

AMERICAN FORK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2015

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ATTACHMENT

The American Fork City Council met in two public hearings on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, in the American Fork City Hall, 31 North Church Street. Those present included Mayor James H. Hadfield and Councilmembers Carlton Bowen, Brad Frost, Rob Shelton, and Clark Taylor. Councilman Jeff Shorter was excused.

Staff present: Associate Planner Wendelin Knobloch
Cemetery Sexton Ray Garrett
City Administrator Craig Whitehead
City Attorney Kasey Wright
City Engineer Andy Spencer
City Planner Adam Olsen
City Recorder Richard Colborn
Finance Director Cathy Jensen
Fire Chief Kriss Garcia
Library Director Sheena Parker
Parks & Recreation Director Derric Rykert
Police Chief Lance Call
Planning Commission Chairman John Woffinden
Public Relations/Economic Development Director Audra Sorensen
Public Works Director Dale Goodman
Technology Director George Schade

Also present: Scouts and leaders

7:10 p.m. Receiving of public comment regarding the Brad Reynolds American Fork City Annexation consisting of 18.45 acres at 725 West 200 South

Mayor Hadfield opened the public hearing to receive public comment regarding the Brad Reynolds American Fork City Annexation.

There being no comment the hearing concluded at 7:11 p.m.

7:20 p.m. Receiving of public comment regarding the Edwards Annexation consisting of 5.48 acres at 850 East 50 South

Mayor Hadfield opened the public hearing to receive public comment regarding the Edwards Annexation.

There being no comment the hearing ended at 7:21 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

The American Fork City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in the American Fork City Hall, 31 North Church Street, commencing at 7:30 p.m. Those present included Mayor James H. Hadfield and Councilmembers Carlton Bowen, Brad Frost, Rob Shelton, and Clark Taylor. Councilman Jeff Shorter was excused.

Staff present: Associate Planner Wendelin Knobloch
Cemetery Sexton Ray Garrett
Cemetery Lead Man Mark Coddington
City Administrator Craig Whitehead
City Attorney Kasey Wright
City Engineer Andy Spencer
City Planner Adam Olsen
City Recorder Richard Colborn
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Public Works Director Dale Goodman
Technology Director George Schade

Also present: Robert Shelley, Fred J. Clark, Former Councilmember Heidi Rodeback, Barbara Christiansen, Leslie Mascaro, and Leslie Morton.

Mayor Hadfield led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer was offered by Pastor Joe Funicello from the Calvary Mountain View Church.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS BY MAYOR JAMES H. HADFIELD

Mayor Hadfield delivered his State of City address. (See **ATTACHMENT**) There was general applause.

Mayor Hadfield had the Scouts in attendance come forward and introduce themselves.

<u>Troop 332</u>	Brandon Thorpe Morgan Lish	Logan Garlick Derek Stoddard	Joseph Oldham	Will Merkley
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<u>Troop 1153</u>	Michael Frambrough Derek Seal Taggart Smith Brylee Reese	Korden Bagley Conner Clayton Cody Wilkins Ben Phillips	Jazbo Herrera Crew Stark Braden Shelley Jason Heaps	James Larsen Covey Abo Jason Miner
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Mayor Hadfield had the leaders stand. There was general applause.

Mayor Hadfield wished the Scouts well as they went along Scouting's Trail. He noted that the City had many worthwhile Eagle Scout Projects. He thanked them for their attendance.

TWENTY-MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES PER PERSON

Richard Porter stated that it was good to see so many young men at the meeting. He thanked Mayor Hadfield for responding to an earlier letter regarding Granite View Estates. They found themselves in a perilous situation and many costs with no way to overcome including road repairs and damages to cement. They would make the best of it. In the meantime they want to work with the City Engineer on those items that fall under the City's auspices. He thanked the Mayor for his efforts in their behalf.

Mayor Hadfield explained that Mr. Porter sent him a letter asking for time on the agenda as he had items to address that he felt were important. He asked the City Engineer Andy Spencer to respond to the developer of the Granite View Estates project regarding bond money and what the outstanding items were, which he did. They hoped to work through the issues to a timely and successful resolution.

Former Councilmember Heidi Rodeback thanked the Mayor for the State of the City Address. The progress of the past year had been significant. She commented that she had seen a bumper sticker that said, "Libraries, something government gets right." This had been true in American Fork in the last eleven years in large measure to Sheena Parker's skill as Library Director. As she was retiring this week Ms. Rodeback paid tribute to her.

Ms. Rodeback explained that eleven years ago she was a mother of young readers and in a 4H story telling club. They were grateful for the library with its many stories and grateful for Sheena Parker for her generous support of their service projects. Ms. Rodeback served as a Councilmember with Ms. Parker for eight years on the Library Board and she now served as the Chair of the Library Board. With her predecessors they all felt that Sheena Parker's greatest strength as the Library Director has been her skill with people. She always put people first and helped them to put the Library first. She always made herself available, was a good listener and empowered people with the tools they needed to succeed. When problems arose she researched all possible solutions. She ran a tight ship and made sound fiscal decisions. This did not matter as much as it did during the recession which from the library's point of view was, "An extended period of challenge when the demand for Library resources skyrockets and the Library funding plummets." They watched Sheena Parker make tough decisions that kept the Library going through those hard times.

Ms. Rodeback continued that another accomplishment was the success of the Brian McKay Eddington Learning Center. Once again she was putting people first. When you open a book you open your mind. On behalf of the Library Board she thanked Sheena Parker for putting books in our hands and opening our minds. There was general applause.

Mayor Hadfield asked Sheena Parker to stand noting that she was one that did not like recognition. He asked for a round of applause of appreciation, which was given. She would be missed but wished her well in her retirement.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Craig Whitehead had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL REPORTS CONCERNING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Councilman Bowen commented that the Mayor mentioned many great things going on in the City. He had a couple to add. From a financial prospective, the City's net fund balance, the amount the City has in the bank, has increased. When he ran for City Council a year and a half ago the City had about \$54 million in debt and looking to add \$20 million more. They did not add the \$20 million in debt and they have been able to pay down some of that \$54 million. The amount that the City pays in interest was more that the entire Police Department budget. On a positive note the City refinanced on two different occasions portions of the debt to be at a lower interest rate.

Councilman Bowen preferred to pay off debt when they had that option and the funds to do so, but he thought that lowering the interest rate was a step in the right direction. He had concerns over the road budget. It could be increased especially with the strong fund balance and the political will and prioritization from this Council. They needed to look forward on their emergency planning for natural disasters and other emergencies.

Councilman Bowen reported that the Beautification Committee met during the summer and gave awards to the most beautiful yards and garden tours during Steel Days. They have proposed that they do some kind of recognition for Christmas Lights. Everyone on the Committee was in agreement in looking at doing something for next year.

Councilman Frost trumpeted that Library Director Sheena Parker epitomized the phrase, "It was amazing what can happen when nobody cares who gets the credit." Sheena Parker gets the job done and was a steady leader. He thanked her.

Councilman Frost stated that he lived in American Fork because he loved it. He was born and raised in this town and chose to raise his family here because of the environment and because of all of the wonderful things that the Mayor just stated. There were challenges. At the core of American Fork City were good people. Many things went forward on the back of volunteers. He expressed a gratitude for staff, for City leaders and for those that had gone before and laid the foundation for American Fork residents. There was so much room to grow. He was happy to be on board and to drive the ship a little bit.

Councilman Taylor gave a shout out to home Boy Scout Troop 332 who were in attendance along with their leaders Brother Fuller and Brother Litchford who did a great job. He added that there would never be enough said about Sheena Parker. He thanked her very much and expressed that they loved having her here and looked for to working with her in some capacity in the future.

Councilman Shelton reported that he attended a meeting where the Governor gave his economic outlook for 2015. There were great things happening. The working relationship of elected officials was the secret to our success here in Utah. This afternoon he was part of the Steering

Committee for The Meadows Crossing that included the State, the County, and Lehi City all trying to look at plans out to 2040.

Councilman Shelton reported that he had the opportunity to go around with the local Rotary Club to pass out a dictionary to every third grader. It was funded completely through donations from businesses and other entities that had a passion for literacy. It was not just a normal dictionary but had a great civic side to it as well. It had a bio on every President of the United States along with a history and information on every State. It also contained documents such as the US Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Sometimes, this was the first book a child may own. He expressed that he had a great passion for literacy and was grateful for people in his life that took time to help him. The United Way did a great study nationally that determined that one could tell the poverty level of a community solely dependent upon the third grade reading level and that was why the Rotary Club targeted dictionaries to third graders.

Councilman Shelton noted that Sheena Parker had done a phenomenal job in being a champion for education with the Library. Lives were changed at the Library. Governor Herbert commented in his outlook that he was reading in the *New Yorker*, that the American Dream was dead; that there was not an opportunity for many in the poverty levels of the United States to reach up to a new socio-economical class. Many statistics were given and then it was said, except for Utah. That was a great tribute.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hadfield reported that they would be a grand opening tomorrow at noon for a business on west State Road known as Fetal Fotos.

COMMON CONSENT AGENDA (*Common Consent* is that class of Council action that requires no further discussion or which is routine in nature. All items on the Common Consent Agenda are adopted by a single motion unless removed from the Common Consent Agenda by the Mayor or a Councilmember and placed in the action items.)

1. Approval of the December 4, 2014 City Council work session minutes.
2. Approval of the December 9, 2014 City Council minutes.
3. Approval of the City bills for payment, manually prepared checks, and purchase requests over \$25,000. – *Cathy Jensen*

**Councilman Taylor moved approval of the common consent items as presented.
Councilman Frost seconded the motion. Voting by voice roll call was as follows:**

Councilman Bowen	Nay	
Councilman Frost	Aye	
Councilman Shelton	Aye	
Councilman Taylor	Aye	The motion carried

ACTION ITEMS

REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR THE 300 WEST ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO JORDAN VALLEY CONSTRUCTION, INC – Staff

Kasey Wright recommended that a section in the definitions be added that said, “Weather day: Any day in which precipitation exceeds 0.10 inches in American Fork City, Utah.”

Andy Spencer agreed with the addition.

Councilman Bowen moved to accept the bid submitted by Jordan Valley Construction, Inc., for the construction of the 300 West Roadway Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$757,740.50, with a ten percent contingency allowance of \$75,775, for a total project budget of \$833,515, and authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of contract documents incorporating the addition recommended by legal counsel and endorsed by staff. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion.

Mayor Hadfield explained that this was something that the City recognized for a long time that needed to be done. The waterline has been upgraded and the sewer line taken care of. They were now ready for a new roadway including curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

Voting by voice roll call was as follows:

Councilman Bowen	Aye	
Councilman Frost	Aye	
Councilman Shelton	Aye	
Councilman Taylor	Aye	The motion carried

REVIEW AND ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND PREPARATION OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS PROPOSAL FROM EDA LAND PLANNING, P.C. FOR THE CEMETERY EXPANSION AND MEMORIAL GARDEN PROJECT – Derric Rykert

Derric Rykert explained that a RFP was sent out in November and the City received four back. They had follow-up interviews. They were blown away with the designs and concepts of EDA Land Planning including an increase in burial capacity along with the ability to generate some revenue and provide a landmark for the City. He recommended EDA Land Planning.

Mayor Hadfield asked if there were questions of the staff.

Councilman Bowen asked if the revenue referred to was from the sale of lots or something else.

Mr. Rykert responded that it was from cremations and utilizing features within that area.

Councilman Bowen asked if EDA Land Planning was the low bidder.

Mr. Rykert responded that they were not the low bid. They were all within several thousand dollars of each other.

Councilman Bowen asked if they were less than \$10,000.

Mr. Rykert answered yes and that included all engineering services that would be required.

Councilman Bowen asked for clarification that there was not more than a \$10,000 difference to the next lowest bidder.

Councilman Frost explained that some submissions did not include some engineering. EDA had the grander vision of the whole plan. There were discrepancies between the submissions but EDA's knowledge of the cemetery business far exceeded the competitors.

Councilman Shelton moved to accept the proposal from EDA Land Planning, P.C. in the amount of \$59,000, to provide architectural design, project management, and preparation of construction documents for the Cemetery Expansion and Memorial Garden, and authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of contract documents. Councilman Frost seconded the motion.

Mayor Hadfield asked if there were any questions on the motion. There were none.

Voting by voice roll call was as follows:

Councilman Bowen	Abstain, he would like to see the other bids
Councilman Frost	Aye
Councilman Shelton	Aye
Councilman Taylor	Aye

The motion carried

Councilman Frost stated that with that vote he invited the Scouts to keep a close eye on the cemetery. Sometime this year they will notice a 30' x 50' US Flag on a 120-foot pole. Within that garden there would be many things to see and learn.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH OAKWOOD HOMES OF UTAH REGARDING ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION IN LIEU OF PROVIDING AN IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTION GUARANTEE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SOUTH POINT SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1 AT 740 EAST 400 SOUTH – Staff

Leslie Mascaro was present representing Oakwood Homes who stated that they wanted to construct the improvements in lieu of bonding for the improvements.

Andy Spencer was okay with the agreement.

Councilman Frost was thrilled to get this project going.

Councilman Frost moved to approve the Development Agreement with Oakwood Homes for South Point Subdivision, Phase 1, and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents. Councilman Bowen seconded the motion. Voting by voice roll call was as follows:

Councilman Bowen	Aye
Councilman Frost	Aye
Councilman Shelton	Aye
Councilman Taylor	Aye

The motion carried

REVIEW AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONE MAP AMENDMENT FROM THE RA-1 RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL ZONE TO THE R1-7,500 RESIDENTIAL ZONE LOCATED AT 362 SOUTH STORRS AVENUE – *Derek Seal*

Derek Seal representing the Livingston’s, owners of the property, was present. He noted that at some time in the future they would be looking to subdivide the property.

Councilman Taylor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-01-01 approving a zone map amendment from the RA-1 Residential Agricultural zone to the R1-7,500 Residential zone located at 362 South Storrs Avenue. Councilman Shelton seconded the motion. Voting by voice roll call was as follows:

Councilman Bowen	Aye	
Councilman Frost	Aye	
Councilman Shelton	Aye	
Councilman Taylor	Aye	The motion carried

REVIEW AND ACTION ON SUBDIVISIONS, COMMERCIAL PROJECTS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND PUD’S INCLUDING 1) PLAT APPROVAL; 2) METHOD OF SATISFACTION OF WATER RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS; 3) POSTING OF AN IMPROVEMENT BOND OR SETTING OF A TIME FRAME FOR IMPROVEMENT INSTALLATION; AND 4) AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN THE FINAL PLAT AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALL DEDICATIONS TO THE PUBLIC AND TO HAVE THE PLAT RECORDED

- a. Review and action on the final plat of Ashley Meadows Subdivision Plat A, consisting of 33 lots located at 900 North 900 West in the R1-12,000 and R1-9,000 Residential zones – *F.J. Clark & Associates*

Fred Clark was in attendance representing the project.

Mayor Hadfield asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Councilman Frost moved to approve the final plat of Ashley Meadows Subdivision Plat A, consisting of 33 lots located at 900 North 900 West in the R1-12,000 and R1-9,000 Residential zones and to authorize the Mayor and City Council to sign the plat and accept the dedications with instructions to the City Recorder to withhold recording of the plat subject to: 1) Posting of a performance guarantee to ensure the timely construction of required public improvements, and 2) All conditions identified in the December 3, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Councilman Shelton seconded the motion. Voting by voice roll call was as follows:

Councilman Bowen	Aye	
Councilman Frost	Aye	
Councilman Shelton	Aye	
Councilman Taylor	Aye	The motion carried

- b. Review and action on the final plat of CVS American Fork Plaza Subdivision, consisting of one lot located at 495 East State Road in the GC-1 General Commercial zone. – CVS/Psomas

Leslie Morton from Psomas was present representing the CVS project. They would begin construction in the spring.

Mayor Hadfield explained the intent was to make one lot out of several. He wished them success. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the final plat of CVS American Fork Plaza Subdivision, consisting of one lot located at 495 East State Road in the GC-1 General Commercial zone and to authorize the Mayor and City Council to sign the plat and accept the dedications with instructions to the City Recorder to withhold recording of the plat subject to: 1) Posting of a performance guarantee to ensure the timely construction of required public improvements, and 2) All conditions identified in the December 3, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Councilman Shelton seconded the motion. Voting by voice roll call was as follows:

Councilman Bowen	Aye	
Councilman Frost	Aye	
Councilman Shelton	Aye	
Councilman Taylor	Aye	The motion carried

REVIEW AND ACTION ON AN IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BOOS DEVELOPMENT GROUP (CVS PHARMACY) FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH 500 EAST – Staff

Mayor Hadfield noted that the project involved considerable widening of 500 East.

Andy Spencer noted that there were some very minor changes to the agreement that Boos Development Group were in agreement with. He noted that 500 East north of State street would become a five-lane road in the future. CVS was willing to accommodate that widening and that was the intent of this agreement. The amount of compensation was \$72,284.58 and would be accomplished through impact fee credits and if necessary cash from impact fees.

Mr. Spencer noted that the road configuration might look a little odd at first until the rest of 500 East was improved going north. UDOT was also working on the redesign of this intersection.

Mayor Hadfield asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Frost commented that this was a key point in American Fork and wondered that if in the final drawings, and the City might help participate, the showing of beauty there. He was talking about maybe a small flower bed or some other enhancement. He had not seen the landscaping plan. He was proposing that the City might maintain it.

Mr. Spencer explained that in the GC-1 zone, the site plan ended with the Planning Commission. He thought there were some possibilities there.

Councilman Shelton moved to approve the Improvement Agreement with Boos Development Group (CVS Pharmacy) for street improvements associated with 500 East, and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion.

Mayor Hadfield asked if there were questions on the motion.

Councilman Bowen did not want to see the City maintain that flower bed. Regular park strips were maintained by the property owner.

Councilman Frost stated that he would volunteer himself to maintain it.

Councilman Bowen noted that this was not a taking but a voluntary action.

Mr. Spencer added that they City would be compensating Boos Development for dedications over and above what they would normally have to do.

Voting by voice roll call was as follows:

Councilman Bowen	Aye	
Councilman Frost	Aye	
Councilman Shelton	Aye	
Councilman Taylor	Aye	The motion carried

REVIEW AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CONTINUITY IN GOVERNMENT IN THE CITY OF AMERICAN FORK – Staff

Mayor Hadfield listed the three in line if he were absent noting that there was no change from last year's Resolution.

- Mayor Pro tem Councilman Clark Taylor
- Councilman Brad Frost
- Councilman Robert Shelton

Mayor Hadfield asked if there were questions on this item.

Councilman Bowen asked about doing the whole Council in order of seniority.

Mayor Hadfield noted that the state law said that they would appoint three successors.

Councilman Shelton noted that it had been brought up about emergency planning in the City and this was one document that goes to that.

Councilman Shelton moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-01R establishing Continuity in Government in American Fork City noting that the City Ordinance gave the Mayor the authority to appoint a Mayor Pro-tem. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion.

Voting by voice roll call was as follows:

Councilman Bowen	Aye
Councilman Frost	Aye
Councilman Shelton	Aye
Councilman Taylor	Aye

The motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Taylor moved adjournment at 8:37 p.m. Councilman Frost seconded the motion. All were in favor.



Richard M. Colborn
City Recorder

State of the City, 2014

Mayor JH Hadfield

Each year, as the Mayor, I like to give a lengthy, inspirational speech filled with anecdotes and humor that outlines the successes and challenges of that year.

I'm not doing that this year. I'm cutting to the chase. This year, in honor of how efficient and conscientious I believe our City has been, I've decided to give you a very simple list of what I believe to be our City's Top 20 Accomplishments of 2014. Now these are not at all in order of importance because all are noteworthy – these things and many more – but I hope you enjoy the highlights. So here we go:

1. Despite national and statewide controversies regarding the lack of integrity by police departments, the American Fork Police Department continues to stay above the fray with strong leadership. The American Fork Police Department not only protects residents, they proactively work to become leaders in the community and in the profession.

The Police Department hired two detectives specifically to stop illegal drug use. And since hiring them in June, our police have made 29 felony and 25 misdemeanor

drug arrests. Our detectives have removed Heroin, Methamphetamine and Marijuana from the City, and in December, officers intercepted an eight-pound shipment of marijuana coming into our City.

2. Our Police Department raised money for two K9 dogs and opened an exclusive American Fork Police Department Firearms Training Range in Cedar Valley. Both of these efforts equip the City with better resources.

3. The American Fork Fire & Rescue continues to provide exceptional Fire and Emergency Medical Services to our residents. These highly training, remarkably compassionate individuals intervene in the most life-altering moments. I've been a personal recipient of their fine care when I was in an automobile accident last month, and they have responded to nearly three thousand other important calls. They've managed:

- 356 fire calls;
- 916 hospital transfers;
- 192 vehicle accidents with 26 extrications; and
- 14 hazardous material incidents.

4. Fire and Rescue has assisted our surrounding communities, increased its percentage of full-time firefighters, and added on to the station -- all while increasing revenue to offset the cost of running the department by \$1.4 million. Despite an ever-increasing demand for services, our fire loss continues to be one of the lowest per capita and it takes every opportunity to engage with and educate the public about safety.

5. The American Fork Hospital addition was a major improvement in our community. The hospital increased its traffic and traffic for health-related business. The projects associated with IHC started in Spring 2013, and were completed Fall 2014. The IHC Specialty Clinic cost \$21.3 million, and the IHC Emergency Room Addition is valued at \$25 million. The other project on the site, not associated with IHC, was the 90 North Medical Plaza valued at \$4.6 million.

6. In 2014, residential and commercial growth continued in American Fork. We had a 10% increase in the number of development applications over the previous year. There were 259 residential units approved, 19 commercial projects approved, and a number of inspections were given. The City issued about 200 business licenses this past year.

7. Some of the new businesses and developments completed in 2014 included:

- New Hope Academy;
- the North Shore Corporate Center office and Warehouse;
- The Lakeside Planned Industrial Park office and warehouse

Underway is planning and construction of:

- Thermoworks home office;
- Zaxby's;
- Starbucks; and
- and BioLife.

8. We are currently processing the annexation of an additional 230.77 acres into the City, and 127.83 in 2014. For reference, the City is currently 6,038 acres or 9.43 square miles.

9. The City issued 70 New Single Family Residential Permits, increasing values \$15.8 million, and Commercial permits were issued adding about \$23 million of value to the City. Our planning department continues to review hundreds of residential and commercial plans for remodels, additions and upgrades in the City.

10. We are proactively improving the community with the adoption of the Transit Oriented Development Area Plan, and a Master Plan that covers roughly 380 acres

for high density, mixed use development. The Planning Commission began updating the Land Use Plan, and has improved planning district boundaries and continues to review land-use categories.

11. We're always talking about roads. I want to say clearly that this continues to be an important focus in the City and by the Public Works Division. In 2014, we made about \$11 million of road improvements, which includes water and sewer, and curb and gutter and drainage. Some major projects were located at:

- 900 West;
- 580 E. 700 N.
- Center St. and 300 N.
- The 200 South Trails; and
- The 200 East/Main Street Intersection; and
- We started the 200 West CDBG.

12. We completed an exhaustive study of the sewer system and storm drains, and retrained our personnel so they have the highest level of related training. We also replaced and improved water lines that were in desperate need of upgrades, and constructed a new water line on 200 North from 400 East to 600 East.

13. Our finance department won two awards from the Governmental Finance Officers Association: one for excellence in Budget Presentation Award, and another for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

14. We upgraded technology at Historic City Hall with a new projector and screen, and larger monitor displays for the Mayor and City Council, wireless microphones at the podium and staff table. We also entered into several lease agreements with Telecom Service Providers, allowing them to co-locate equipment in our Network Operation Center.

15. We upgraded Fiber Optic Network in the Administration building which increased the reliability and speed of the network. We upgraded our internal Fiber Optic Network Maps to include our entire Fiber Optic Network locations.

16. The City focused on the environment by starting enforcement of a new bicycle and pedestrian plan as well as an education effort regarding the program's importance. City parks crews continue to plant and prune trees and shrubs throughout the City, and we continue to be a TREE City USA City.

17. But we weren't all work and no play. In fact, the City of American Fork is a center of play for this and surrounding communities. There were more than 7,000 registrations in city recreation programs this year, including nearly 4,000 total kids'

soccer, football and basketball registrations. The current adult basketball program has more than 225 teams, including 56 High School-aged teams.

The City had more than 3,000 registrations for summer swim lessons, and more than 400 students a month in the gymnastics program.

18. The Boy Scout program, a program that runs to a degree through our Fitness Center and pays for itself offers 104 different merit badges and saw more than 3,000 registrations in 2014. I am an avid supporter of this program and am delighted to see it continue to grow.

The American Fork Fitness Center managed more than 250,000 admittances this year, not including those who visit as spectators.

19. We dedicated a new section of town for cemetery space, effectively removing a nearly 10-year-long moratorium on the sale of lots to help families with estate planning. The new area, called the “Seasons Cemetery,” will feature a children’s garden, water features, a large American Flag, and other components that beautify the area. In addition, plans are underway to maximize the space so that there will be ample burial space for almost 40 years.

20. Voters in American Fork passed the PARC TAX, which will dedicate more money to improvements of parks, recreation programs, arts, music dance and other

community enhancement programs. Personally, I was an advocate for this as I've seen the tremendous community improvements that have taken place in communities that already employ this program. I look forward to reporting back next year all the great things that this PARC tax has supported.

And there it is. Twenty impressive accomplishments that represent hundreds of employees, thousands of hours of hard work and effort, and volunteering from our citizens, hundreds of thousands of dollars entrusted by tax payers, millions of lives touched by the programs, progress and patronage of this fine City. We've seen innumerable improvements, and there is more to come.

I look forward to serving you this year. I believe this will be a great year for positive changes. I would ask that you will join with me in pledging to conscientiously contribute to this community by participating, voting, treating each other with kindness and respect, and by actively engaging in a good cause.

Thank you!