

City Council April 25, 2024

The regular meeting of the Fountain Green City Council

Start time: 7:02 pm

Attendance: Rod Hansen, Kerry Farnsworth, Kim Johnson, and Jacob Littlefield

Excused: Alyson Strait

Presiding: Mayor Mark Coombs

Prayer: Kerry Farnsworth

Pledge

#2 Request Funding/RSO for High School: Odie Hansen presented the request for funding for a resource officer asking for \$20,000 to start. In the past, the cost of resource officers have been covered yearly by the municipalities that they serve. The cost of two resource officers would be \$280,000. Current funding for the present resource officer is covered by Sanpete County and North Sanpete School District.

One of the proposed additional resource officers would cover Moroni and Fountain Green and be based out of Mt. Pleasant. This would be in addition to the Sheriffs. Mr. Hansen feels that resource officers could provide personal interaction with students, teach classes, help to make kids comfortable, and create positive bonds with kids. He stated that most other places that resource officers are funded are funded by the municipalities.

Chief Steve Gray who is the current resource officer spoke about the benefits of a resource officer. An influence of positivity can occur due to the interaction of two additional resource officers. He feels that having additional officers will allow increased presence in Fountain Green.

They feel that they already have community members that are trained and already have a positive impact on the community that may be interested in becoming these resource officers. Additional resource officers allow for increased early detection programs to identify and support at risk students.

Mayor states that he has spoken with Superintendent Hansen. The Mayor recommends that the Council speak about this issue during the budget meeting as well as the May public meeting and Council meeting.

#1 Comment/Approve Minutes:

No comments from audience

Pending minutes were changed to reflect the following:

The removal of the fire and landfill fees from the Fountain Green City bills will occur starting on Julys bill not Junes.

Correct the spelling of Rod Hansens name in the DUP section.

Rod Hansen motions to accept the minutes with the above corrections. Kerry Farnsworth seconds. Rod Hansen-yes, Kerry Farnsworth-yes, Kim Johnson-yes, Jacob Littlefield-yes.

#10 DUP Remodel Update:

Yvonne Hansen presents on this section. She says thank you to the City for what has been done to the building up to this point. She states that ramps are needed to the exterior building to meet ADA accommodations. She feels that the exterior doors are wide enough but that both exterior doors will need to have a ramp as the inside door between the two rooms is not wide enough for wheelchairs.

Yvonne would also like the floors and walls in the vault done to store, copy, and read documents that are stored at the DUP building. She would like a copy machine in the vault so would also like a plug installed.

Yvonne would also like the outside doors painted.

Rod Hansen asks Yvonne to make a list of her desired upgrades so that we are not repeatedly adding requests. Yvonne says that she will do this. She asks if going back to the insurance company is going to be able to pay for some of these items. She states that it must comply with ADA.

The Mayor asks the question, "What are the possibility of the DUP having open hours?" Yvonne states that this will happen. She wants regular hours with volunteers for things like crochet classes, adult classes, tatting, family nights at the museum, stories, etc.

Mayor states that he thinks the community would be surprised at the amount of history located in the DUP building. Yvonne would like to foster this excitement about Fountain Green's history.

Yvonne states that they have started on the quilt titled Honored and Cherished Traditions of Fountain Green. They will be selling books that contain pictures of each of the quilt blocks placed on the quilt and some history of Fountain Green. The books will come with 12 chances to win the quilt.

As part of the June Jubilee on June 17th. Fountain Green is hosting. Yvonne would like to have a rededication of the DUP building with State and National Officials of the DUP organization.

Mayor states that there is a \$9200 grant that is a matching grant from the National Parks Service which Fountain Green has already met the match portion of. Mayor talked about using this to provide the heating and air conditioning for the DUP building.

#3 Tobacco-Free Policy: Health department officials dropped off a flyer that encouraged municipalities to change their ordinances regarding tobacco use on City properties. Rod Hansen had concerns about the policy as he felt that people that were alone on city property and not near others would become criminals. Mayor states that we already have no smoking rules during Lamb Days when the park is crowded. Rod feels that we should not limit people's rights and that there are adjustments that could be made to the policy. The Mayor recommends that Council Members take the paper and make changes to it that they feel should be made to make it more functional for Fountain Green and then to place it back on the agenda for May. Rod comments that there should be a reasonable distance between smokers and other people. Rod recommended that the City reach out to Six County for any suggestions that they may have. The Mayor says he will do this.

#4 Memorial Day/Lamb Day:

Memorial Day: Jerime Ivory spoke on this subject. The Lions Club would like the northeast bowery for use for the Memorial Day Breakfast. He anticipates that they will be finished by 2 pm. He thinks that the cost of breakfast is \$5 per plate which was the same as it was before. Rod Hansen wants to know if we

can add cold cereal to the breakfast for the kids. Jerime feels that most of the kids that attend the Memorial Breakfast are older and although they may not eat everything, they usually find something to eat. Jerime feels it is more about the atmosphere and meaning of the event than the eating but he will consider it.

The American Legion are doing a flag ceremony and Ryan and Jenny Rindlesbacher would like to use their sound system to read a list of names of those citizens of Fountain Green that have lost their lives in combat. Jerime does not feel that this would take a large amount of time and would honor those soldiers by reading their names with patriotic music. Jerime will coordinate this additional event with the American Legion.

Laura Beagley will get the list and communicate with Jerime Ivory of the names that the City Offices have.

Rod Hansen states that there are websites that you can look up by zip code and campaign and feels that this may help Jerime in his search. The Fountain Green History book also contains a list of names.

Jerime will do his best and wants the community to let him know if they happen to miss anybody so that they can be honored at the next event. Jerime feels like the names read should be buried here in Fountain Green. Rod Hansen and Mayor asked why this is? They feel that all that died in conflict should have their names read. Jerime's worst fear is that he will miss someone.

Lamb Day: Jerime Ivory spoke on Lamb Day as well. Jerime feels that Lamb Days is a magical, special thing. The Lamb Day Committee is gearing up. They have a t-shirt idea. They are heading into planning. He feels that it will be like past years but that they are not having a street dance this year.

Jerime feels that Lamb Days secret is the finding of Joy. It is a sought-after tradition.

Lamb Days will need the lights for the softball tournament. Jerime is hoping the sidewalk will be completed by Lamb Days. Jerime will follow up with law enforcement and let them know the dates and plans of Lamb Days.

Jerime thanks all the volunteers that help make Lamb Day happen each year.

#5 House in Business/Commercial-Kyle & Ryan Lynn: Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve the application. Mayor reads the details of the property. Documents are presented to support the information provided to City Council. All required signatures of City employees are present on the application. City Council is required to vote on this application as it is in the Business/Commercial Zone.

Kerry Farnsworth motions to accept the application. Rod Hansen seconds. Jacob Littlefield-yes, Kim Johnson-yes, Kerry Farnsworth-yes, Rod Hansen-yes.

#6 UDOT Restriping State Street: UDOT wants to know what Fountain Greens decision is. Mayor recommends we leave the striping as is. Rod says that traffic has slowed and is now acceptable. Law enforcement and emergency professionals recommend not restriping and leaving the striping the same as it is now.

Rod Hansen motions to leave striping as is. Kim Johnson seconded the motion. Jacob Littlefield-yes, Kim Johnson-yes, Kerry Farnsworth-yes, Rod Hansen-yes.

Mayor will let UDOT know of the decision.

#7 Commercial Business Licenses: Mayor states that all our business licenses cost the same. He asks the Council if the commercial businesses in the business zone should pay more for a business license? Rod Hansen says we want to draw more businesses so he feels that we don't want to burden those businesses and that it may work against us if we raise license costs. Rod does not see a need to differentiate. Mayor states that he looks at the home businesses paying the same but not having the same opportunity.

Kerry Farnsworth states that new businesses coming into the City should have to come to City Council and have an inspection for safety reasons. Rod Hansen feels that home-based businesses need inspection too.

Todd Robinson (Fire Chief of Fountain Green City) states that the new eatery should be inspected. Mayor states that any commercial business license should be required to go to City Council for approval before a business license is issued. The City Council should be aware of the type of business and its impact on the community. Rod Hansen feels that home businesses should also be inspected by the City Council to assure that there is adequate parking without impeding City streets. The fire chief should also be involved in these inspections to protect neighbors and the City. Businesses such as Childcare and Elder Care also need to be inspected. Mayor asks Todd to make a list of businesses he must inspect.

#8 Award Letter from CDBG: Mayor Coombs presents this. Fountain Green has received an award letter from CDBG for a grant of \$177,916. We have four additional steps that must be made. 1. Attend a mandatory in-person grantee workshop. 2. Hold a second public hearing. 3. Submit a finalized CDBG application in WebGrants3 by May 31, 2024. 4. Prepare and submit environmental review and execute State Contract. The funding is dependent on the release of funds from HUD. The public meeting for this is being held in May.

#9 Fire and Extrication Agreement: Mayor Coombs presents this. Todd Robinson states that he thinks that the money amount for this has increased since last year because of increased certification of fire fighters. This is the yearly agreement for fire and extrication. It is through the county to include efforts outside of Fountain Green as well.

Rod Hansen motions to accept the fire and extrication agreement. Jacob Littlefield seconds the motion. Jacob Littlefield-yes, Kim Johnson-yes, Kerry Farnsworth-yes, Rod Hansen-yes.

#13 Fire Department Report: Todd Robinson states that all is well with the fire department.

#11 Police Report: Mayor Coombs speaks on the police report. He said there were 77 pullovers and most got tickets.

There is a problem with kids racing motorcycles and motor vehicles on the streets especially 100 South. The Council is working on more information to pass on the Sheriff. The kids are wearing helmets so they can't be identified. Rod Hansen asks for information about not riding in the Bar pits and reminder of speed limits in town be placed on the Facebook page and Website. Mayor asks Laura Beagley to write up a statement about no riding in the Bar Pits of the roads and inappropriate riding of motorcycles and ATV's and put it on Facebook and the Website. He would like citizens to report if they know who is participating in these activities.

#12 Code Enforcement/Animal Control: Dog clinic is April 20th. All dog licenses issued in Fountain Green City must have proof of rabies vaccinations. Citizens have until the end of April to license their dogs. If their dogs are not licensed, they may get a visit from Amy and may be ticketed.

#14 Planning Commission Report: Jacob Littlefield commented on this. He states that the site triangle issue, which is now incorporated with the traffic study, and changes to Chapter 7 have been tabled for now pending more information. A total of 4 building permits were approved and an additional building permit was recommended for approval to the City Council as it was located within the Business/Commercial zone.

Rod Hansen has a concern on clarification of whether the porch is included in the 25-foot setback or is it the main structure foundation? Mayor states that if it has a roof, it is part of the structure. Kerry Farnsworth thought that any part of the structure counts so the 25-foot setback measurement would start from the porch so that whatever structure sticks out the farthest is where the measurement starts. Council recommends that the furthest point of the roofline or how far out the stairs go is where the measurement should start.

#15 City Report/Traffic Control Report: Curt Neilson comments in this section. He states that the two water samples have been completed.

Curt has done a lot of set-back checks this month.

Fountain Green has one funeral this month.

Curt is taking the time to revise the leak letter to better reflect that past the meter it is the citizens responsibility to locate and repair the leak on their property. Rod Hansen asks Curt to write a draft letter. Kerry Farnsworth supports the statement that past the meter is the responsibility of the citizen. It is suggested that Curt include a list of approved plumbing contractors with the letter so that citizens might have some resources to call in case of a leak. It is asked that we reach out to several plumbers in the town that might be interested in being included in the leak letter. Curt will have a revision by next City Council for their review.

The water is on at both the Cemetery and the Park for watering of the lawn.

Brandon Ivory is the new cemetery worker. There are presently 10 graves that need to have sod placed.

EcoLife is spraying weeds and bugs.

There will be a public meeting in June for the traffic study starting at 5:30 to 6:30 before Council Meeting. June 20th 2024. Would it be beneficial to put up a poster that shows the average speeds in town so that citizens understand that people are not driving overly fast through town?

Hales Sand and Gravel is doing the chip project on the City roads. They are planning on having it done before July and Lamb Days. Rod Hansen asks if we are going to do a top coat sealing of the roads that are chipped? The Mayor and Curt say that it is not in the plan.

Curt reports that Dean Peckham says the parking lot behind and to the side of the City Hall is becoming damaged. He is getting a bid from Dean as well as other companies to repair/replace this parking lot.

Curt got County approval to place a flashing speed sign on the West Road. Price of the sign is \$5860. He would like to place the flashing speed sign half-way between the 25 miles in 800 feet sign and the 25 mile an hour sign. The sign also records speed. County says that Fountain Green City needs to be the one to install the sign so Curt will place it.

Curt states that the traffic master plan shows 7 t-intersections in Fountain Green and most of those are under controlled. Mayor feels that for each sign it is about \$200 so for 7 intersections it would be an estimated cost of \$1400. Three of the intersections have yield signs so on those we will need only the signs as the posts are in place already. Fountain Green has 3 t-intersections with yield signs and 4 with nothing. Jones and Demille have informed Fountain Green that it is not in compliance. It is felt that Fountain Green should have stop signs to protect the City and its citizens. Curt will follow up with this as well as replace faded decals on some of the other street signs.

The dumpsters are ordered for the City clean up day. Fountain Green needs volunteers to man the dumpsters 8 am to 1 pm. It is suggested that Curt man the dumpsters and that someone else man the burn pit. Mayor reports that the new owners of the landfill will go through the dumpsters if they find anything in the dumpsters that does not belong they will charge the city \$200 per hour to go through the dumpsters.

The IPAD for the GIS system is here. Curt and EPS Design will get that set up and ready to go.

The dog pounds internal walls are framed out and the doors are done. The roof is up.

Curt tells the council that we are responsible for trimming the trees inside the fence at Big Springs. It is a requirement that it be done by June. Curt is working with the Fish Hatchery on this issue. It is asked that Rocky Mountain Power owns this property should they be responsible for the trimming? Mayor will send Curt a contact for him to check and see if Rocky Mountain Power will do the trimming. No herbicides can be used so it all has to be manually removed. Rod proposed that we put up a sign-up sheet on the bulletin boards to ask for volunteers to assist with this if Fountain Green is responsible for it. Rod also thought that it might be a good option for those citizens that need dedicated hunter hours.

Curt says the Mueller water meter parts have a proposed ship date of May 31. Fountain Green has had reoccurring problems with Mueller. Fountain Green has still not received the new reader and are still using a loaner reader that is not working well.

Curt tells the Council that to switch our Fountain Greens water meters to a different company would be \$188,000 for everything. It would be an additional \$21,000 to install. These totals are as low as the company can make them. Holes would have to be cut into the covers for the readings to occur. Moroni has switched to this company. The Mayor asks Curt to provide him with contact information for Mueller.

Curt reminds the Council of the softball tournament in June and that they will need the lights.

Curt plans to turn on the bathrooms at the park sometime in May. He will leave the outside fountains at the park off until after Memorial Day to avoid them freezing.

There is still no answer as to why the natural gas use at the shop is so high.

There are 12 power meters that are owned by Fountain Green that the Council would like exempted from the landfill and fire district fees. Todd says that he needs meter numbers to exempt them from the

fire fee. Mayor will exempt the meters from the landfill when Rocky Mountain Power takes over those fees.

The power poles that Rocky Mountain has had to repair/replace are as follows. 100 S closest to the shop will have a light put back in, 800 S will add a light, removing light between shop and old city building. The question is asked do we need to remove the pole by the old fire station?

#16 City Bills: Mayor brings up the charge for books from the fire station saying it is a lot for books. Todd Robinson informs the Mayor that the cost is for turn out gear as well. The Council would like to know what the charge of \$405.31 is for on the City bills. Michelle Walker will follow up on this and let the Council know. Again, the issue with the gas meter at the shop is still a problem.

Rod Hansen motions to pay the City bills. Jacob Littlefield seconds the motion. Jacob Littlefield-yes, Kim Johnson-yes, Kerry Farnsworth-yes, Rod Hansen-yes.

#17 Miscellaneous:

Jacob Littlefield: Nothing

Kim Johnson: Nothing

Rod Hansen: Wants the Council to review the policy on short term rentals in Fountain Green City. We currently only allow these in the Historic District in the Business/Commercial zone. Rod feels we should have a hearing or meeting to re-evaluate this policy. We should not stop citizens from earning money with their properties. Rod Hansen feels that there are some protections that can be put in place to make the short term rentals work. Mayor would like a defined criteria and would like this issue to be placed on the agenda to solicit comment. He would like to place this on the July 18, 2024 meeting agenda.

Mayor suggests that we move the July 18, 2024 council Meeting to July 11, 2024 so as to not have Council Meeting during the Lamb Days celebrations. This would move Planning and Zoning Committee to Room A downstairs and the Council Meeting upstairs. All of the City bills will not be in on this date but Council should not be on Lamb Days.

Kerry Farnsworth: Nothing

Mayor Coombs:

There will be a budget meeting next week.

April 20th is the dog clinic.

May 4th is the city clean up.

May 21st is the Growth Summit. He would like as many of the Council that can go to attend different sessions so that the largest amount of information can be brought back and shared with the other Council Members and community.

The May City Council will be on May 23rd to not conflict with May Day Celebration at the Elementary School. Start at 5:30 for budget work meeting, 6:30 tentative budget and CDBG Grant public hearing, followed by City Council meeting at 7:00

Jim Beagley brought up the detached auxiliary dwelling units that are currently not allowed in Fountain Green as there was a family from Fountain Green that wanted more information in regards to one. Jim would like to have a discussion in conjunction with the allowance of short-term rentals. He asked if there were public wants from the survey of citizens to allow the detached auxiliary dwelling units if the conversation should be had as to these structures as well. Rod Hansen felt that there was confusion on the part of the citizen secondary to the language barrier. Rod Hansen feels that what needs to happen in Planning and Zoning is a strong statement that detached auxiliary dwelling units are not allowed. He feels that the definition maybe state that the structure must share a wall with the main structure. Jim asks if there was interest from the public in the survey as to the allowance of external dwelling units? The mayor said not enough interest. Rod Hansen states that he felt like it was half and half were interested. Mayor feels that if we allow an external dwelling unit what is to stop people from building them for rental units or to start building duplexes. Todd Robinson would rather have detached dwelling unit for firefighting purposes. Rod Hansen states that the unit can be built to have a common wall. Mayor states that the new Utah Law that was passed did not allow detached auxiliary units. Rod states that it did but that we were not required to allow them in Fountain Green. Todd again states that if the units share a wall it is more difficult to fight a fire, he would prefer to have detached ADU for fire safety. Rod Hansen states that he feels the City should not be able to say anything about it. Jim again states that he is referring to external dwelling units. Mayor stated that it was voted on by City Council to not allow external dwelling units. Jim asks if there was interest from the citizens if it would be a good time to review this policy? Mayor states that it is a shutdown no. Rod Hansen comments that the survey carries no weight to change things because of public opinion. It must go through the ordinances. He feels that when you reference the survey it muddies things up and puts us in a bind. He feels that the specific citizen in regard to the short term rental has the right to come in and ask for the request to be reviewed. Jim felt that the citizens that came to Planning and Zoning were asking for a detached auxiliary dwelling unit. Rod says he was confused as to whether that was what they were asking for.

Rod Hansen motions to adjourn. Jacob Littlefield seconds the motion. Jacob Littlefield-yes, Kim Johnson-yes, Kerry Farnsworth-yes, Rod Hansen-yes.

Meeting end 9:30 pm.


Laura Beagley, Deputy Recorder

