

A budget work session and the regular meeting of the Farr West City Council were held on March 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Council members present were Mayor Lee Dickemore, Matt Gwynn, Boyd Ferrin, Tom Burkland, Ava Painter and Paul Dinsdale. Planning Commission Members present were John Stewart, Milt Austin, Ken Phippen, Joe Markland, Phil Owen and Bonnie Beal. Staff present was Lindsay Afuvai, John Cardon, Dave Bunderson, Sean Lambert, Robbie Spronk and Attorney Ryan Shaw. Visitors present were: see attached list.

Mayor Lee Dickemore called the meeting to order. Mayor Dickemore led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Boyd Ferrin offered a prayer.

Budget Work Session

John Cardon stated this is a pre-budget meeting to discuss about what things we would like to have in the budget. John commented he hoped to have the budget ready four weeks from today. John then stated Lindsay Afuvai got a couple of bids on color copiers and would like to get feedback on that.

Mick Holmes stated he felt what he has had budgeted in the past has been working for him but commented he would like to see the baseball equipment budget increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 this year so he can start replacing equipment.

Dave Bunderson commented there has been a leak on the roof of the recreation center for several years and that he cannot get anyone to fix it. Dave stated everyone wants to replace the entire roof so they can guarantee it, commenting he felt it could cost an approximate \$20,000 to \$30,000 to replace. Tom Burkland stated he would like Kendrick Brothers to come look at it before they move forward with replacing it. Dave then commented the Farr West Park is in need of some upgrades, commenting the sprinkling system needs to be replaced. Dave said he thought that cost would be between \$10,000 and \$12,000 to repair. The Council commented they would like to see that park kept up nicely. Mick then stated he felt the bleachers need to be replaced as well. There was also some discussion on park expansion on the adjacent city owned property. Dave then brought up an additional full time employee, commenting he may not be around for too much longer and he and Robbie would like to see someone hired that can start learning those job duties.

Robbie Spronk stated they would like to get automatic door openers for both the new shop and old shop. There was then some discussion on getting a wood chipper with the increased cost of tipping fees at the transfer station. Robbie then stated they would also like to get a set of forks for the backhoe.

Boyd Ferrin touched on the park installation costs and then commented he would like to see money budgeted for a Trunk or Treat and the holiday lighting celebration as well.

Sean Lambert commented he would like to switch to using electronic inspections, commenting one price they received was approximately \$2,000 start up fee with a \$40 monthly fee for data. Sean then asked about the training budget, commenting there is more training he needs to attend.

Ava Painter commented the RAMP grant could be on a cost reimbursement basis and that is something we may need to be aware of.

Paul Dinsdale commented he would like to retain Mathew Godfrey for marketing the Randall family property. Paul commented that if the council is in favor of this, he would contact Mr. Godfrey and get some cost estimates.

Tom Burkland stated there has been some discussion with the office staff regarding safety and storage concerns with the center offices in the building. Tom commented he felt we should talk to an architect to put a plan together for a remodel.

Mayor Dickemore commented he would like to have some sort of celebration on Veteran's Day.

Matt Gwynn commented Lou Waikart has asked for \$6,000 for the CERT budget. Matt then went over an example of an illustrated budget commenting he would like to move forward with creating a similar document for our city. Matt then suggested keeping the highest amount in the election budget of \$4,800 because we do not yet know which method we will be using.

Regular Meeting

#1 – Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#2 – Report from Planning Commission

John Stewart reported the Planning Commission held a work session and discussed the Fox Construction office site plan, accessory buildings, and addendums to the general plan and ordinance changes.

#3– Follow-up and Approval of Minutes dated February 19, 2015

**BOYD FERRIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 19, 2015.
PAUL DINSDALE SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTING AYE.**

4 –Mayor's Make a Difference Award

Mayor Dickemore commented he would like to honor a special citizen in the city. Lee commented Brian Taylor has a long history of service in Farr West City, dating back to 1962. Lee commented he has served as the Justice Court Judge and has written a book on the history of

Farr West and its early residents. Mr. Taylor thanked the City Council for the award, commenting he has spent his entire life in Farr West City.

#5 – Vote By Mail Presentation - Jennifer Morell, Weber County Elections Director

Jennifer Morrell stated Weber County Elections are encouraging the city to have a vote by mail election this year. Ms. Morrell commented the machines technology are aging and breaking and the cost to maintain them are very costly. Ms. Morrell then commented both the county and state are looking to start using the vote by mail method in the future. Jennifer stated they also struggle to continue to find adequate polling places and poll workers. Ms. Morrell then stated that in 2013, Riverdale City did their election vote by mail and by doing so their turn out doubled. Ms. Morrell then said another positive aspect of the vote by mail is allowing the voters to take more time to educate themselves on the issues on the ballot. Jennifer then touched on the perceived risk of fraud, commenting it is not really a problem we need to worry about. Jennifer then briefly went over the process at the county and the security measures that are taken. Paul Dinsdale asked about the costs to tax payers with this method. Jennifer commented that the larger the jurisdiction, the cheaper this method is. For county elections this is a less expensive option, this is true for larger cities as well. Matt Gwynn asked about the hybrid system. Jennifer commented that with a hybrid election, they are mailing all registered voters a ballot but they are also providing them with a location to vote or drop of their ballots, eliminating the need to provide a stamp for each ballot. Ms. Morrell then commented they are happy to help the city in whichever method we choose.

#6 - Approval of Business Licenses – Benjamin Hale, DMD

Invictus Designs – Robert & Beth Simmons

Property Source Utah, Inc. – Michael Landon

Benjamin Hale was present seeking approval of a business license for Benjamin Hale, DMD.

AVA PAINTER MOTIONED TO APPROVE A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR BENJAMIN HALE, DMD. BOYD FERRIN SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTING AYE.

Robert and Beth Simmons were present seeking approval of a business license for Invictus Designs. Mr. Simmons stated they are building furniture, staircases and different items out of metal. Tom Burkland asked if there is fabrication taking place at this location. Mr. Simmons stated there is. Tom stated they will need to have the building inspector take a look at the facility.

MATT GWYNN MOTIONED TO APPROVE A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR INVICTUS DESIGNS. PAUL DINSDALE SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTING AYE.

Michael Landon was present seeking approval of a business license for Property Source Utah, Inc.

MATT GWYNN MOTIONED TO APPROVE A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR PROPERTY SOURCE UTAH, INC. BOYD FERRIN SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTING AYE.

#7 – Discussion/Action – Fill Dirt for Smith Family Park

Lee Dickemore commented that through John Stewart and his employer, they have found 13,500 yards of clean fill dirt for the Smith park property. Lee commented Mr. Bailey, the owner of the dirt, is willing to deliver for \$55,000. Tom Burkland stated this comes out to \$61.10 per truck load.

TOM BURKLAND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF DIRT, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO THE PARK, FOR \$55,000. BOYD FERRIN SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTING AYE.

#8 – Planning Commission Assignments

There were no additional assignments given.

#9 – Report from Council on Assignments

Matt Gwynn commented Lou Waikart has finished the first part of emergency plan and will continue to work on the second half now. Matt then reported the new crosswalk in Miya Meadows will be painted on Monday. Matt then commented he has learned that we are allowed to have three voting members on the ULCT policy writing committee, commenting he would like to see at least one person put on that committee. Matt then stated the ULCT mid-year conference is coming in April with a focus on leadership. Matt commented he would like to see more of the council attend this year. Lee asked those who are interested in attending to let him know and they will put it on the next agenda.

Tom Burkland reported we still have not received any sales tax from Utah Furniture Direct since they opened in November. Tom commented he will follow up the State Tax Commission.

Boyd Ferrin reported there are a few road projects they are looking at doing before we lose the money in the Class C budget. Boyd then asked the council how they feel about eliminating the booths from the Freedom Festival. Boyd commented we traditionally have a good breakfast, parade, dinner and fireworks but that our booths have not done very well here with the competition from surrounding cities. Boyd would like to consider the idea of eliminating those

other things and focusing more on what we are good at. Lee asked the council to talk to their neighbors and friends and get some feedback on that.

Ava Painter reported the planning Commission is working hard on their several different assignments.

Paul Dinsdale reminded the council about the WFRC meeting in March 17, 2015 7 p.m. in Pleasant View.

Mayor Dickemore reported he attended the Bona Vista and WACOG meetings. Lee then reported the new street light is up at the crosswalk on 2700 North. Lee reported we came out with \$400,000 from the RAMP grants commenting he thought we had an additional \$250,000 set aside from the legislature to use for the park but that this money has since been moved and is no longer available to the city. Lee then stated they met again with the Division of Wildlife Resources again today and they are going to cover the cost of a geo-tech study on the ground and they will incur the costs of designing the fishery once that study is done.

#10 – Approval of Bills

See Warrant Register dated March 4, 2015.

PAUL DINSDALE MOTIONED TO APPROVE AND PAY THE BILLS DATED MARCH 4, 2015. TOM BURKLAND SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTING AYE.

#15 – Adjournment

AT 8:15 P.M., BOYD FERRIN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. TOM BURKLAND SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTING AYE.

Lindsay Afuvai, Recorder

Lee Dickemore, Mayor

Date Approved: _____