Minutes of the Hurricane City Council meeting held on February 5, 2015 in the Council Chambers at 147 N. 870 West, Hurricane, Utah.

Members present: Mayor John Bramall, Council members Ethelyn Humphries, Kevin Tervort, Pam Humphries, and Darin Larson

Staff members present: Assistant City Manager Kaden DeMille, GIS Specialist Joe Rhodes, City Engineer Arthur LeBaron, Public Works Director Mike Vercimak, Recreation Director Bryce King, Police Sargent Jarod Brisk, Planning Director Toni Foran, Fire Chief Tom Kuhlmann, and City Attorney Fay Reber.

Mayor Bramall called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pre-meeting - Discussion of Agenda Items, Department Reports

Toni Foran asked for an opinion on the Scow Orchard Estates application. The applicants let the preliminary plat lapse while they were working out the details of the additional road dedication on 1760 West but now have signed construction drawings and would like to renew the preliminary plat and get final plat on the same agenda. The Council supported allowing both applications at once.

Tom Kuhlmann stated he does not budget to cover personnel costs for special events and is running a very tight budget. He provided personnel costs estimated for the Frog Hollow Race and for vehicle repairs after serving in the back country. Additionally, some supplies get muddy and dusty and some has to be discarded. The Council discussed the event and Bryce King said the County gave it $3,000 for advertising. Chief Kuhlmann clarified personnel for events are not the regular on-duty personnel. Events such as Ironman are charged the apparatus cost and equipment costs as well as personnel.

Chief Kuhlman said he met with officials regarding a federal road project on Kolob Road within the boundaries of Zion National Park starting in March when full road closures may occur for hours at a time. The project is expected to last through October. If there is an incident, the emergency personnel will have the ability to communicate with the contractors. He warned everyone to schedule some extra time for trips up to Kolob.

Bryce King said he sent out an application for the Lake to Lake event. St. George Recreation would like the City to waive the application fee for this event. He said the fee is probably not worth fighting over but the benefit to the City from St. George Recreation is not really there. He advised it is in the City’s best interest to keep the relationship for now.

He reported next weekend there will be 150 soccer teams in the area using fields all over the County on Saturday and Monday. There will also be a baseball tournament that weekend. It is an opportunity to host but it will be a busy weekend.

He said his department is moving forward with many recreation programs and selling sponsorships for some of the programs.
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Darin Larson asked if the Hurricane Half Marathon will be started up again. Bryce said the traditional date for that event has been taken on for an event by another entity in the County. He suggested a kids’ triathlon at the end of the pool season rather than re-instating the half marathon. He stated the Mountain Bike Festival could grow with some outside support.

Mike Vercimak explained item #4 on the agenda for the Council because Ken Richins is home ill. Pam asked about cost for extending the water line and installing the fire hydrant and meter. It is about $6,000 if Water Department does the work. The 2” line will be cut off at 400 South. Ken will put this in his budget for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Vercimak said the departments have been doing business as usual; the Streets Department has about 4,000 lbs. of crack seal to apply, the Parks Department has been cleaning up properties and checking equipment, and the Water Department is cleaning ponds and pipes.

Kevin Tervort asked about David Eves’ drainage project. Mike Vercimak said he talked to David Eves last week and the pond was too muddy for the City to work. Kevin is working on having Interstate Rock donate some rock for the project.

Arthur LeBaron was asked about 600 North. He reported at the last construction meeting, Interstate Rock said they believe they are close to being on schedule. The franchise utilities have held up progress. Most residents are okay with the project. Underground work will continue throughout this month. Retaining walls will start soon at the Main Street intersection.

Fay Reber stated he sent out a copy of the final Grandpa’s Pond Park agreement. The Water District is willing to sign but needs an additional legal description.

Clark Fawcett told the Council members their City Council discretionary fund has $11,500 in it without the $3,000 for the David Eves rock.

He reported Matt is working on coordinating the volunteers for the Parade of Homes exhibit and different departments will provide materials.

Bryce King explained the concept design he had sent out to the Council for a skate park. It is a new kind of design that incorporates better within a bigger park. He suggested cracking down on the “bad” skateboarding group.

Mayors Report: A protest letter regarding the San Juan Power Plant was discussed. Mayor Bramall said the Mayors Association talked about dam safety and NRCS. He said he will be going with them to the Legislature to request some funding for projects like the Frog Hollow detention basin. He stated the Frog Hollow damn was built in the 50’s and updated in ’81. The initial scoping meeting for the NRCS will be held here on March 3rd in this building. The NRCS is looking at a Gould’s Wash detention study and helping with in-kind matches.

Mayor Bramall called for a break at 5:50 p.m.
The meeting was called back to order at 6 p.m. Tucker Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance and Toni Foran offered a prayer.

**Presentation of employee of the month award** – January – Judge Myer presented the January award to Sandra Bailey, who works as Court Administrator. She has organized and upgraded to electronic files. She tracks warrants, accounts for money, and is even willing to work on the weekend. He stated the other clerks love her.

Jarod Brisk presented the February award to Yates Wright. He has been a Sargent for over a year. He brought the officers together, has raised morale, and is an excellent leader. He is team leader for Washington County Metro Swat and is able to bring skills there back to the Department. Sargent Wright was congratulated for his great leadership qualities.

**Confirmation of appointment of various board and commission members** – For Planning Commission Mayor Bramall recommended reappointment of Bob Peterson, Ryan Cashin, Yovonda Hall, John Johnson, and William Wilkey and appointment of Brandon Anderson to replace Patti Lichfield and Paul Farthing to replace Larry Jaussi. Pam Humphries motioned to approve the recommendations, seconded by Ethelyn Humphries. Motion unanimously approved with Ethelyn Humphries, Kevin Tervort, Pam Humphries, and Darin Larson all voting aye.

For Water Board Mayor Bramall recommended Mac Hall and Boyd Bradshaw be reappointed though Boyd may resign before his term is up. Pam Humphries motioned to approve the recommendations, seconded by Kevin Tervort. Motion unanimously approved with Ethelyn Humphries, Kevin Tervort, Pam Humphries, and Darin Larson all voting aye.

For Board of Adjustment Mayor Bramall recommended Jeff Borden and Willie Billings are reinstated. Pam Humphries motioned to approve the recommendations, seconded by Ethelyn Humphries. Motion unanimously approved with Ethelyn Humphries, Kevin Tervort, Pam Humphries, and Darin Larson all voting aye.

For Airport Board Mayor Bramall recommended Mike Vercimak, Gerold Pratt, and Dean McNeil. Pam Humphries motioned to approve the recommendations, seconded by Kevin Tervort. Motion unanimously approved with Ethelyn Humphries, Kevin Tervort, Pam Humphries, and Darin Larson all voting aye.

Mayor Bramall stated he would like to recommend formation of a Tourism Committee with the following members: Jason Smith, Gene Chadburn, Darin Thomas, Samantha Hinton, Pam Miller of the Chamber of Commerce, possibly Dave Wilkey, Bill Ennis of Dig Paddlesports, Gary Taylor of Coral Springs Resort, and April Gates an ERA real estate agent. For alternatives he recommended DJ and Quentin Morisette, a manager from the Washington City Holiday Inn, Becky Patel, and Cliff Holt.

Ethelyn Humphries asked what the goals are for the Board and Mayor Bramall said they are promoting Hurricane, reviewing events for allocation of funds, and getting grants to promote Hurricane. Ethelyn stated she is nervous with a Board controlling money. John said it will be a five member committees. Ethelyn questioned if an ordinance is required to form a board. Fay Reber stated an ordinance would clarify structure. Mayor Bramall stated he felt that out of the 14 there would be a board formed and they
could act as a liaison with the Chamber of Commerce. Once the group meets they can determine the best structure.

Ethelyn Humphries motioned to approve the formation of a committee to promote tourism and establish a Tourism Board by ordinance. Motion was seconded by Kevin Tervort. Pam Humphries asked if a tourism board would manage events and was told they will not. Motion unanimously approved with Ethelyn Humphries, Kevin Tervort, Pam Humphries, and Darin Larson all voting aye.

**Presentation and summary of Frog Hollow 2014 and request for support for 2015**—Cimarron Chacon took some time to report on the successful Frog Hollow partnership with Hurricane City. She said this is the 7th year of the mountain bike relay race in the fall. The event uses all local vendors and showcases the area. It has been the subject of multiple articles, films, and other promotions for mountain biking. Another six miles of trails on BLM were built recently due to increased popularity. She said the smaller April event, the 6 hours of Frog Hollow was sold out last year with 228 racers. It attracted close to 400 attendees with about 37% from out of state. Statistics look like it is becoming a family event. They held both the packet pick-up and awards ceremony in Hurricane. Main Street café and Durango's provided coupons for meals in the swag bags for participants. The 25 hours of Frog Hollow had 366 racers in addition to their families. Ninety people flew in from Denmark to participate. Over 1/3 of the participants were international visitors. St. George news carried the story including a video feed. Hurricane businesses involved included OTE, Main St. Café, Hurricane Lions Club, 3D catering, and local Boy Scouts. The meals for the European visitors were catered. Specialized USA provided bike support and demo bikes.

45 rooms were booked at the Roadway Inn for the European visitors. There were issues with pricing for the hotels as management kept changing the rate. The Europeans purchased all of their camping equipment from Wal-Mart and donated that equipment to the Boy Scouts when they left.

Cimarron reported she has been working with the Lions Club and donated design for the Hurricane City Wayside in thanks for Hurricane’s support.

The 6 Hours in Frog Hollow event will be held April 18th and the 25 hours in Frog Hollow will be held November 7-9 this year. Ms. Chacon requested the City sponsor the event by paying for Emergency Services and allowing the use of the Community Center for the 6 hour event registration.

Pam Humphries suggested paying for advertising instead of Emergency Services. Cimarron stated she runs the advertising and is promoting the brand. Pam explained administrative control of Emergency Services has been turned over to the Hurricane Valley Fire District. The City can choose to pay the District for personnel and ask them to donate the difference. Ethelyn Humphries told Cimarron the City paid EMT’s $1382.50 for the event last year in addition to the use of the $5,100 worth of ambulances and equipment. She said she does not see a big change in sales tax revenue during this event. Cimarron stated the statistics from the European visitors are based on her organizing their visit.

Clark said the sales tax numbers are not a good guide to impact. The best information is actually an exit survey and Cimarron did not do a survey last year.
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Cimarron said she has permission from the BLM to go to 300 for the six hour race and can go up to 600 for the 25 hour race. She explained the importance of this event is branding Hurricane as a mountain bike destination for other visitors besides those coming just for the race. This kind of event is a festival that people come here for and then they come back 2 to 6 times a year. It was clarified the cost quoted were actual personnel costs. Other events would pay at least $3,000 for the support at normal rates. It was clarified this event does not get any support from Virgin and LaVerkin.

Pam stated she believes it is time the event becomes self-supporting. Cimarron restated her belief that it goes beyond just the event itself in promoting Hurricane itself and building the brand. She stated she does spend time trying to get local non-profits and businesses involved. Pam stated she does not disagree this events bring people to town but asked, “Is this the best use of taxpayer’s money? Every event is asking for support.”

Kevin Tervort said, with the growth the event has experienced, maybe it is time the City contributes part of the support and the event maybe pay part of the support. Cimarron responded stating when an event grows, there are more things needed – watering the road, a better timing system, and promotion of Hurricane’s brand which is adventure.

John Bramall said this event is growing with the City’s support and the promotion supports local businesses so it is good use of taxpayer money.

Ethelyn Humphries suggested the City allocate $1,000 out of contingency account to go towards personnel costs or even the actual costs at $1382. She said she does want this event to come to Hurricane and be supportive. Cimarron stated she believes she can reduce the need for the services, possibly with a volunteer with a four wheel rescue vehicle as long as there is an ambulance on site. Last year they had a very cold rain with 14 riders out and when they came in it was important to have EMT’s.

Kevin Tervort stated the Fire District needs to approve the event.

Ethelyn Humphries motioned to support the event with actual personnel costs in an amount not to exceed $1300 from the Council contingency fund, depending on Fire District Board approval, and use of the Community Center for registration. Kevin Tervort seconded the motion. The vote was Darin Larson-no, Pam Humphries -no, Kevin Tervort– yes, and Ethelyn Humphries– yes. Mayor Bramall voted yes to break the tie vote. Motion carried.

Request for city support for the 2015 Sand Hollow Marathon and the Hurricane Mud Run-Chris Mathison represented the events. It was clarified personnel cost for these events are $1150.

Ethelyn Humphries motioned to approve support of the event in the form of paying actual personnel costs not to exceed $1150 out of the Council’s contingency fund, contingent upon the Fire District approving use of equipment. Kevin Tervort seconded the motion. Motion approved with Ethelyn Humphries, Kevin Tervort, and Darin Larson voting aye and Pam Humphries voting nay.

Darin Larson said he believes events are great but the actual cost of personnel might need to be covered by the event sponsors. How money is spent is important. Clark Fawcett said he believes Cimarron uses many Hurricane businesses and the event must grow. The Council agreed if an event is being supported
by the City; the host hotel needs to be in Hurricane or LaVerkin. Cimarron asked if a better relationship could be built with Hurricane hotels. In negotiating for a group rate the price would change when people calling for the rate tried to make a reservation. The Council agreed the Tourism Board needs to get something from the local hotels. Darin Larson will talk to the hotel owners about supporting events.

Chris Mathison said the National Guard uses the mud run as a recruitment tool and they do give half price rates for emergency personnel who want to participate.

**Consideration and possible approval of a trade for a current 2” water connection to a 5/8” water connection-Ken Richins** – Kevin Tervort motioned to approve the trade, seconded by Darin Larson. It was clarified the cost will be approximately $4600. Motion unanimously approved with Ethelyn Humphries, Kevin Tervort, Pam Humphries, and Darin Larson all voting aye.

**Consideration and possible approval of an amended plat for Retreat Phase Two at Sand Hollow Resort** – Sand Hollow Resort applicant – Reed Scow represented Sand Hollow Resort. Fay Reber explained a concern with the road dedication issue with this plat and the Red Bridge Capital plat that could not be approved because the property owners could not dedicate the full road. Mr. Reber stated he has reviewed the title report and there are three trust deed holders who would need to sign. In the event there is foreclosure the road may never be dedicated without their signatures.

Mr. Scow stated there is another access from a dedicated road and the portion that cannot be dedicated is a secondary access. He explained there are utilities in service through this undedicated road, which have been serving Phase One since it was completed. He suggested the easement could be considered a prescriptive right of way. Mr. Reber clarified a road must have been in use 10 years for a city street and 20 years for prescriptive easement and adverse possession for 7 years. That is just the requirement for years and there are other legal considerations.

Fay Reber said he is uncomfortable to think that something could happen and the right would be called into question by someone with another interest in the property. Mr. Scow stated ownership of the property is in the developer’s name.

The question was posed “If this road is never dedicated – will this subdivision be okay without this road?” It was clarified that all utilities serving the lots run through the road property. Mike Vercimak questioned the liability issue with the road not being dedicated in light of the fact that the road is completed and it is a paved road with curb, gutter, and sidewalk so it will be used by the public. Water, power, and sewer are all located in the right of way.

Mr. Scow explained it will take the developers a year to meet their obligations undertaken in a bankruptcy settlement with the property and their intent is to use money from the sale of lots and pay off the note to clear the property.

The group looked at a possible plat off the main road with enough lots to sell and clear the remainder of the property.
Pam Humphries motioned to send the developer back to redraw the plat with a smaller first phase, seconded by Darin Larson. Motion unanimously approved with Ethelyn Humphries, Kevin Tervort, Pam Humphries, and Darin Larson all voting aye.

**Mayor, Council and Staff reports**

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<td>Court, Water, Power, Hurricane Fire and Ambulance Department – The state is now recommending no more ash trees be planted with the anticipated arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer.</td>
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<td>Darin Larson</td>
<td>Planning Commission, Economic Development, Planning Department – Planning Commission will take a field trip to look at hillsides in the Parkside Subdivision and is still waiting for a resolution to the sewer issues.</td>
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<td>Kevin Tervort</td>
<td>Golf Course, Streets &amp; Drainage, Industrial Park, Youth City Council, Mosquito Abatement – no report.</td>
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<td>Ethelyn Humphries</td>
<td>Sewer District, Fire District, Solid Waste, Building Inspector Ethelyn asked for input from City regarding recycling. She would like to propose that cities are not charged for recycling bins for the first two months. Fay Reber commented there needs to be lot more thought put into the opt in – opt out option.</td>
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<td>Mayor</td>
<td>Airport, Administration, Building, Police, Animal Control, School Crossing Guards, Emergency Management, Victim Services, Public Works, Engineer – Mayor Bramall asked if the City want to support a Days of ’47 event for Washington County. He suggested a rodeo and maybe have the Osmonds do a program like the Stadium of Fire and allow people to come for free. When asked where the money is coming from he recommended in the 2015 to 2016 budget to include about $10,000 to $13,000 for Hurricane’s contribution. His goal is a professionally written program to include the full historical record, reminding residents of the heritage of Utah and everyone understands. Council members said they support the idea in theory but need to look at budget. Location for such an event was discussed. Mayor Bramall reminded the Council they will need to budget for the match for NCRCS improvements.</td>
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Ethelyn motioned to adjourn and Pam seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.