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2 **MINUTES OF THE HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK MEETING HELD**
3 **NOVEMBER 5, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 147 N. 870**
4 **WEST, HURRICANE, UTAH**

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6 Members Present: Pam Humphries, Darin Thomas, Kevin Tervort, Ethelyn Humphries, Mayor John Bramall, Darin
7 Larson

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9 Also Present: Darin LeFevre, Bruce Densley, Dean Cox, Don Triptow, Deward Stout, Bill Adams, Ken Hooten, Tom
10 Kuhlmann

11 **AGENDA**

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13 **1. Discussion regarding Fire District**

14 John explained that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the pros and cons of Hurricane entering
15 back into the fire district. John explained that having a larger number of people contributing to the
16 cause will help everyone/everything work faster and better. John discussed with the group the
17 dilemma of needing an additional fire house West of Hurricane. If all three entities work together it
18 would be a third of the price of each entity building its own station. Darren LeFevre explained that
19 the district feels that they want hurricane in the district which would make the entity stronger;
20 however, would hurricane have to go back to a vote by the citizens. Pam explained that even if an
21 election is not needed, having public meetings should be done to inform the group.

22 The structure of a board will need to be discussed and agreed upon prior to public
23 meetings/hearings. Tom explained that there are other entities interested in joining the district and
24 figures that there would be at least one proposal submitted to the district. The group expressed
25 concern of setting up a board and having a decision made beforehand how many board members
26 there would be, especially if other entities join in the future. Darren LeFevre suggested establishing
27 a board comprised of members from each community. There are 14 mayors in the county, having 14
28 board members would be too much. Darren LeFevre proposed one board member per town. If
29 Hurricane comes in now there would be 5 board members with the possibility of growing to 7. The
30 issue would need to be revisited if additional cities wish to join the district. Dean also suggested a
31 COG or council of governments which has worked well. Ethelyn expressed concern that if Hurricane
32 requested having two board members, what affect would that have on other communities joining,
33 such as Washington. Since Washington is a larger community, and if they were to join, would they
34 want 4 members? The group agreed that having a predetermined mechanism for growth would help
35 avoid issues in the future.

36 Darren LeFevre asked what the time frame would be for Hurricane to rejoin. The group agreed that
37 setting a solid and achievable date is important. Darin Larson asked Tom what the best date would
38 be. Tom explained that the longer we wait the more weight Hurricane carries. Tom explained that
39 they currently have a budget of \$1.5 million. With the currently proposed improvements on the
40 West side of Hurricane and with the aging fleet of ambulances, Hurricane residents would bear a
41 significant burden trying to maintain the equipment and keep up with the growing demand.

42 Tom suggested reversing the interlocal agreement to begin the process of the communities joining
43 together. Clark felt like reversing would ease the administration in Hurricane. Tom explained that by

44 reversing the interlocal agreement, the district would then pay the bills and Hurricane would pay the
45 district, essentially reversing the current roles. Tom explained that starting this as soon as possible
46 would be most favorable. Clark suggested reversing the interlocal agreement and making it effective
47 starting in January 2015 which would be a new quarter would be a good separation date. Timing
48 was the biggest problem last time with Hurricane entering the district as the economy was suffering
49 and with the drastic changes in residential home values, businesses picked up a much greater
50 portion of property tax to make up for the drop in residential values. John felt like gas prices are
51 dropping, home prices and mortgage rates are stable; this should be as favorable a year as can be
52 hoped for with changing over to the district. With the economy in a much more stable environment,
53 the impact of crossing over should be significantly less.

54 The Hurricane council felt like involving the public should be paramount through the change and
55 asked for time to hold public meetings and get the word out to the community. The Hurricane City
56 Council will hold a public hearing on the November 20th agenda to discuss the fire district.

57 Tom was tasked with refiguring numbers for the district and Hurricane City.

58 John motioned to adjourn, motion was seconded with the meeting adjourning at 8:38 pm.

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