truck is in need of replacement. Hanson stated that he and Chief Peterson worked with Rep. Blake Moore on a funding grant opportunity. Hanson stated that they worked with the state legislature, neighboring cities, and the county for letters of support. Hanson stated that the city was approved for funding for community support. He stated that he received a call that the city did receive the federal funding. He stated that the City will receive \$467,000. Hanson stated that this will make it affordable to get a vehicle that will be beneficial to the city for years to come.

Chief Peterson stated that the vehicle he is looking into will be completed by July, 2024. He noted that most apparatus builds are three to four years out. He stated that the vehicle cost is \$772,498. He stated that our current apparatus barely fits in his bay at 48 feet. He stated that it is hard to maneuver through some of the narrow streets. Peterson stated that the new vehicle will be 30 feet and more manageable. Hanson stated that he will see if the grant will cover outfitting the truck. He anticipates extra costs for outfitting. The city match is estimated at \$347,000. Peterson stated that we are currently spending \$15,000 on maintenance on the apparatus. He stated that we have used it for double it's intended life span. He stated that there are reliability issues with the pumper.

Chief Peterson stated that the item will be brought before Council for approval in an upcoming meeting. Chief Peterson highlighted some of the equipment capital needs. He stated that our replacement plan for

45 the Ladder 51 (built in 2002) is on a 25 year replacement plan. He stated that a replacement vehicle
46 (estimated to be purchased in 2030) is 1.8 million dollars. He stated that Council will need to consider
47 whether we want to purchase a new truck and keep it it's lifespan, or purchase used for a lower cost, but
48 lose years of service on the vehicle. He stated that newer vehicles ensure alignment with current
49 firefighting standards. Council Member Parkinson asked if the neighboring cities have ladder trucks and
50 is it a necessity that we have this type of vehicle if we could use another cities' vehicle. Peterson
51 explained the automatic aid scenario. He stated that there is a possibility that one of their vehicles could
52 be un-operational. Peterson stated that we need to have two apparatus in the city for ISO rating. He is
53 waiting to hear whether a ladder truck must be one of them.

54 Hanson stated that Washington Terrace would have a significant increase if we were to join South Ogden
55 and Riverdale City in a joint Fire Department. Hanson stated that we increased our shift personnel to
56 three per shift so that we could participate in Automatic Aid. He stated that the other two cities were very
57 supportive. Hanson stated that many times it feels like we are paying for something that we may not use
58 very often, however, he noted that we are paying for ability to respond. Hanson stated that we are looking
59 at the impact for our Insurance Rating Value. Council Member Parkinson stated that we want to make
60 sure that our city is receiving the services that we need. Council Member West stated that we have been
61 fortunate to find vehicles that still have a good service life.

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63 Chief Peterson stated that the SCBA fill station was purchased on the 2015 CDBG cycle. They are
64 expected to be replaced in 2030, which is every two cycles in accordance with NFPA replacement
65 recommendations.

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67 Chief Peterson stated that the Motorola Radios purchased last year were to upgrade equipment to be in
68 compliance with state equipment and radio towers. He stated that we received funding from CDBG grant.
69 Peterson put a ten year life span on the radios (2032), with an of estimate of \$150,000.

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71 Chief Peterson that the old Brush truck was falling apart. He stated that the new vehicle this year was
72 purchased with CDBG funds. He stated that we were able to transfer the equipment off of the old vehicle
73 to the new vehicle. He stated that the replacement is a 20 year replacement (2044).

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75 Chief Peterson stated that fire equipment for fire service is expensive. He stated that there are things that
76 the city tries to do to make costs reasonable.

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78 Chief Peterson stated that we have a very good working relationship with Ogden City, noting that we
79 have an agreement to use their battalion chief as back up. He stated that we also have two Odgen
80 ambulance firefighters in station, to make them a five man crew. Hanson stated that Ogden City pays us
81 to have their ambulance service out of our station.

93 **MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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99 Council Member Michael Thomas
100 City Manager Tom Hanson
101 City Recorder Amy Rodriguez
102 Fire Chief Clay Peterson
103 Public Works Director Jake Meibos
104 Code Enforcement Officer Martin Nish
105 General Planner Tyler Seaman

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107 **Others Present**

108 Mike Lawrence, Cal Mccrary, Adam Stever, Joseph Langford, Tina Beasley, Ulis Gardiner, Paul Klema,
109 Becky Parr

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111 **2. ROLL CALL**

6:00 P.M.

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113 **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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117 **5. CONSENT ITEMS**

118 **5.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

119 The Mayor suggested moving the Communities that Care presentation to before citizen
120 comments, as they will have to leave to present to another city.

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122 **5.2 APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

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124 **5.3 MAYOR TO ASSIGN A COUNCIL MEMBER TO BE A PART OF THE**
125 **EVALUATION TEAM TO REVIEW THE AUDIT RFP BIDS**

126 The Mayor explained that he would like Council Member West, himself, Finance Director Shari'
127 Garrett, and City Manager Tom Hanson to sit on the evaluation team reviewing the bids from the
128 Audit RFP.

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130 **Items 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 were approved by general consent.**

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132 **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

133 Becky Parr stated that she is for chickens and asked that Council take facts, and not opinions, into
134 account for the discussion on chickens.

135 She stated that the crossing guard at 300 West is fantastic, but she stated that children are trying to pass
136 the busy road and she has seen several near misses of children being hit by drivers who are speeding or
137 not paying attention. She asked for a flashing crosswalk sign so vehicles could be more attentive to the
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Adam Stever stated that he has not seen the City Council or anyone discuss urban chickens in an open forum. He stated would like an open forum because there are pros and cons on each side to be heard. He stated that there is room for reason if the yard space allows. He believes there is room to work on the topic and feels Council is headed in the right direction. Stever suggested a trial program and see what happens. He stated that he is a big believer in personal accountability. He stated that he would concede where he places his chicken coop for a one time inspection. He stated that there is a give and take on the topic.

Mike Lawrence expressed his concern is on the traffic on 300 West and asked why the city doesn't put speed bumps in the area to slow the speed of traffic. He stated that it is possible the speed is continuing because we don't have strong enforcement from the City or law enforcement. He stated that a speed bump may slow people down.

Joseph Langford express support for backyard chickens. He stated that he heard that a proposed ordinance has restrictions would be similar to Clearfield City. He stated that his concern is that the lot size must be more than 6000 feet and asked if an exception could be added if a resident can show that their backyard is large enough for the chickens.

Tina Beesley stated that she is for chicken. She stated that she lives off of 4400 South and observed that traffic does not stop for the children crossing the street. She stated that there are a lot of kids in the street. She stated that this is a huge concern because parents cannot always be out there to watch for the kids. She noted that not everyone takes into consideration the 25 mph speed limit.

Ulis Gardiner stated that he doesn't care if people want chickens as long as they take care of them. He stated that there are a lot of houses in the city not being taken care of and people shouldn't have chickens if they can't take care of them.

Gardiner stated that people coming down the hill are speeding and asked why we can't have enforcement sitting in those spots giving out tickets. He stated that there are a lot of stop signs that that people don't slow down for. He stated that it used to be that people said not to speed in the Terrace and it should be that way again.

Cal McCrary stated that he is in support of those who want to have chickens as long as they take care of their animals. He stated that there will be a time where we all will have to raise food in our yards because of the Federal Government. He stated that the Federal Government is printing trillions of dollars and it will catch up to them one day. He stated that they do not live by a budget.

He stated that in the state of the world we shouldn't be focused on chickens. He stated that we have to watch our money. He stated that he heard the work session and wanted Council to know that citizens don't have money to raise taxes for the fire equipment. He stated that we should focus on important things like speeding, not chickens. He stated that it is all about enforcement. He stated that the red light on 4700 is run all the time and almost hitting the people. He stated that the police need to watch that.

Paul Klema stated that he saw four drug busts going on by the church. He stated that people don't care about drugs, only speeders.

Mayor Allen stated that he wanted to talk about law enforcement. He stated that the Weber Sheriff Office is the finest in the state. He stated that he receives daily police reports and sees a lot of traffic stops on 4700 South, 4400 South, 5000 South, and 300 West, stating that the officers are out there. He stated that sometimes there are two vehicles at the school crossings waiting for speeders. He stated that there is only

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188 so much manpower. He stated that there is a traffic squad in the county, and he wishes we could have that
189 every day to send a message but we don't have enough money to get that many people out there. He
190 stated that hopefully the word is getting around. Mayor Allen stated that there are tickets and stops issued
191 everyday, and asked the residents to spread the word, they are out there. He stated that our Sheriff Office
192 does a fantastic job.

193 Mayor Allen stated that speed bumps are not good for snow plows.

194 Mayor Allen stated that there may be some areas of enforcement that we can work on, but he stated that
195 he wanted to stand up for the Sheriff Traffic and Street Crime Divisions. Mayor Allen thanked the two
196 officers in attendance.

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198 Mayor Allen stated that he appreciates the comments from the citizens and that they followed the citizen
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202 7. NEW BUSINESS

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205 7.1 PRESENTATION: COMMUNITIES THAT CARE

206 Leann Povey, representing the Bonneville Communities that Care, presented to Council. She stated that
207 the 5k run to be held on August 4th is to promote awareness about alternatives to opioids and misused
208 drugs. Povey stated that there will be a "Take Back" event on April 27 at Macey's grocery store to take
209 back unused medication. The event will be from 10am until 2pm.. She stated that law enforcement take
210 the unused drugs and the DEA disposes them properly. Povey stated that Bonneville High will hold a
211 celebration of the successes that they have had in reducing the number of underage drinking. This event
212 will be on May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m..

213 Povey explained that the Communities that Care is a Coalition of volunteers work with the schools to
214 prevent under age drinking and misuse of drugs .They receive grants and use the funds for students in the
215 Bonneville cone (Uintah, Washington Terrace , Riverdale, South Ogden). She stated that a lot of good
216 things have happened because of the coalition. She stated that volunteers look at risks, sheriff statistics,
217 protective factors and use data based research.

218 She stated that they have a youth group that completed an environmental scan.

219 The youth group presenting was comprised of Fara Bowthorpe, Tate Christiansen, and Brooke
220 Boardman.

221 Bowthorpe stated that the environmental scan focuses on off premise(convenience and grocery stores)
222 alcohol sales in the community. Christiansen stated that the average time open for the stores that sell
223 alcohol is 16 hours. Boardman stated that they did not see a lot of "oversized" alcohol products and did
224 not observe anyone drinking on premises.

225 Bowthorpe stated that they did not observe any minors purchasing alcohol during their scan. They also
226 did not get the opportunity to observe anyone being "I.D.", but stated that there was good signage posted
227 that the stores would not sell alcohol to minors. She noted that he employees stated that they has all been
228 EASY trained to not sell to minors. Boardman stated that they observed that some alcohol is cheaper than
229 energy drinks. She noted that some facilities had alcohol down the aisle from kids toys.

230 Bowthorpe stated that they were grateful to the stores for being in compliance and practicing the EASY
231 Law. Bowthorpe asked the Council to write letters to the stores that they observed in the City to thank
232 them for abiding by the laws and regulations.

233 Povey stated that the scan results were an improvement over the last time they were completed. She
234 stated that there has been a huge boost to keep outside alcohol signage down.

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Council Member Zishan asked Hanson to put the April 27th “Take Back” event in the newsletter and get the word out through social media.

Council Member Parkinson complimented the youth and their group on the work that they are doing. She stated that she appreciates their positive message to promote healthy living.

Hanson stated that Povey is retiring and thanked her for making a difference in our community. He stated that we appreciate her and she will be missed. Hanson thanked her for her veracity and hard work ethic and all the work that she has accomplished.

7.2 DISCUSSION/MOTION: APPROVAL OF DONATION TO THE BONNEVILLE PTSA FOR THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION PARTY FOR THE 2024 GRADUATING CLASS

Hanson stated that the annual party is an alcohol- free supervised party held for the graduating seniors. He stated that historically the Council donates \$500.00 out of their Public Relations fund for the graduating class. Council Member Parkinson stated that the Community that Cares ties beautifully into this function and want to make sure the seniors are making wise choices and stay safe on their special night. Council Member West stated that he echoes Council Member Parkinson’s sentiments. Hanson stated that the Youth Council has stuffed the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, as well as spring clean up on May 4, 2024.

**Motion by Council Member West
Seconded by Council Member Thomas
To approve the donation of \$500.00 to
The Bonneville PTSA for the celebration party for the
2024 graduating class
Approved unanimously (5-0)**

7.3 MOTION: APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE CRACK SEAL PROJECT

Meibos stated that the bids for the three- year contract were opened last week. This will lock in pricing and consistency. He stated that it will also let us work closely with the contractor on progress. He stated that we received 8 bids for the RFP. He stated that the project seals the cracks in the roads and extends the road life by several years.

He stated that the project is based off of tonnage of material. He stated that the bids came in a little higher this year. He stated that due to inflation and material costs, he anticipates to increase the budgeted amount to \$30,000, up from \$20,000. Meibos stated that Asphalt Preservation came in as the low bid of \$2380 per ton. Meibos stated that he will present an area of the roads and Asphalt Preservation will give an estimate of how much tonnage that they will need. It will be evaluated at that time.

Meibos stated that last year we used 17 tons. He stated that the price will be locked in for three years at \$2380 per ton. Hanson stated that Meibos evaluates the roads throughout the city and gives a long-range scope of where the work will be done so that it is higher need in an environment that makes sense.

279 Hanson stated that he appreciates Meibos putting together a plan for the best needs and best value for the
280 city.

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282 **Motion by Council Member Parkinson**

283 **Seconded by Council Member Thomas**

284 **To award the contract for the Road Maintenance Crack Seal Project**

285 **To Asphalt Preservation**

286 **as recommended by staff**

287 **Approved unanimously (5-0)**
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290 **7.4 PRESENTATION: FIRE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT**

291 Chief Peterson reported to Council that there were 1265 calls for fire and EMS in 2022.
292 He stated that the totals for 2024, they have run 321 calls in the two and a half months of the new year.
293 He stated that 30 percent of their call volume goes to the nursing/assisted living centers in the city.
294 Peterson stated that they responded to structure fires in Ogden six times this year already. He stated that
295 we have a lot of experience within our volunteer fire department and staffed at 36 firefighters in the
296 department. He stated that there are three people on twenty- four hours a day.
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298 **7.5 DISCUSSION/ACTION: URBAN CHICKENS WITHIN CITY LIMITS**

299 Mayor Allen stated that this item was originally discussed a year and a half ago and was suggested to be
300 put back on the agenda by several Council Members. He read a few take-aways from the minutes of that
301 meeting, which included: People don't want to live in a rural/farming community; State Veterinary
302 suggested to not sell or give away eggs, that they should be consumed by the owner's because of
303 diseases; Residents don't want raccoons and rats; Concerns for backyard cleanliness; Proper care of the
304 chickens; and the cost of regulation. He stated that the Council voted to keep the ordinance as is and not
305 allow chickens.
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307 Mayor Allen stated that he and Council have been flooded by emails within the last few weeks. He stated
308 that he received input for both ways.

309 Mayor Allen stated that he received a packet on diseases spread by chicken and backyard animals that are
310 passed to other animals and humans.

311 Mayor Allen stated that he feels that we are too close together to have farm animals. It is his opinion that
312 the community is too tight. He stated that we are 9000 people within a two square mile radius and
313 personally feels this is too close. He stated that residents are saying they don't care if we allow chickens,
314 but they may care more if it is their neighbor. He stated that he is concerned with cleanliness.

315 Mayor Allen stated that there is a cost of regulating, noting that code enforcement spends a lot of time on
316 unsightly yards and parking issues. He stated that he doesn't agree that people will take care of their
317 chickens when people won't mow their lawns and we have to hire someone to tell them. to tell them.

318 Council Member Parkinson thanked residents for voicing what they want and need in the city. He noted
319 that when residents write in for or against chickens, they should give context as to why. Council Member
320 West read the email from a resident with an opposition, which included: Home lots are not large enough

321 to be far enough away from home structures for hygiene; Health of the animals; Smaller lots can't
322 support backyard chickens; as for self-sustaining practices, there are other practices, such as gardening.
323 He stated that the email states that not all practices cannot be contained to your own yard and that living
324 in a city is a social contract. He read that she stated that some individual rights are forfeited when you
325 live in a city and community. The email continued to state that rodents and rats will be attracted to
326 chicken coops and that not all activities are individual activities.

327 Council Member West stated that Mr. Stever had a good idea for a conditional use permit and license fee
328 with restrictions on lot size. Council West read another email stating the benefit of fresh eggs, noting that
329 he too understands the benefit, but also understands the community needs.

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331 Council Member West stated that there is a feeling that we are doing something that no one else is doing.
332 He had compiled ordinances from neighboring cities regarding chickens and read some of the
333 requirements within the ordinances.

334 South Ogden: No area is zoned for farm animals, including chickens.

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336 Washington Terrace City: No area is allowed for chickens. They have never been allowed.

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338 Riverdale: Chickens allowed in an A1 zone and accessories and coops cannot be less than 100 feet from a
339 public street or rear lot line. They must be 25 feet from public roads and any structure.
340 He stated that the lot must be larger than 2 acres. He stated that anything smaller than 20 square feet
341 cannot allow chicken.

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343 Uintah City: Chicken or fowl are allowed on five acre lots. If you have 20,000 square feet you can apply
344 for a permit. It states that no animals can be housed within 25 feet from a main building on adjacent lots.

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346 He stated that these cities have looked at studies and best practices and used the facts to compile their
347 ordinances and regulations. He stated that there is a pattern that most cities that allow chickens have
348 restrictions that the allowed zones are 20,000 square feet/1 acre lots and above.

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350 North Ogden: Conditional permit for one acre lots or above and must have open spaces where the
351 chickens can run. He stated that there must be a 25 foot set back from any adjacent lot.

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353 Ogden City: chickens are allowed in large properties and only housed within 75 feet from a dwelling. He
354 stated that there are a lot of instructions on set backs and how many chickens are allowed.

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356 Council Member West stated that if we make an adjustment to our ordinance, that we should do what
357 other cities are doing and have already tested. He stated that we should look to our neighbors to see what
358 they have been doing for years to minimize impact to the neighboring communities.

359 Council Member West recommended look at a type of conditional use permit and if someone can meet
360 the guidelines set by the Department of Agriculture and Utah State, and have the appropriate offsets to
361 minimize the spread of disease, then he is all for looking into it to see if it makes sense for our city. He
362 noted that only a few lots in our city would be able to benefit from this.

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364 Council Member West read another email from a resident who worked in public service for many years.
365 The email stated that he is opposed to chickens and listed his reasoning. The resident also noted that to
366 his knowledge, the residents who were told to get rid of their chickens last year have not removed them.
367 He stated that enforcement is now doubled and asks how can we enforce this issue. Council Member
368 West stated that adding more code is compounding the issues.
369 Council Member West stated that the resident stated that there are concerns what will happen if the
370 animal dies and what will happen to dilapidated structures. The resident stated that those wanting
371 chickens should go where they can have them. He stated that the manpower cost to provide care for the
372 chickens can be an issue.
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374 Council Member West stated that he appreciates Mr. Stever's view on personal accountability, he stated
375 that not everyone is. He stated that the issue is how do we meet the needs of all citizens while protecting
376 the rights and safety of those who don't want chickens, while providing those who want them to have
377 them. He stated the if we entertain the idea of having site visits and yard restriction we could probably
378 write an ordinance to do that.
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380 Council Member Christiansen stated that took the perspective on all the ordinance research as "look how
381 they made it feasible for their cities", stating that cities have found a way for it to make it work within
382 their unique circumstances. She stated that the cities had some proactive codes to address taking care of
383 their residents. She stated that the issues is how can we mitigate so that the city and other residents are
384 not unduly affected. She stated that we want to make sure animals are treated humanely. She thanked
385 Council Member West for putting the information together from the other cities.
386 Council Member Christiansen stated that she supports changing the ordinance to support backyard hens,
387 noting that she could make it work on her property. She stated that Council has been inundated with
388 comments from residents and the fact of the matter is that people are going to be disappointed. She stated
389 that the reason for her stance isn't because its popular or talked about, but rather it is because it's what we
390 do in the United States. She stated that the nation has the Declaration of Independence and that the we
391 want our citizens to pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Council Member Christiansen stated
392 that she supports chickens for any lot size.
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394 Council Member Zishan read an email for support of chickens. The email stated the resident supports
395 chickens because it is supporting self sufficiency and sense of community. The email stated that
396 allowing chickens is food security, and allows for fresh eggs during times of fragile supply chains. The
397 email stated that chickens require minimal space, supplies fertilizes for gardens, allows for educational
398 opportunities, and fosters a deeper connection with heritage and honors tradition. Council Member
399 Zishan feels that citizens of Washington Terrace make decisions that work or us. He stated that he cannot
400 ban dogs because of the noise or because he doesn't like dogs. Council Member Zishan stated that the
401 citizen facebook page posts about people not cleaning up after their dogs. He stated that people won't
402 take care of dogs, and they won't take care of their chickens. He stated that responsibility always comes
403 with rights and proper code. He stated that we can adapt our city code as time goes on and we learn more
404 from the experience. Council Member Zishan stated that he understands the small area issue, but would

405 like to allow anyone who wants chickens to have them. He suggests that the Council find a middle
406 ground, noting that not everyone is going to be happy.

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408 Council Member West stated that he agrees that there are benefits for residents to have the opportunity
409 to raise chickens, however, he disagrees with the idea that there should be no lot restrictions. Council
410 Member Zishan stated that we need to think for scope of our city and learn from other cities to find a
411 middle ground that can work.

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413 Council Member Thomas stated that he is seeing a lot of rodents throughout Terrace and South Ogden
414 already. He stated that it is his opinion that it hasn't bothered neighbors enough to report their neighbor's
415 chickens. He stated that we are already dealing with the noise issue as it is and why not have something
416 that is going to sustain life. Council Member Thomas stated that we can work withing a community to
417 make it fit, as we already have the issues that we are talking about.

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419 Council Member Parkinson stated that it is an interesting discussion and has been approached by both
420 sides of the issue. She noted her appreciation that the Council is open to further discussion about it.
421 Council Member Parkinson stated that she is impressed at the needs and desires of the citizens on how to
422 best make this city a place that they would like to live in. She asked if the animal control officer present
423 could give their opinion and experience on the issue.

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425 South Ogden Animal Control Sarah Hayes gave a few insights on the issue. She stated that she is open
426 minded on the issue and wants to educate people. She stated that chickens need space to socialize, be free
427 range, lay eggs, and gather nourishment from the environment. She stated that the enforcement must be
428 correct, as does the size of the lots.

429 Hayes noted that disease is real with chickens. She stated that raccoons and rodents are everywhere, but it
430 becomes a problem when the racoons attack chicken and passes on rabies, She stated that anyone with
431 chickens should educate themselves on the procedure if a racoon kills a chicken. She stated that it must
432 be taken to a laboratory for testing and the residents will be charged for the testing. She stated that
433 raccoons carry diseases and chickens can pass on disease to humans, dogs, cats, and other chickens.
434 Hayes stated that if people can follow guidelines they should be free to choose to do so. She also noted
435 that there are many people do not abide by the rules. She is concerned with people dumping animals,
436 stating that the shelters are full to the max.

437 Council Member Zishan asked if closed enclosure helpful against raccoons. Hayes stated that it helps
438 with enclosures and correct chicken wire. She stated it is helpful to keep them contained, but it is always
439 better to have the chickens free-range.

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441 Code Enforcement Officer Marin Nish spoke to council spoke his concerns on the safety of animals as
442 well at the nuisance issues. He stated that the hard part of code enforcement is not licensing the chicken if
443 they get out. He stated that he has concerns with court cases and being able to defend the case in court if
444 he is not allowed to view the backyard for enforcement.

445 Council Member West stated that Council should think about how they feel about a code enforcement
446 officer going onto private property to check on enforcement.

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448 Officer Hayes stated that closed enclosures never stay closed. She stated that owners open up the gate so
449 the chickens can range. She stated that it would be good to tag the chickens so they can be identified if
450 they get out.
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452 Council Member West asked if we could continue discussions and look at options. Mayor Allen
453 suggested to include Nish and Hayes in the discussions.
454 Hanson suggested a small group guide the discussion to have a starting point to move forward..
455 Hanson stated that he will have documents available to work with as a starting point to be refined. He
456 stated that the group could give guidelines as to what may work for our city and lot lines, and bring that
457 to Council to see how we can be helpful to those who want to have chickens and those who do not.
458 Council Member Zishan stated that the group could give a proposal or jumping off point and then we can
459 find a work session to work through it.
460 Hanson stated that the baseline will represent a legal appropriate response to those who have animals and
461 those who may be impacted. He stated that we will be looking for balance and opportunity to enforce it.
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463 Hanson stated that we have turned blind eye on chickens because we didn't have clear direction from
464 Council. Council Member Zishan stated that unless there are complaints don't go after them. Nish
465 suggested that if there are active code violations, the resident should not have chickens.

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467 **Motion by Council Member Christiansen**
468 **Seconded by Council Member Thomas**
469 **To respond to complaint- based issues only**
470 **Until the chicken issue is resolved**
471 **Approved unanimously (5-0)**
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475 **8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF**

476 Council Member Christiansen wanted to let Recreation Director Carlos Grava know that he is doing a
477 great job with the programs and appreciates the spring clean- up he is spearheading.
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479 Council Member Zishan thanked Public Works for fixing the potholes.
480 He stated that he has heard concern from multiple parents concerning the Washington Terrace
481 Elementary parking lot, stating that it is broken into pieces. He stated that he understands it is under
482 Weber County School District, but asked if the City could officially request them to fix it, as it is a risk
483 for parents and kids. Mayor Allen stated that he may attend a school board meeting and make them aware
484 of the parking lot. He stated that our Recreation Director made an inspection of their playground and
485 shut it down. He stated that he may call the principal first and see find out some information.
486 Council Member Zishan thanked Council Member West for his hard work on the two new bus lines
487 coming in August.
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489 Council Member Parkinson stated that she appreciates when we have citizens sharing their concerns and
490 ideas, stating that the City should be governed by the people and appreciates how they reach out.
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Council Member Thomas stated that a resident brought vape pipes to him that were in the gutter. He stated that he saw that a marijuana dispenser was also in the gutter and asked about street sweeping. Hanson stated that street sweeping occurs twice a year .

Council Member Thomas stated that he spoke with a resident who had a water break and was losing water as they waited for insurance to pay for the repairs. He asked if the resident could pay the rate that the city pays for the water. Hanson explained the process for the water bill model.

Hanson stated that no matter how the water is used or distributed, residents are required to pay that freight, stating that other payers cannot subsidize someone who has a water leak. Hanson stated that the city is a governing body for Washington Terrace. If the city starts paying for water loss in one area, other rate payers are subsidizing a rate payer who may or may not be maintain their water line. Hanson noted that residents with a leak can ask to have their water turned off. Hanson stated that the AMI metering system will be able to detect leaks hourly. Residents will be able to have an app and see their water data in real time and manage their water use. He noted that City staff watches for alerts on AMI system. The complete AMI project is projected to be completed this year.

Council Member Thomas passed on thanks from residents who were appreciative of pothole repairs in the city.

Mayor Allen stated that the easter egg hunt will be held on March 30th. He suggested that we have bags to give out for people to carry their eggs and candy. Hanson stated that he will get some bags. Council Member Thomas stated that he will reach out to the Communities that Care Coalition for bags as well.

9. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Hanson stated that the Easter egg hunt used some of the money from a grant we received for \$8000. He stated that we get the eggs back each year and recycle them. He noted that Grava did a great job realigning how the easter egg hunt works. He stated that there will be other items handed out and the Community that Cares branding will be on some of the items.

Hanson stated the he appreciates the discussion with Council and residents.

10. UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 28th: Planning Commission Meeting (tentative) 6:00 p.m.**
- April 2nd: City Council Work Session (5:00 p.m.) and meeting (6:00 p.m.)**
- April 16th: Utah League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference : St. George**
- April 16th : Meeting tentatively cancelled**
- April 25th: Planning Commission Meeting (Tentative)**

11. ADJOURN THE MEETING: MAYOR ALLEN

Motion by Council Member West
Seconded by Council Member Parkinson
To adjourn the meeting
Approved unanimously (5-0)
Time: 8:34 pm

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