Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, September 17, 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 (via telephone) Bart Stevens, Councilmember Anne Hansen, Councilmember Michael Richter, Councilmember Stacey Haws, Councilmember
	City Employees:	Steve Brooks, City Administrator/Attorney Casey Warren, Police Chief Rich Taylor, Community Services Director Michelle Marigoni, City Recorder
	Excused:	
	Visitors:	

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Welcome & Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Stacey Haws

Invocation – Braden Mitchell

Public Comment

Mayor Mitchell invited members of the public to speak. There was no public comment.

Presentations and Reports

Mayor's Report

- Central Weber Sewer District Board meeting – Brandon Cooper was on the agenda to present to request an extension on the West Bench RDA. The vote was divided but ultimately went in favor.
- Chief Sholly has resigned, and Captain Hennessy has been appointed as interim Fire Chief.
- Chuck E Cheese grand opening September 19.

City Administration Report

a. Department Reports August

b. September Anniversaries Employee Recognition
Betty Wilson – 10 years
Karen Dille – 25 years.

c. Staffing Authorization Plans
One firefighter was hired.

d. Community Development Report
Chuck E Cheese and Safelite AutoGlass will have grand openings. The Smoked Taco is finally starting construction.

Councilor Stevens gave an update from Mosquito Abatement. There was a large hatch of a different, aggressive variety of mosquitoes which was widespread across the area. Riverdale had an unusual number of mosquitoes due to this hatch. Many calls for fogging were made and abatement was out every day doing as much as possible.

Consent Items

1. **Consideration to approve meeting minutes from:**
August 20, 2024 Council Work Session
August 20, 2024 Council Meeting

Mayor Mitchell asked if there were any changes to the minutes. There were none.

MOTION: Councilmember Hansen moved to approve the meeting minutes. Councilmember Richter seconded the motion. There was not any discussion regarding this motion, which passed unanimously in favor.

Action Items

1. Consideration to approve Facility Use Permit Policy for Riverdale parks and facilities.

Mr. Taylor presented a draft of a facility use policy which aims to address increased use by organized sports teams and the associated maintenance and wear and tear on the parks. The goal was to better manage park usage, allowing the city to track groups utilizing the space and to ensure the parks remain in good condition for public use.

Councilor Hansen expressed support for implementing a permit structure similar to what other cities have, with modifications tailored to Riverdale's needs. She suggested that Riverdale teams participating in external leagues, due to the city not offering certain sports, should be allowed to schedule field use without fees but still follow scheduling protocols.

Councilor Stevens said his kids played for Washington Terrace teams and asked if the sponsored teams ever request funding from the city. Mr. Taylor explained there is an informal agreement allowing Riverdale residents to participate in their tackle football league in exchange for Terrace residents joining Riverdale's flag football program.

Councilor Arnold raised concerns about parking issues, particularly at Golden Spike Park, due to concurrent use by multiple sports teams. It was suggested that the facility use permit could help regulate parking and prevent overcrowding. The council discussed potentially limiting the number of permits to control field usage and help with parking congestion.

Mr. Arnold suggested the policy granted the city the authority to cancel or revoke permits due to factors like weather or misuse, and clearly communicating this to permit holders. Mr. Brooks said a more complete version with suggestions incorporated would be presented for approval in the future. It was noted that enforcement would involve requiring groups to display their permits upon request by city staff, such as community center employees, public works, police, or code enforcement officers.

2. Update and most recent proposal from Weber Human Services on our contract for senior services.

Mr. Brooks gave an update on the latest proposal from Weber Human Services regarding the contract for Senior Services. Mr. Brooks presented data, collected using new software, which highlighted the usage patterns of the Riverdale Senior Center by residents from various regions between September 1, 2023, and August 31, 2024. The analysis indicated that a significant number of visitors were coming from outside Riverdale, with high usage noted from cities such as Roy, South Ogden, and even as far as Eden. This data was presented to show that the issue of senior services usage extends beyond Riverdale, suggesting that it may be more of a countywide concern rather than just a city one.

Comparative data was also presented from other nearby facilities, such as the Roy Senior Center and the Golden Hours Senior Center in Ogden. The analysis showed that Riverdale ranked either first or second in terms of usage among six out of the ten primary zip codes in Weber County. This supported the claim that Riverdale and Roy carry a significant portion of the county's senior service load. However, it was noted that the Roy facility's numbers might be inflated due to overlap with their city offices and other programs, unlike Riverdale's standalone facility.

The council discussed how these findings could be used to argue for additional funding from the county, given Riverdale's contribution to providing senior services to residents from multiple areas. Mr. Brooks mentioned that if Weber Human Services did not provide adequate funding, the city could consider restricting the use of the facility to Riverdale residents only, as the current arrangement results in Riverdale shouldering costs for non-residents.

Further updates were expected after Friday, when the final decision on funding from Weber Human Services would be known.

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3. Review of Council Rules and Procedures.

Mr. Brooks reminded the council that the Council Rules and Procedures document requires periodic review, ideally every two years. He encouraged council members to read through the document and suggest any changes or clarifications. A recent change was noted: the state legislature altered the procedure where the mayor previously had the power to break a tie vote. This power has now been removed, requiring a different tie-breaking method, such as a coin toss. Mr. Brooks proposed revising the Riverdale document to reference the specific state code directly, avoiding future updates due to legislative changes.

Councilor Hansen suggested that the council should be provided with a monthly Treasurer's report and year-to-date budget, as stated in Section 6, Number 4 of the document. Mr. Brooks agreed to incorporate this, ensuring more regular access to financial information.

Council Member Haws brought up concerns with clarity around expelling council members and the accessibility of agendas. He suggested that the agendas be directly posted on the city's website, instead of just linking to the state's website. This change would improve accessibility for the public and council members.

Council Member Richter discussed the need to potentially limit public comment during council meetings to agenda items only, as Riverdale seemed to be more lenient than other cities in allowing general public input. Mr. Brooks agreed that the suggestion of using the term "may limit" would provide flexibility and control while respecting citizens' First Amendment rights.

Mr. Brooks promised to work on incorporating the suggested changes and to present a finalized draft of the council rules and procedures at a future meeting.

Comments

Councilor Haws:

- Lehi City recently opened an all-abilities family park with a splash pad and other amenities, which was well-received during its grand opening. Unfortunately, the park, which is fenced and closed on Sundays, was vandalized the day after opening, with locks broken and damage caused by bikes and scooters. He highlighted the importance of maintaining public spaces and expressed appreciation for Riverdale's efforts to keep its parks well-maintained.

Councilor Arnold:

- Asked about exploring the possibility of allowing UMA to make improvements for a football field on the 20 acres behind Sam's Club, suggesting the city could utilize the land while it remains unused. Before moving forward, legal aspects need consideration, such as potential rights UMA might gain if they invest in improvements.
- Suggested increasing the Planning Commission's compensation to $250 per month, up from their current stipend. Councilor Hansen agreed to second both proposals for future agenda discussion, and further research will be conducted on compensation practices in other cities and any legal implications.

Mayor Mitchell:

- A service project took place on September 7th, with significant contributions from the code enforcement team. The project was a success, as evidenced by an overflowing dumpster.
- Riverdale Elementary expressed interest in establishing a small all-abilities park on a concrete area between the school's tennis courts and playground. There is a potential foundation willing to fund this initiative, though it remains in the early planning stages.
- A Roy resident proposed painting murals in the city, with suggestions for locations under the I-84 overpass on 1050 West and under the Riverdale Road overpass on the trail. The council will need to decide if this proposal moves forward, considering it involves city property. Further discussions with UDOT may be needed regarding the mural projects, as previous artwork on city bridges faced regulatory challenges.

Councilor Stevens:

- Questioned the ownership of a fence near the roundabout at 4400 in Parker by Lions Club Park. Mr. Brooks suggested it may belong to UDOT. Campaign signs on the fence raised concerns. Mayor Mitchell confirmed they would investigate the fence's status and addressed the clutter from signs that often remain after events. Mayor Mitchell noted that previous legal cases prompted changes in local laws to prevent restrictions on political signs.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Richter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Date Approved:

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