

Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting
December 4, 2014
6:00 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on December 4, 2014, in the City Council Chambers in Heber City, Utah

I. [Call to Order](#)
[City Manager's Memo](#)

Present: Mayor Alan McDonald
Council Member Robert Patterson
Council Member Jeffery Bradshaw
Council Member Erik Rowland
Council Member Heidi Franco
Council Member Kelleen Potter

Also Present: City Manager Mark Anderson
City Recorder Michelle Kellogg
City Planner Tony Kohler
City Engineer Bart Mumford
Police Sergeant Salvador Segura

Mayor McDonald opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

1. [Ramona Pace, Discuss Recommended Course of Action Regarding Abandoned House Located at 467 West 100 North Report re 467 West 100 North photos](#)

Kohler stated the City had pursued all possible avenues for dealing with the nuisance in the deteriorating home and had come up with some options. Mayor McDonald reviewed the three options regarding this property: leaving the home as is, boarding up the home, or initiating probate on the will and then demolishing the home. Anderson explained it would be difficult going through probate because there was a lien on the home. Council Member Rowland asked if it would be considered trespassing to board up the home. Anderson felt that if the City could show a legitimate public purpose, it would stay on solid ground from a legal standpoint.

Mayor McDonald stated there was a liability having this home in the condition that it was now. Council Member Franco felt that boarding up the home would invite crime and devalue the neighborhood. She hoped the City could keep trying to resolve the problem and remove the home completely, and stated she was in favor of demolishing the home.

Kohler stated the City was not set up to start probate; staff, time and know how were lacking. He knew the State wasn't set up for that either, and acknowledged this was new territory for him. Council Member Rowland asked if the home was condemnable. Kohler stated the building department had already condemned it. Anderson suggested meeting with State Representative Powell to see what could be done with regard to getting the State to initiate probate.

2. Discuss Proposed Culinary Water Rate Increase 2015 Proposed Water Rate Increase

Mayor McDonald asked if the City had observed more water conservation by the residents with the increased water rates. Anderson looked and could not immediately find any comparisons in the financial statements. He noted the proposed rates were approved at the public hearing which was held to pass the 2014-2015 budget. He asked if the Council wanted to have another public hearing before raising the rates, and indicated the City's need to replace the infrastructure would only increase over time.

Council Member Rowland thought the deficit and replacement needs of existing infrastructure should be addressed at a public hearing. Anderson wanted to discuss the water and sewer funds at the City Council's strategic planning session, and added these deficits were a great concern for him. He indicated the deficit had grown from adding personnel and replacing water meters and vaults as they fail.

There was discussion on residential and commercial water usage. Mayor McDonald asked Anderson to bring usage numbers to the January planning meeting. Council Member Rowland thought the Council should hold a public hearing to discuss the shortfalls. Anderson reviewed that the rate increase was for culinary water only. He asked if the rate should apply to irrigation water as well, and noted there would be a larger and larger gap between what users pay over time if nothing was done with regard to the irrigation water.

3. Discuss Cooperative Agreement for Corridor Preservation Along US-189 from SR-113 to US-40 Report re Highway US 189 Access Management Agreement

Mayor McDonald explained UDOT was trying to keep driveways off Highway 189 and had planned to install traffic signals at a few locations, with the hope that future development would plan their streets accordingly so residents could access Highway 189 at the traffic lights.

Mumford stated he would recommend that a traffic light be installed at Southfield Road and Highway 189. Other than that, he did not feel like this proposal would affect Heber as much as it would Charleston and Wasatch County. Council Member Franco recommended adding that traffic signal at Southfield Road to the agreement. Mumford stated he would take that recommendation back to UDOT. The Council was favorable to the agreement. Mumford stated this agreement would come back to a regular City Council meeting for formal approval.

4. Discuss Resolution to Support Utah Transportation Coalition Utah Transportation Coalition Letter

Mayor McDonald reviewed the letter from the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce and asked if the Council members supported this coalition. The Council agreed to become part of the coalition.

5. Discuss Cancellation of City Council Meetings for December 18th and/or January 1st

The Council agreed to cancel the next two regularly scheduled City Council meetings because of the holidays and because Mark Anderson would be recovering from knee surgery.

Anderson noted construction would start tomorrow on the second floor expansion at the City Offices, and next week, footings and foundations would go in for the new Public Safety Building.

Council Member Franco asked about the status of Public Works erecting the new stop signs. Anderson indicated the Public Works department was relocating signs this week. Council Member Rowland asked if there was follow up regarding the crosswalk discussion. Mumford commented that he needed to get in touch with UDOT again. Council Member Patterson noted he was concerned about the aging street signs in the community.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder