

Sunset City Corporation
City Council Minutes
December 17, 2024
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Minutes of a regular meeting held December 17, 2024 at Sunset City Hall, 200 West 1300 North, Sunset, Utah; Mayor Pro Tem Smalling presiding.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor and Council Present:

Nancy Smalling	Mayor Pro Tem
Sam Bartling	Council Member
Ricky Carlson	Council Member
Nakisha Rigley	Council Member
Hope Thompson	Council Member

Excused:

Scott Wiggill	Mayor
Brett Jamison	Police Chief

City Employees Present:

Recorder Supp	Recorder
Jason Monroe	Public Works Director

The regular session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Smalling.

Council Member Rigley gave an inspirational thought and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council Member Rigley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 6, 2024 as presented and Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Bartling, Carlson, Rigley and Thompson voting yes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Reading Truck in the amount of \$37,341.10 to install the bed, plow and sander on Public Works truck. Council Member Thompson questioned if this was the final amount to pay for the truck. Director Monroe replied yes. Council Member Carlson asked if Director Monroe was satisfied with the service provided by Reading Truck. Director Monroe replied yes.

Council Member Bartling made a motion to approve the voucher in the amount of \$37,341.10 for Reading Truck for the installation of the plow and sander for the truck for Public Works and Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Bartling, Carlson, Rigley and Thompson voting yes.

Alpine Excavating in the amount of \$52,926.78 and \$117,751.08 for the 1800 N Waterline. Council Member Thompson proposed not paying this bill until they clean up the mess they have created. Director Monroe informed Council the project is barely over 50% complete, the City receives pay requests every 30 days for projects like these.

Council Member Rigley made a motion to approve the voucher in the amount of \$52,926.78 and \$117,751.08 for the 1800 N Waterline project and Council Member Bartling seconded the

motion. The motion passed with Council Members Bartling, Carlson and Rigley voting yes and Council Member Thompson voting no.

Weber Basin Water in the amount of \$400,070.00 for the Annual Water Charges.

Council Member Carlson made a motion to approve the voucher in the amount of \$400,070.00 for Weber Basin Water for annual water charges and Council Member Bartling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Bartling, Carlson, Rigley and Thompson voting yes.

Public Comments: There were none.

Regular Meeting

1. Consider and Approve Resolution 2024-28 Managing Overtime: Mayor Pro Tem Smalling noted that the resolution had been distributed and expressed approval of how it allowed overtime to carry into the next quarter, considering it a fair policy. Recorder Supp clarified the quarters had been specified more clearly in the policy. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling acknowledged Police Chief Jamison had reviewed the policy and expressed approval prior to being excused from the meeting. Recorder Supp discussed how the policy had previously been an informal practice and that formalizing it provided clarity.

Council Member Rigley made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-28 and Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote from Council Members Bartling, Carlson, Rigley and Thompson voting yes.

2. Mayor, Council and Department Head Reports: Director Monroe reported changes to the use of the old Public Works property and issues related to the detention pond near the salt shed and cell tower. He informed Council he and Mayor Wiggill will be meeting with UDOT on Friday to address concerns. Apprehensions were raised about the impact on the detention pond. He wanted clarification from the UDOT's crew, which had not met with the City in several months. Council Member Carlson questioned the adequacy of the current detention pond and proposed potential improvements, but Director Monroe explained limitations due to the flat terrain. Additional discussions touched on property management and the possibility of charging rent for the temporary use of buildings slated for demolition.

Council Member Carlson stated he wanted to share the details Director Monroe brought up and informed Council the Planning Commission meeting in December was cancelled.

Council Member Thompson mentioned she heard the Senior Luncheon had gone well, although she was unable to attend and felt disappointed about missing it, she expressed appreciation to Director Monroe and the team for their efforts. Council Member Thompson shared her feelings on the Santa on the Firetruck event. She loved the green donuts but she received several complaints about the event being too early in the morning. She also had one complaint there was not enough chocolate in the hot chocolate. Council Member Rigley confirmed she was aware and suggested that the event could be improved for families in the future. Council Member Thompson stated that two streets had groups of kids waiting outside,

but no truck came by. One of those children was her niece, who called to express disappointment. Council Member Rigley empathized, acknowledging how difficult it was to manage live updates during the event. She explained that people messaged them during the live stream asking about the truck's location, but they couldn't communicate with the driver due to being on top of the firetruck. Council Member Rigley suggested using a Santa Tracker, similar to what other groups do. She proposed attaching an AirTag to Santa so people could track the route. Council Member Rigley expressed enthusiasm for the idea and hoped she could find a way to implement it in the future. Council Member Thompson reflected that overall, people were happy and excited about the event. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling thanked everyone for their efforts. Council Member Rigley noted that around 65 to 70 people had tuned into the live stream, with about 25 to 28 viewers at any given time. Viewers enjoyed sending messages for Santa to give personalized holiday greetings, which was well-received. Council Member Thompson transitioned her report to discussing the Winter Edition of "Yard of the Month." She was excited by the community's engagement, noting that different houses were being nominated compared to the Halloween edition. Council Member Thompson encouraged everyone to explore the decorated homes around the City. She shared that some residents created their own Christmas Village, similar to Ogden's display, by collecting and decorating playhouses throughout the year.

Council Member Rigley stated she had already started working on a graphic for WinterFest. She planned to finish it that night and send it to Administration and other Council Members. Before finalizing the graphic, Council Member Rigley wanted feedback on the event date. She acknowledged the tradition of holding WinterFest the weekend of Groundhog Day, which falls on Sunday, February 2. She initially considered the following weekend but then suggested February 1 for its proximity to Groundhog Day. Council Member Rigley confirmed plans to include the chili cook off again. Council Member Thompson expressed concern about being unable to participate in the chili event but encouraged continuing the tradition. Council Member Rigley agreed, mentioning she aimed to keep the same activities, including bingo. Council Member Thompson reminisced about past events held outdoors with burn barrels in the parking lot, recalling the positive atmosphere created by the setup and suggested revisiting outdoor elements. Council Member Rigley expressed concerns about unpredictable winter weather, such as snowstorms or icy conditions, potentially making outdoor activities hazardous. She also noted that offering both indoor and outdoor options could lead to overcrowding in indoor spaces if attendees sought shelter from the cold, impacting safety and comfort. Council Member Thompson acknowledged the concerns. She brought up the idea of reinstating the scavenger hunt. Council Member Rigley admitted the scavenger hunt was a significant undertaking and that she couldn't manage it alone. However, she expressed willingness to collaborate if others were interested and highlighted budget considerations, given the existing bingo plans. Council Member Thompson suggested the scavenger hunt might be more affordable now. Council Member Rigley encouraged Thompson to look into the costs associated with organizing the scavenger hunt, including materials, prizes, and any additional staffing requirements. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling voiced concerns about the event becoming overwhelming. Council Member Rigley agreed and proposed focusing on the chili cook-off and bingo. she planned to finalize the flyer with the February 1 date and distribute it for sharing on the website and social media. She intended to recruit participants and hoped for similar turnout as the previous year. Council Member Rigley updated the council on the

Youth Council, mentioning only five members attended the recent meeting due to the busy holiday season. She noted some members seemed to be losing interest and hoped engagement would improve after the holidays. Efforts were underway to recruit new members through churches and school counselors. Council Member Rigley highlighted Ace Stevenson, a proactive Youth Council member, who suggested reaching out to school counselors to encourage student participation. She mentioned the Youth Council's planned participation in Local Officials Day on January 22 and might need assistance with registration.

Council Member Bartling thanked Council Member Rigley for organizing Saturday's event with Santa on the Firetruck. He noted he tried to engage attendees more by involving them in activities like ringing bells. Council Member Bartling shared they ran out of candy canes after 2300 North, leaving the north side of the City without any. Council Member Rigley acknowledged the shortage and agreed more candy canes were needed. Council Member Bartling appreciated viewing the holiday decorations from an elevated perspective and reminded everyone that fireworks were permitted until 1 a.m. on New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year on January 29th. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling appreciated the fireworks update and discussed common misconceptions about the source of fireworks.

Mayor Pro Tem Smalling commended the holiday decorations at City Hall and thanked the Public Works crew for their efforts. She provided a Mosquito Abatement update, reporting two human cases of West Nile virus and 49 positive mosquito pools in Davis County. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling praised the adaptability of the Mosquito Abatement Board, which utilized drones and various traps. She noted the team's dedication to improving methods and highlighted the need for community vigilance in eliminating standing water. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling mentioned appointing a new chairperson for the Mosquito Abatement Board, who would be responsible for overseeing mosquito control strategies and coordinating with public health officials. She also discussed the upcoming Fire District Board meeting, which would cover budget allocations for new equipment and strategies for improving emergency response times. She expressed regret for missing the Senior Luncheon but appreciated the event's success.

Council Member Bartling shared insights from a meeting with Davis County elected officials, particularly regarding delays in Union Pacific addressing quiet zone issues, which could take up to 18 months.

Recorder Supp thanked the Council and Department Heads for their support this past month during a difficult time. She reported on the progress of business license renewals and reminding anyone who has not renewed need to by the 15th or they would incur a 50% late fee. She noted the audit was nearly complete and that the City would soon receive a report. Recorder Supp also informed the Council of Jeff Ambrose's retirement, with Chuck Palmer, his partner, continuing the audit.

Mayor Pro Tem Smalling closed the meeting by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council Member Rigley made a motion to adjourn and move into the Work Session. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Bartling, Carlson, Rigley and Thompson voting yes.

Work Session

1. **Discuss Recycling Program:** Council Member Rigley introduced a discussion on the recycling program and deferred to Recorder Supp, who noted questions about implementing a hardship policy. Recorder Supp explained the proposed plan did not include such a policy due to funding concerns and invited the Council's feedback.

Council Member Rigley noted the Council had seemed to reach a consensus during the previous discussion regarding the hardship policy, agreeing it should apply to this situation but not to other matters. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling acknowledged the complexity of the issue and emphasized that if the City offered a hardship policy for this service, it would need to extend it to water and other services. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling highlighted the City's already tight budget and the need for prudent financial decisions. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling pointed out the rising costs of landfill services and the inevitability of future limitations, stressing the importance of managing waste wisely. Council Member Rigley emphasized the need for public education on waste management and proposed creating informational materials for residents. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling preferred that educational efforts come directly from the waste service providers to maintain credibility.

Recorder Supp inquired if the Council wanted to move forward with bundling monthly fees instead of issuing separate charges. Council Member Bartling expressed concern that the policy did not mention the transition of green waste to regular garbage bins starting November 1st. Recorder Supp clarified that ACE no longer offered that service and had advised against promoting it to avoid raising rates. Council Member Rigley supported delaying the implementation of a hardship policy until it became necessary, agreeing it was a complex issue that would need to apply across all services.

Council Member Thompson firmly advocated for a hardship policy, citing the City's low-income demographics. Recorder Supp reminded the Council that a discount was being offered as a diversion incentive and after a little data collection they could possibly lower rates. Council Member Thompson cautioned against framing the new fee as a mandatory burden, noting that many recyclables still ended up in landfills. Council Member Rigley acknowledged hearing conflicting information about recycling practices and stressed the need for accurate communication. Council Member Thompson expressed skepticism about the effectiveness of recycling programs, while Council Member Rigley and Mayor Pro Tem Smalling highlighted the long-term financial impact of landfill overuse and the importance of sustainability.

The Council discussed the proposed hardship policy, with Council Member Rigley suggesting it could be revisited once more data became available. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling and others agreed that the policy could be re-evaluated in the future. Council Member Carlson suggested aligning hardship qualifications with existing state assistance programs. Council Member Bartling inquired about the diversion incentive's application, and Recorder Supp explained the City has received the payment last month and it reduced the City's bill by approximately \$400 monthly. The Council agreed to place the version of the proposal without the hardship policy on the next agenda for a vote. Mayor Pro Tem Smalling anticipated the issue would resurface for discussion with future councils. Council Member Rigley proposed sharing informative Instagram videos about recycling and suggested arranging a Council tour of the Material Recovery Facility after the new year.

Council Member Rigley made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Bartling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Bartling, Carlson, Rigley and Thompson voting yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Approved – January 21, 2025

Scott Wiggill, Mayor

Nicole Supp, Recorder