

Riverton City
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
September 2, 2014

Riverton City Hall
12830 South 1700 West
Riverton, Utah 84065

Attendance:

Mayor William R. Applegarth

Council Members:

Council Member Brent Johnson
Council Member Trent Staggs
Council Member Sheldon Stewart
Council Member Tricia Tingey
Council Member Paul Wayman

City Staff:

Lance Blackwood, City Manager
Joy Johnson, Deputy Recorder
Ryan Carter, City Attorney
Jason Lethbridge, Planning Manager
Trace Robinson, Public Works Director
Jeff Hawker, Asst. City Manager
Clint Mecham, UFA Battalion Chief
Rod Norton, UPD Chief, Riverton Precinct

Citizens: Michael S. Johnson, Wyoma Darlington, Tish Buroker

1. GENERAL BUSINESS

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Applegarth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. He then conducted a Roll Call and Council Members Johnson, Staggs, Stewart, Tingey, and Wayman were present.

Pledge of Allegiance – Boy Scout Troop 333 directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations/Reports

Recognition of Boy Scout Troops

Mayor Applegarth recognized the Boy Scouts in attendance.

150 Days of Service Initiative

[6:35:05 PM](#) Tish Buroker, resident, presented the following information regarding the Sesquicentennial Volunteer Project:

“In 2015 Riverton celebrates 150 years as a community. This sesquicentennial celebration provides an opportunity for the city to host a year- long celebration, educate citizens regarding the history and value of living in Riverton and to encourage and support citizens’ commitment to being involved.

As part of this goal the sesquicentennial committee would like to recognize, and increase the spirit of volunteerism in the community. Volunteers can have an enormous positive impact. Recently the London school of economics measured the relationship between volunteering and happiness in America and discovered that the more people volunteered the happier they were. In fact happiness rose by 7% in people that volunteered every month. Volunteering can also positively impact the finances of our community as it is estimated that the hourly value of one volunteer is \$15.39.

There have always been volunteers in Riverton. Without the willingness of local citizens to get involved we would not have the Arts Council, a jazz orchestra, a children’s choir, baseball, Miss Riverton, and Riverton Town Days, which was started and directed by volunteers until the 1990s. Today the work of dedicated volunteers continues in these and other organizations.

In recognition of past, present and future volunteers the Sesquicentennial Committee would like to challenge each Council Member to support the celebration by volunteering 150 hours from your district. These hours could be completed with one large project or by multiple small projects throughout the year. Pictures and names will be taken of each event will be placed in a time capsule, spotlighting the entire years activities and events.

Dr. Seuss says it best: “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” Volunteers allow citizens to invest in the community and make it better. Those of us on the Sesquicentennial committee urge your support.”

Public Comments

Mayor Applegarth explained the public comment procedure and called for public comments. There were no public comments; therefore, Mayor Applegarth closed the Public Comment period.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

There were no Discussion/Action Items scheduled.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

[6:38:29 PM](#) Mayor Applegarth presented the following Consent Agenda:

1. **Minutes:** RCCM 08/19/2014 and 08/26/2014
2. **Bond Releases:** Sparkles Car Wash – 90% Performance
3. **Resolution No. 14-58** – Approving Support of a Single Computer-Aided Dispatch System

Council Member Tricia Tingey **MOVED the City Council approve the Consent Agenda as listed.** Council Member Brent Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Applegarth called for discussion on the motion; there being none, he called for a Roll Call Vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-Yes, Staggs-Yes, Stewart-Yes, Tingey-Yes, and Wayman-Yes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

5. STAFF REPORTS

1. **City Manager Lance Blackwood** called for the following Staff Reports:

2. [6:40:42 PM](#) Ryan Carter, City Attorney, shared the basics of a proposed contract between Riverton City and South Valley Sanctuary, wherein the non-profit agency provides outreach and counseling services to members of the community in crisis situations and they are requesting rent free space to conduct their services. Mr. Carter said the item would be on the agenda for Council approval in two weeks.

3. [6:47:16 PM](#) **Communications Report** – Angie Trammell, Communications Manager, reported on her activities since her addition to the Riverton City Staff in July. Ms. Trammell stated that the Riverton City Website was the City’s main source for trusted information from the elected officials and staff. She outlined her objectives in soliciting a bid for a newly designed website. She discussed a new URL for a new Facebook page, which is located at “Riverton City Utah”.

Ms. Trammell discussed the Riverton City Twitter account that was in place and she made suggestions for updating and informing residents via Twitter networking. She reported that there were 640 twitter followers to date, of which 470 were from the state of Utah.

Ms. Trammell commented on the You-Tube connection and her strategies for its incorporation. She also discussed hash tags and specific branding of the City’s name and logo.

[7:02:27 PM](#) Council Member Staggs thanked Ms. Trammell for her input and ideas. He says he campaigned on the idea of importance of communication.

[7:04:14 PM](#) Council Member Stewart also thanked Ms. Trammell for accepting the position and said he was grateful for Council Member Staggs and his input.

4. [7:05:58 PM](#) **Vandalism Along Jordan Parkway Trail** – Precinct Chief Rod Norton reported on recent problems and issues regarding vandalism on the Jordan River Park Trail. He reported that a citizen had reported some auto theft and prowls in the City, which resulted in arrests and leads to solving other nuisance issues. He discussed the awareness he was building in

neighborhoods and the positive results on the exchanges between his officers and the community. He also commented on his saturation patrol method.

Chief Norton reported that it was recently discovered that some young people had created a hide-out on the Jordan River Parkway trail, in a blind spot area. Chief Norton praised City staff for their swift manner in removing the hide out. He discussed the possibility of a coordinated effort with Salt Lake County to curtail the improper use of the Parkway Trail by establishing specific operating hours.

Council Members thanked Chief Norton for his promptness in dealing with crime and nuisance issues in the community.

[7:14:38 PM](#) Mayor Applegarth requested Mr. Carter to review the Cemetery Ordinance and prepare an amendment that removes the language that puts the burden of the Cemetery regulations on the Parks and Recreation Department.

5. [7:16:42 PM](#) **Cemetery Report** – Sheril Garn, Parks and Public Services Director, commented on recent suggestions of the Cemetery Committee that has made recommendations for language for a new Riverton Cemetery sign, which included the following:

- Cemetery Hours are from 8:00 am to dusk
- No artificial flowers during mowing season which is April 1st to October 31st.
- Flowers and decorations will be removed weekly for mowing or as they become unsightly at the City's discretion
- The removal of flowers other than your own is theft
- No dogs allowed
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult
- Use of the premises except for cemetery purposes is not allowed

Mrs. Garn also discussed the possibility of a changeable holiday sign, reminding cemetery patrons each holiday as to which specific date their decorations would be removed.

[7:22:32 PM](#) **Safety Training** – Ryan Carter, City Attorney, reported on a safety procedure and program that staff has spent many hours implementing in regards to equipment called a Troxler. He said that safe operation of the equipment was governed by federal regulations.

6. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

[7:23:45 PM](#) **Mayor Bill Applegarth** – reported that the Water Rate issue would be heard several times in the upcoming month. He discussed his recent correspondence with Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD) and discussed the three levels of perpetual services contracts with JVWCD, as A-1, B-1 and C-1. He said that Mr. Carter would present further information at the upcoming City Council Meeting. He also mentioned a Water Discussion Work Session for September 9th.

[7:31:38 PM](#) **Council Member Brent Johnson** – recognized the great efforts of the Riverton Arts Council's recent production of "Into the Woods"; which he said was a wonderful performance and he encouraged all citizens to attend their next performance.

7:34:21 PM **Council Member Trent Staggs** – said the culinary water topic has been an important topic in his district and he was happy to report that the City Council was looking at ways to minimize any financial impact a possible change in culinary water may have.

7:36:51 PM **Council Member Sheldon Stewart** – reported on a meeting he attended at Herriman City regarding deer migration. He commented on a drunk driver incident at Monarch Meadows and praised the efforts of the UPD Riverton Precinct. He also discussed recent graffiti in his area and the need for new trees where dead or diseased trees had been removed. He discussed a budget item for seasonal employees to do some Saturday clean-up projects.

7:46:43 PM **Council Member Tricia Tingey** – asked Tish Brouker for further clarification on the 150 Hour Volunteer Program that the Sesquicentennial Committee was requesting. She said she has received several calls regarding the proposed language of the upcoming chicken ordinance and citizens who are opposed to it. She also stated that she was receiving requests for a playground in the Hamilton Ball Park Complex.

7:51:09 PM **Council Member Paul Wayman** – no report

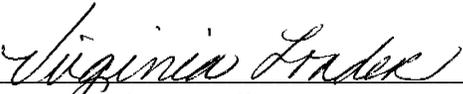
7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mayor Applegarth reviewed the following upcoming meetings:

1. **September 16, 2014** – Regular City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 1. Items to discuss will include- Presentation of a Culinary Water Alternative Plan and Survey Information
2. **September 30, 2014** – Work Session – 6:30 p.m.
 1. Items to discuss will include- Resolution Outlining Terms and Procedures for Culinary Water Alternative Plan and Survey
3. **October 7, 2014** – Regular City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
4. **October 21, 2014** – Regular City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURN

Council Member Sheldon Stewart **MOVED to adjourn the City Council Meeting**. Council Member Paul Wayman **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Applegarth called for discussion on the motion; there being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Council Member Johnson-Yes, Staggs-Yes, Stewart-Yes, Tingey-Yes, and Wayman-Yes. **The motion passed unanimously**. Mayor Applegarth declared the meeting adjourned 7:51 p.m.



Virginia Loader, MMC
Recorder

Approved: CC 09-09-14