

December 12, 2024 – City Council

The regular meeting of the Fountain Green City Council was held at 7:01p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2024 in the Fountain Green City Hall located at 375 N State Street.

Attendance – Kerry Farnsworth, Alyson Strait, Rod Hansen, Kim Johnson, and Jacob Littlefield.

Presiding – Mayor Mark Coombs

Prayer – Kerry Farnsworth

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: Mayor asked if there was any public comments to which there was no response.

#1 Approval of November 21 meeting minutes:

Regarding approval of the November 21 Emergency training meeting minutes:

Rod Hansen motions to approve the minutes

Alyson Strait seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote: Kerry Farnsworth – yes, Alyson Strait – yes, Rod Hansen – yes, Kim Johnson – yes, Jacob Littlefield – yes.

Regarding the approval of the November 21 City Council Minutes:

Rod Hansen motions to approve the minutes

Kerry Farnsworth seconds the motion

Roll Call Vote: Kerry Farnsworth – yes, Alyson Strait – yes, Rod Hansen – yes, Kim Johnson – yes, Jacob Littlefield – yes.

#5 Library – Taryn Collard:

Taryn reported that the active Library accounts have checked out over 1175 books from the library for 2024. The last three months of checkouts has shown a large increase and the Library is hoping to continue to grow that by 25% per quarter.

Taryn says the library staff have concerns about the amount of lighting in the East side stairs leading to the book drop and would like to know if there can be a motion light installed in the stair well. Rod Hansen feels like that should not be a problem. Jacob

Littlefield and Kim Johnson will look at the current situation and either repair or recommend what is needed to make the stairwell brighter.

Taryn asked when room B was scheduled to have the repairs from flooding completed? The mayor reported that there has been trouble matching paint colors. If the paint can be matched it should be by next week. If not, it may take longer to repair. The Mayor also stated that the carpet is being re-glued to repair loose tiles. The city is also waiting for a response from the insurance company about replacing the coving around both room A and B.

Taryn also brought up that there is a noise in the ceiling by the east door entrance on the South. The library staff does not know what it is. The noise is active for about 10 – 15 minutes and the silent for about 10 – 15 minutes. The Mayor asked Taryn to try and isolate the sound/location and then follow up with him.

#3 Police Report:

The Mayor is working with Gary Larsen to make sure that the police are where they should be when they are in town.

Police report included 1 unattended death and issued 13 citations.

The Mayor has been in contact with Derrin Owens and his office to talk with him about the amount of money that the State of Utah takes from the Police monies.

Alyson Strait brought up the fact that the book swap box at the park has been removed due to vandalism and wanted to know if we could put more security cameras as the playground has also been vandalized in the past. Rod Hansen felt that would be a good idea, especially with the pickle ball and volleyball courts. Rod feels that we should also check into updating lights in the large bowery for the pickle ball courts that are going to be placed there.

#2 Updated from R6 – Shay Morrison:

In response to a concern from Rod Hansen about AI being used for minutes Shay stated that many communities are figuring out where AI fits and what type of AI to use. It should be a closed AI.

The CDBG contracts were received and signed by the Mayor on December 12, 2024. Shay states that the city now needs to set up a pre-construction meeting. Fountain Green must wait until a for-sure go ahead is received from CDBG.

R6 is having a land use training on February 27 from 5 – 8 dinner is provided. Presented by the Property Rights Ombudsman.

Shay stated that there is a Tier One Grant opening in January and to watch for emails.

There is also a new grant program at the state level that is for \$200,000 with a 20% match for use in traditional parks. It is open mid-January until mid-March. It is the first year so he feels that there may be less competition. Alyson asked if it may pay to replace the sand with something more user friendly. Shay says most won't pay for components alone. Rod Hansen and mayor suggest looking at the entire playground and seeing if we want to add new or replace some of the older equipment. An all-abilities playground was suggested. Mayor asks if the grant will pay for additional security cameras to which Shay says that there are not a lot of great options to pursue for funding of security cameras. Watch for emails about this grant.

Shay stated that the subdivision ordinances for many of the cities are behind and he does not think that many cities will make the deadline. He states that he knows that our planning and zoning committee have our version in their meeting on December 12, 2024, as well and that he will be going to meet with the Planning and Zoning downstairs. The Deadline set for this is December 31, 2024.

The grant regarding creating the running trails south of Fountain Green has not been responded to as of December 12, 2024. Shay stated that the requested trail did show up on a map that he has seen at a state level meeting. Alyson asks that if we do get the grant, can we use private funding or fundraising to meet out match amount. Shay states that this should not be a problem.

#4 Fire Department Report Todd Robinson:

Todd reports that the fire department will be picking Santa up at the City Hall and delivering him to the Dance Hall for the Santa event. They will also be reading books at the event.

He reports that many members of the team are going to winter fire school.

The fire department has 2 new recruits that are taking the EMT training.

Todd reports that the fire alarm issue at the dance hall appears to be fixed and both the theater and dance hall alarms are functioning.

Todd reports that there have been 5 fire trucks ordered but it will probably be around 18 months before the swap affecting Fountain Green occurs.

Fire district fee needs to be removed from the bills as of January 1st, 2025. Mayor reminds city office workers to not pay any fire district fees on city meters.

Todd says that the open burn season has gone well but reminds citizens to call dispatch before an open burn.

#6 City Report – Curt Nielsen:

Christmas decorations are up.

Fountain Green City had one burial.

Plowing had to be done for two days.

All the hydrant markers are on to stop the plow from hitting them.

Twin D is cleaning the sewers as suggested by the acoustic study.

The new meter antennas that have been placed are working. Curt is waiting for a response regarding the amount that will be warrantied on the returned components.

Curt has been working with a cyber security company, that is paid by the State of Utah so no charge to Fountain Green, to update and protect our system. Rod Hansen mentions that the tanks are vulnerable. Curt agrees and informs the council that he will be meeting with them again next week to discuss some of their findings.

Curt reports that the pipe under the bridge into the cemetery has been buried. It is suggested that Curt contact John Bailey and let him know that Fountain Green City will not charge him overages if he runs the water to keep it from freezing. Griff and Curt have placed temporary guard rails to the sides of the bridge.

A measuring meter placed on the electricity at the dance hall has been in place for about 1 week. The chandeliers use a ton of power, and it is suggested that the incandescent bulbs be replaced with LED light throughout both buildings. The heat tape located on the building pulls a constant amount. The electric water heater has a big pull on the electricity. It is recommended that the City may want to look at an on-demand water heater. The fridge uses a small amount of power. Mayor would like the City to look at the charge for the dance hall and city hall power usage to make sure that we are recouping the costs of rental for each of these areas. It is also suggested that we use the electricity meter to watch for hours of usage so that we know how many hours to charge per individual user. He would also like the statement that the furniture cannot be moved from the dance hall into the theater added to the rental contract. Table and chairs must be in the dance hall side. The Mayor would also like the heat set to 62 degrees for the next while to see if that decreases the power bill. Mayor also states that Rocky Mountain Power will be placing a measuring device on the Dance Hall/Theater as well to see if they can assist in understanding why the bill is so high.

Curt asked the Council to pay for the replacement and re-keying of several locks throughout the City as there have been a lot of copies made and he is concerned that

security is decreased due to this. The City Council approves his request and tells him to move forward with the lower bid from AM/PM Keys. They also suggested that we look at a keypad entry for the concession stand.

Curt brought up to the council that he would like to pursue purchasing a mini-x for the cemetery. He spoke with one dealer and that dealer quoted a \$45,000 price on a new one. Rod asked if cemetery monies could be used to purchase one as he is concerned, along with Curt, that using the backhoe to dig graves puts the City at risk of hitting or damaging a headstone. Rod would like the mini-x to have a cab on it for protection of the driving components. Curt will get additional bids and present them to the Council next month.

All the stop signs are back up.

Enbridge gas company are going to have a person come out in the first part of January and make suggestions on how to decrease the gas costs at the City shop. Changes may need to be made but the Mayor feels that those costs will quickly be recouped by lower gas bills.

Alyson asked if the park pipes are dry and the drains taken care of. Mayor reports that he has pulled out all of the slides for the water. Curt reports that all is good. The women's bathroom was unlocked which is part of the concern about too many keys in the City and that the locks need to be re-keyed. The security cameras at the park are once again operational.

#7 City Bills:

Rod Hansen motions to pay the city bills

Alyson Strait seconds the motion

Roll Call Vote: Kerry Farnsworth – yes, Alyson Strain – yes, Rod Hansen – yes, Kim Johnson – yes, Jacob Littlefield – yes.

Rod stated that he appreciated the Pelorus version of the bills. The Mayor asked if Michelle could do that format each month.

Mayor would like Michelle to send the bill for RH Borden and Company LLC to the State of Utah to be paid by the emergency funds from the flooding as this is for the acoustic study of the sewer system.

#10 Miscellaneous:

Kerry Farnsworth: nothing

Alyson Strait: nothing

Laura Beagley: Need the City Council to decide on a date for the City Party. It was decided that the City Party will be on January 8, 2024. Dance Hall and Theater need attention to the oven, door handles, and security system. Mayor told Curt to have the AM/PM people look at changing the door locks between the theater and dance hall. Keep the same lock on the sound booth with its own key. All newsletter information is due by December 23rd, 2024.

Mayor: nothing

Rod Hansen: nothing

Kim Johnson: nothing

Jacob Littlefield: nothing

#9 Planning Commission Report:

Jacob Littlefield reported that Planning and Zoning were working on the subdivision ordinance and that they would be presenting it to the Council later in the December 12th meeting.

#8 Subdivision Ordinance:

The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended that the Subdivision Ordinance be accepted with the following changes:

1. Section 10-1-107 #3 – Change scale requirement for Preliminary Plat Drawings FROM “one hundred (100) feet to the inch” to “fifty (50) feet to the inch”
2. Change “Cityship” to Township” throughout the draft
3. Section 10-1-117 – Change “The length of block generally shall be six hundred feet” TO Reference Land Use Ordinance Chapter 11.7.” This is the existing measurement throughout Fountain Green City and subdivision additions should meet the current measurement requirements to blend into our city and infrastructure system.
4. Section 10-1-118 – Remove “Corner lots shall have extra width, of at least ten (10) feet....”.

There was some discussion on the removal of the word town home from the document as Fountain Green does not allow town homes. Shay stated that this was just for the town that do allow them and just because the language was in the document did not mean it changed Fountain Green ordinances against them. The Mayor said to leave town home in the document until he could talk to a lawyer and get an official opinion and then make changes to it in January if needed.

There was discussion on two different methods of first approval and final approval of both minor and major subdivision. A person/board needs to be selected by the City Council to be an entity outside of the city that must perform the final approval service. The Mayor says there will be a charge for this and that the Subdivision Ordinance needs to make it clear that the applicant for the subdivision will pay this cost as part of the application process. It is decided that both processes will be the same for minor and major and that the Planning and Zoning will be the administrative review and that the final approval will be done by the appointed entity when that is determined by the City Council.

Alyson Strait motions to accept the Subdivision Ordinances with the changes above

Jacob Littlefield seconds the motion

Roll Call Vote: Kerry Farnsworth – yes, Alyson Strait – yes, Rod Hansen – yes, Kim Johnson – yes, Jacob Littlefield – yes.

At 8:48 p.m.

Alyson Strait motions to move to closed session

Jacob Littlefield seconds the motion

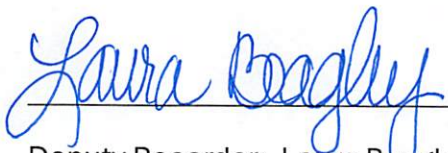
Roll Call: Kerry Farnsworth – yes, Alyson Strait – yes, Rod Hansen – yes, Kim Johnson – yes, Jacob Littlefield – yes.

At 8:58 p.m.

Kerry Farnsworth motions to adjourn

Rod Hansen seconds the motion

Roll Call: Kerry Farnsworth – yes, Alyson Strait – yes, Rod Hansen – yes, Kim Johnson – yes, Jacob Littlefield – yes.



Deputy Recorder: Laura Beagley

