

Minutes of the Payson City Council Meeting held at the Payson City Center, 439 West Utah Avenue, Payson, Utah on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Rick, Moore; Councilmembers: JoLynn Ford (entered the meeting at p.m.), Kim Hancock, Mike Hardy, Scott Phillips, and Larry Skinner, City Attorney Mark Sorenson, and City Recorder Jeanette C. Wineteer. Councilmember Ford and Manager Tuckett were excused.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prayer offered by Councilmember Chief Scott Spencer and Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Facilities Director Steve Spencer.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Hardy to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of approval of November 19, 2014 Payson City Council Minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Skinner. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM

Emily Rigby 1337 Riley Drive, said she came to talk to the Council about the speed study and didn't know if she would be able to stay for that item. She is the chair of Park View PTA and said that most of the streets (Main Street, 600 East, 300 South, etc.) affect the students attending Park View. Park View is a walking school, so no busses transport students. The power point presentation states that everyone drives at least 5 miles over the posted speed limit, so they are very concerned about an increased speed limit. Along the streets and student walking route, she feels that safeguards are needed (crossing guards, and cross walks) and should be put in place especially before the speed limits are increased.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Golf Pro Tracy Zobell said the golf course is still open and the Parks Department is taking care of a lot of leaf removal.

He explained that in the past the employees have been given a turkey breast for Christmas, he asked if the Council would consider giving a spiral ham rather than a turkey breast and if so he would get those ordered. Consensus of the Council was the ham would be fine.

Recreation Director Karl Teemant said that they have also been cleaning up leaves at the ball fields. He is in the process of obtaining barricades to close off the parking lot by the high school, because of problems in the past. This year the Recreation Department is going to implement the ski program with Sundance that we have had in the past.

Chief Spencer updated the Council regarding fire and ambulance calls for the year. They have been testing the equipment to make sure we are meeting the engine qualifications and doing needed repairs.

Today, the monthly safety meeting was held and the superintendents were also invited, and everyone was encouraged to become more safety conscientious.

Public Works Director Jockumsen reported that the well by the golf course will be going out to bid, and they will hold interviews on the South Meadows Master Plan RFP next week.

He reported that we are at 44% of normal at the snow tell site in the canyon, we have 7" of snow right now.

Councilmember Hardy asked if any more work has been done regarding the reservoir study. Mr. Jockumsen said that we found that SUA has done some work so we want to get that first.

Councilmember Hardy asked about FEMA, and Mr. Jockumsen said that FEMA needs to start over because they received additional information so that new flood map won't go into effect for 3-4 years.

Mayor Moore said that title transfer between SESD and the Bureau will be held tomorrow.

CTC – MAYOR’S YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD

Mayor Moore and Dora Edvalson presented awards to outstanding youth in our community for valuable contributions:

Karanda Heimuli, Payson High
Giovani Vargas, Nebo Jr. High
Rosita Mejia, Payson Jr. High

CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Lou Balamous, Chamber of Commerce representative presented the Business of the Month to Marcy at Classic Beauty and Barber. Marcy thanked everyone and the Council congratulated her.

DEAN MCCOY 50 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH PAYSON FIRE

Scott Spencer explained that he wanted to recognize Dean McCoy because he has served for more than 50 Years with Payson Fire Department, all of which are active firefighting. 50 years of services in anything is quite an accomplishment. It amazes me how after 50 years he has not slowed down. Dean is active in training and responding on calls. He is one of our main responders, especially for daytime coverage. He is very dedicated and always willing to help out where ever he can.

Mr. McCoy said the department has changed a lot in the last 50 years, and he appreciates the support from the Mayor and City Council.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH UTAH COUNTY – 600 EAST PROJECT

Planner Spencer presented an Interlocal Agreement with Utah County regarding the 600 East Project and explained that this is MPO funding that we will receive through Utah County. This is transportation funding to complete curb gutter and sidewalk, and road improvements along 600 East. We are designing the project, but will award this to a contractor and it will reimburse us up to \$226,000.

MOTION by Councilmember Skinner to adopt Resolution #12-03-14, A Resolution authorizing the participation in an Execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Utah County and Payson City for a Highway Project known as "600 East" in Payson City, Utah, and authorize Mayor Moore to sign. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hancock. Vote was unanimous and motion carries.

DECISION REGARDING CITY-WIDE SPEED STUDY

Public Works Director Jockumsen presented specific slides from the speed study that was given to the Council by MAG on November 5th. He said that the council tabled the decision on this until Superintendent Fowden and someone from the Police Department were in attendance.

He showed the slide that gives the current speeds in the city, and another slide showing deficient areas with limited or no stop signs. He also presented the speed test results, which shows that approximately 85% of the traffic is going over the posted speed limit. He then presented the proposed speed limits for the arterial roads, and explained that we have those main roads and they are there to move the traffic through the city efficiently. He also explained traffic control with proposed stop signs or stop lights.

He said that staff is requesting to change the speed limits and move towards getting the traffic control started.

Bill Wright from the Police Department said that they agree with the proposals.

Sherry Wilkinson lives on Riley Drive also with Park View, and said that these speeds will affect their walking routes. If the speeds are increased along those walking routes, we will put the children's lives at risk.

Amy Leavitt said that she was in attendance when the island was put in the road on 930 West and was told that the island would deter speeding—and now we are talking about increasing the speed. She doesn't understand why you would increase the speed in a residential area. If 88% of people automatically increase their speed over the posted speed, they will speed over the new posted speed as well.

Grant Leavitt lives at 911 S 930 W and part of his concern is trying to get out of the driveway on a busy one-way road, and there is not one crosswalk along 930 West. He feels the speed shouldn't be increased and crosswalks should be painted to insure safety of residents. He feels the study is flawed because it is compared to Orem, and Orem has a lot wider streets.

Loretta Massey also lives on 930 West and has done so for 36 years. We were happy about the island and feel there are a lot of improvements happening in the neighborhood because of that. She said they have six children that are married and come to visit, and when they get out of their cars they are almost hit because of the increased traffic. The street is busy and will only going to get busier. She agrees that if you increase the speed limit to 35 mph, people will go 40-45 mph.

Councilmember Skinner was curious why there aren't cross walks and crossing guards for Park View Elementary. Lt. Bill Wright said cross walks are regulated by the State and there are certain warrants that have to be met (vehicular and pedestrian traffic) in order to get those, he will see if the school district will do another study.

Councilmember Skinner said that he hasn't seen any speed limit signs on 800 South. Superintendent Fowden said that that 800 S. is a State road and he will check with UDOT.

Councilmember Skinner wondered if the motivation was to move traffic quicker.

Mr. Jockumsen said that yes, we want to move traffic and that is why we have designated the wider roads. MAG just does the study for the whole county, and there is a lot of engineering study to back up their recommendations.

Councilmember Skinner noted that there are few streets in Payson that should have increased speed limits.

Rhett Huff felt that the reason they were proposing the increased speed limits and changing stop signs was to try to get traffic out of the residential side streets and onto the collector roads.

Councilmember Hardy agreed that people might take this as an opportunity to speed up if the speed limits increase because we are not talking about changing the stop signs yet.

Councilmember Hancock agreed with Mr. Huff that we need to get traffic to the collector roads; he also feels that people drive at the speed we feel is safe. He suggests we turn this back to staff to look at specific streets and each one individually, and then give a recommendation of what needs to be done where and when, and not do it all at once.

Councilmember Skinner said a driver feels good about driving at certain speeds but it is different look from a pedestrian angle.

Councilmember Skinner understands the data collected from the counters, but feels we need to look at these to see it compared to the number of pedestrians, time of year, whether everyone is backing onto the street, whether it is near a school, etc.

Councilmember Hancock would like to direct staff to look at the suggestions of the MAG study on a one for one basis and factor in the specific needs of each of the areas, and bring this information back to the Council by spring 2015.

Mr. Jockumsen said we don't have staff to count pedestrians.

Councilmember Skinner said there are streets that go past schools, churches, etc. we know this information and don't need to have anyone go count. We just need to get a staff recommendation as to whether the MAG study is prudent.

Councilmember Hardy also wondered if accidents were factored into their recommendations. Mr. Jockumsen said that accidents were only factored at the stop lights.

MOTION by Councilmember Phillips to not implement the recommendations and leave things as they are. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hardy. Voting aye: Councilmembers: Hardy, Phillips, and Skinner. Voting nay: Hancock. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION REGARDING DOWNTOWN LIGHTING AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

Electrical Superintendent Ron Crump gave an update on the installation of new power poles in the downtown. He indicated that the cost per pole was higher than expected, and the price goes up if someone else does it and it is not done in house. Mr. Jockumsen said this is worst case scenario because there is a concrete trench in the road and we don't know where it is so costs will increase if we hit it. Mr. Crump said if you take the trees out we can reduce the number of lights.

Councilmember Hardy assumed that we were getting rid of the trees, so we didn't have the infrastructure problem with the roots.

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Attorney Sorenson felt there needed to be a plan. Golf Pro Tracy Zobell said we could take out the existing trees, plant the trees in the containers we purchased, and put them at a certain height then rotate the trees, but we would need to have someone water them.

Superintendent Crump reiterated that boring for the lighting was \$33,000 to bore both sides of the road both directions and \$50 per foot for 780 ft. of trenching, plus both scenarios would take an additional \$20K. His recommendation was to do one block at a time and trench it.

Councilmember Phillips said he would like some of this information in writing so they could study it, and Mr. Crump gave the information to the City Manager and thought it was forwarded, he will make sure the Council gets it.

Councilmember Phillips said that the city has the equipment to do the trenching. Councilmember Skinner felt we should do the trenching. Mayor Moore wondered if we were going to make the street two-way or leave it one. Council felt we needed to prioritize projects, if we do it in house.

Lou from Lou's Barber feels that the business owners would like two-way.

Scott asked what a time frame would be for one block, Mr. Jockumsen felt three months to do everything, but said that it would cost more to do one block at a time. Discussion was held regarding funding and possible grants.

Mr. Crump would like to see a final design on the four block area before we tear anything out so we can match it all up. Staff could meet and get this done. Council said to start that process with figuring the road would be two-way.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilmember Hardy to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilmember Phillips. Motion carries.

Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.