

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

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THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AND CONDUCTED BY MAYOR BIGELOW.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Ron Bigelow, Mayor  
Corey Rushton, Councilmember At-Large  
Lars Nordfelt, Councilmember At-Large  
Tom Huynh, Councilmember District 1  
Steve Buhler, Councilmember District 2  
Karen Lang, Councilmember District 3  
Steve Vincent, Councilmember District 4

Paul Isaac, Acting, Acting City Manager  
Sheri McKendrick, City Recorder

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicole Cottle, Assistant City Manager/CED Director  
Eric Bunderson, City Attorney  
Jim Welch, Finance Director  
Russell Willardson, Public Works Director  
John Evans, Fire Chief  
Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director  
Layne Morris, CPD Director  
Sam Johnson, Strategic Communications Director  
Anita Schwemmer, Acting Police Chief  
Jake Arslanian, Public Works Department

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**OPENING CEREMONY**

The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Steve Vincent who showed a video regarding the history of Labor Day. He commented there were many blue-collar workers and laborers in West Valley City who provided vital services to the community. He also led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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**SCOUTS**

Mayor Bigelow recognized and welcomed Scout Troop No. 951 in attendance to complete requirements for the Citizenship in the Community and Communications merit badges.

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### **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Bigelow informed that former Mayor Dennis Nordfelt had recently passed away. He stated all were saddened by this news. A photograph of the former Mayor was displayed on the overhead screen and Mayor Bigelow read a summary of his life and commented regarding his contributions to West Valley City, his service to his church and the love he had for his family. Mayor Bigelow indicated all appreciated what the former Mayor had done for West Valley City and the kindness he always shown to everyone he met.

Mayor Bigelow invited comments from members of the City Council.

Councilmember Vincent stated a finer man could not have been chosen to fill the remainder of former Mayor Gearld Wright's term. Councilmember Vincent reminded of Mr. Nordfelt's service to the community and the vital role he filled when the City Manager had been in military service. He stated Mayor Nordfelt had been a statesman and a good friend.

Councilmember Buhler stated he had not served with Mr. Nordfelt when he was in office. He discussed the former Mayor's importance in the community and indicated he had been very well thought of. Councilmember Buhler stated he always made everyone feel important and was a great example of what a public servant should be. Councilmember Buhler stated Dennis Nordfelt would be missed.

Councilmember Rushton stated Dennis Nordfelt had been his mentor when he had first been elected to the City Council. He advised Mr. Nordfelt had taken the time to advise and mentor him resulting in his being a better member of the City Council. Councilmember Rushton indicated Dennis Nordfelt helped newer Council members to learn, grow, and become a better representative for the community. He also stated the former Mayor was the best example of taking opinions and molding those into one common theme or policy that could be lived with. Councilmember Rushton indicated Mr. Nordfelt had given West Valley City back the respect it deserved. He also expressed great respect for the former Mayor for being a fierce and staunch defender of West Valley City. Councilmember Rushton shared a story that would always be remembered regarding a City Council service project.

Councilmember Huynh stated he was honored to have known Dennis Nordfelt as he was a great man. He also shared a story regarding Mayor Nordfelt and his willingness to assist with a fundraising project for a monument at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center (UCCC). Councilmember Huynh stated Mr. Nordfelt would be missed very much.

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Councilmember Lang expressed appreciation to Mr. Nordfelt's family for sharing him with West Valley City and she stated the City was a better place because of his service. She indicated he always made everyone feel like a friend.

Councilmember Lars Nordfelt indicated he was speaking as a representative of the family and not a Council member. He indicated his father loved West Valley City and considered City staff and fellow Council members as part of his family. He stated he was proud of West Valley City because of his Dad and he wanted City staff to know that his Dad loved them all and considered them as good friends.

Mayor Bigelow stated we had lost a great friend, an example and a mentor, and offered condolences to the Nordfelt family who were in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Bigelow read aloud the following:

**Dennis J. Nordfelt**  
**March 2, 1943 - August 30, 2014**

Dennis J. Nordfelt served as the sixth mayor of West Valley City, Utah, from 2002 until 2010. He was also superintendent of the Utah Highway Patrol.

Born in Salina, Utah to Ellen Frances Tolboe and Charles Larsen Nordfelt, Jr., Nordfelt grew up in Moab, Utah where he was student body president of Grand County High School and lettered in four sports. He attended classes at Southern Utah University, Weber State University and Brigham Young University.

In May 1967, he joined the Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) and was appointed superintendent of the UHP by Governor Scott M. Matheson in August 1981. Four years later, he was reappointed superintendent by Governor Norman Bangerter.

Upon retiring from the Utah Highway Patrol, Nordfelt was hired as chief of the West Valley City Police Department, serving from July 1, 1987 to August 28, 1998. Following his career in law enforcement, Nordfelt served as the city's Olympic Coordinator, helping West Valley City act as a venue city in the 2002 Winter Olympics and Paralympic Games.

He was appointed mayor upon the death of Gearld L. Wright in August 2002, elected to complete Mayor Wright's term in November 2003, and elected to serve a full four-year term in his own right in November 2005.

In recent years, he served as a member of the Utah Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. He also was president of the Utah Peace Officers Association from 1986 to 1987.

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Nordfelt is married to the former Glenda Carlson and the father of nine children. In November 2013, one of their sons, Lars Nordfelt, was elected to an at-large seat on the West Valley City Council.

He spent many years serving this community and his efforts helped shape our city and made it stronger. His positive influence was also felt far beyond our city in programs, events and especially in the lives of many people in our state. He leaves a tremendous legacy for all of us.

“The government should only do what its citizens want to have done but cannot do for themselves.”

–Dennis Nordfelt

As the father of nine children and in office as the mayor Dennis said he would focus on how city decisions affect families and emphasize whenever possible the importance of a traditional family.

During Dennis Nordfelt’s tenure with UHP, the agency received national recognition for innovative programs.

In 1983, Utah and Arizona opened the nation’s first joint-state port of entry, a program duplicated around the country. The following year, the UHP received a United States Senate Award for Achievement for the effort, according to the agency's the website.

He leaves behind his wife, Glenda, and his children and grandchildren.

Mayor Bigelow invited all those present to stand for a moment of silence in memory and honor of Dennis J. Nordfelt, former Mayor of West Valley City.

The Mayor also thanked the Nordfelt family members for coming to the Council meeting.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 19, 2014**

The Council read and considered Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 19, 2014. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

After discussion, Councilmember Buhler moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 19, 2014, as written. Councilmember Rushton seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

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Mr. Vincent	Yes
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes
Mr. Rushton	Yes
Mr. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

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**COMMENT PERIOD**

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Upon inquiry by Mayor Bigelow the following individual addressed the City Council during the Comment Period:

Justin Merkey addressed the City Council and spoke about a suggestion to build rodeo grounds that he had brought to the City Council earlier. Mr. Markey advised he needed help in finding out how to go about it. He stated rodeo grounds would be a legacy for West Valley City. He also stated he loved the city and was a life-long resident.

**B. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, commented regarding Mr. Merkey's remarks and suggested he speak with Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director, about the rodeo grounds idea.

**C. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Buhler stated he liked to watch rodeos and there were several grounds in the Salt Lake Valley that held rodeos during the summer. He explained the Council's commitment to serve all residents and expressed his understanding that the idea was being studied by staff. He stated the Council should discuss this possibility as part of the overall parks vision.

Councilmember Huynh expressed agreement with comments made by Councilmember Buhler and stated West Valley City was the second largest city in the state and rodeo grounds would be good for the community.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 14-147, APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH WEST JORDAN CITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 5600 WEST BETWEEN 6200 SOUTH AND 6600 SOUTH**

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Mayor Bigelow presented proposed Resolution No. 14-147 that would approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with West Jordan City, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, for construction of 5600 West between 6200 South and 6600 South.

He stated that under the proposed agreement West Valley City and the City of West Jordan would participate in a joint project to reconstruct 5600 West between 6200 South and 7000 South streets.

West Jordan had received federal funds under the Surface Transportation Program (STP) to reconstruct and widen 5600 West between the above-referenced streets. West Jordan was responsible for the entire roadway south of 6600 South and the east side of the road between 6200 South and 6600 South, and West Valley City was responsible for the west side of the road segment, roughly 25% of the project. West Jordan City had invited West Valley City to participate in the project to enable construction of a uniform road cross section between 6200 South and 6600 South.

As the project was federally funded, it would be advertised through the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). The agreement defined cost sharing responsibilities between the two cities for the project. West Valley City's share of matching funds and overrun costs under the agreement would be no more than \$300,000.00, with the actual amount paid based on the actual cost that would be known after bids were opened.

While West Jordan City would oversee all construction management and coordination with UDOT, West Valley City would participate in the project to ensure the needs of West Valley City residents and businesses were being met throughout the construction.

The project was expected to bid in the fall of 2014 and be completed in the fall of 2015.

After discussion, Councilmember Vincent moved to approve Resolution No. 14-147, a Resolution Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between West Valley City and West Jordan City for Construction of 5600 West Between 6200 South and 6600 South. Councilmember Rushton seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Vincent	Yes
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes

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Mr. Rushton	Yes
Mr. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 14-148, APPROVE A DELAY AGREEMENT WITH SALT LAKE COUNTY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6252 WEST 6200 SOUTH**

Mayor Bigelow presented proposed Resolution No. 14-148, that would approve a Delay Agreement with Salt Lake County for property located at 6252 West 6200 South.

He stated Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation was constructing Lodestone Park in phases and desired to install sidewalk and streetlights in phases. He indicated the subject agreement would allow the County to install sidewalk and streetlights as they developed the park rather than all at once.

Salt Lake County was constructing Lodestone Park in phases because of budget constraints. The County was responsible to install sidewalk and streetlights along 6200 South on their property. Doing the improvements in phases allowed more direct investment in park improvements. There were sidewalk and streetlights already installed on the other side of 6200 South. The next phase of Lodestone Park would include a dirt trail along 6200 South that would be paved as each phase was completed.

After discussion, Councilmember Vincent moved to approve Resolution No. 14-148, a Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Recording of a Delay Agreement between West Valley City and Salt Lake County, for Property Located at 6252 West 6200 South. Councilmember Buhler seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Vincent	Yes
Ms. Lang	Yes
Mr. Buhler	Yes
Mr. Huynh	Yes
Mr. Rushton	Yes
Mr. Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Bigelow	Yes

Unanimous.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL, THE REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014, WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:06 P.M., BY MAYOR BIGELOW.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

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Sheri McKendrick, MMC  
City Recorder