

**TREMONTON CITY CORPORATION
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 7, 2015**

Members Present:

Diana Doutre
Lyle Holmgren
Jeff Reese – by electronic device at 7:06 p.m.
Bret Rohde
Byron Wood
Roger Fridal, Mayor
Shawn Warnke, City Manager
Darlene S. Hess, Recorder

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Mayor Fridal called the April 7, 2015 City Council Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the City Council Meeting Room at 102 South Tremont Street, Tremonton, Utah. Those in attendance were Mayor Fridal, Councilmembers Doutre, Holmgren, Rohde, and Wood, City Manager Shawn Warnke, and Recorder Darlene S. Hess. The following Department Heads were also present: Fire Chief Steve Batis (left at 7:31 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.), Zoning Administrator Steve Bench, Public Works Director Paul Fulgham, Librarian Kim Griffiths (left at 6:56 p.m.), Senior Center Director Marion Layne (arrived at 6:07 p.m. and left at 6:56 p.m.), and Police Chief David Nance. Councilmember Reese was excused from the City Council Workshop but will join City Council via electronic device.

The agenda items were discussed out of order with item 2 being discussed first.

1. Department Head Budget Roundtable

Manager Warnke commented that he should have a draft copy of the budget for next fiscal year. The Department Heads can use this opportunity to explain any changes in their budget. There were a few Department Heads that could not make it tonight, but they discussed with Manager Warnke prior to the meeting and did not have any big changes to their budget to present to the Council.

Librarian Griffiths would like the Brainfuse Program to be refunded in July or August for \$3K. Last year Brainfuse was paid with a Grant. It is a worthwhile program to assist with homework and jobs. There have been over 106 people register with Brainfuse and the number will continue to grow as more schools are approached this year. There has been positive feedback from those using it. Librarian Griffiths would also like to have a separate line item set up for audio books, e-books, and DVD's amounting to \$3K. Councilmember Wood asked how long audio books last. Librarian Griffiths noted they will last for quite a long time. If there is damage to an audio book, the patrons are responsible for a replacement. The e-books can be downloaded for one to three weeks

and then they disappear from the device. The Bear River Valley Library Consortium was approved and once paperwork comes in items will start being ordered. Everything on the grant was approved, including the security gates and self check-outs. It will be a lot of work implementing, but it should be done by the end of the month.

Director Layne told the Council she was contacted by someone at Utah State University, in their senior year, expressing interest in helping write a grant for windows to enclose the front of the building (a vestibule) and handicapped doors for the front and back, or a grant for power supply for a second source of electricity for generators. Director Layne noted that the Bear River Valley Senior Center (BRVSC) had up to 121 clients signed up for home-delivered meals with sixty three in Tremonton in the past. There are currently 65-68 meals delivered a day with thirty one in Tremonton. The total number of meals served at the Senior Center has dropped as some have died, and some have moved. There are fourteen clients in Snowville signed up with the BRVSC. Box Elder County took \$7K from the BRVSC in the past and gave it to Stone to help support seniors in Snowville. There are several services offered at BRVSC besides meals. Director Layne asked the Council if Box Elder County should be approached about the funds being used for Snowville clients. Councilmember Wood and Doure would like Director Layne to see about getting some of the funds returned to BRVSC to help with services provided to residents of Snowville. Manager Warnke noted that Director Fulgham looked into a transfer switch for the BRVSC which would run about \$6K. The BRVSC is the primary EOC (Emergency Operations Center) backup for the City. It would also cost the City \$6K for a transfer switch at the Public Works Facility with the funds being split between several different funds. The transfer switches should be included on next year's budget. Councilmember Holmgren asked if the number of congregate meals served have gone down. Director Layne stated they have stayed about the same. Usually, people start in congregate meals and move to home-delivered meals. The parking lot is great at the BRVSC and people have commented that the new trees are beautiful.

2. Review of agenda items on the 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting:

The Council reviewed the April 7, 2015 Agenda with the following items being discussed in more detail:

Minutes – March 17, 2015. The Council stated that the presentation by Hannah Turpen was great. Manager Warnke stated that a copy of Ms. Turpen's presentation is available on the City's webpage.

Awarding bid – 2000 West Storm Water Detention Basin. Director Fulgham commented that since property has been sold and realigned by the 2000 West Storm Water Detention Basin, the basin needs to be reconfigured. The bid will include three separate compartments and piping that will need to be done. Rupp Trucking Enterprises, Inc. was the low bidder at \$100,923.16. The bid included a gravel road for maintenance that isn't necessary at this time and will not be included.

Councilmember Wood was surprised with the bid amount. Director Fulgham noted the bid is higher than anticipated because of extra work and piping associated with the slope of the land. It was proposed that the proceeds from the sale of the five acres be used for the Storm Drain Basin project. Manager Warnke noted that the reconfiguration gave Rocky Mountain Power a rectangular piece of property instead of an L-shaped parcel, which will be more appealing to potential developers.

2015 Street Reconstruction Projects and Cemetery Road Reconstruction. Director Fulgham noted that the bids came in at a good price. It was originally budgeted for \$250K to do road projects at Melody Park and the I-84 Frontage road; however, because of the low bids, the City can include several additional road projects for a total of \$403,006. Staker Parson's was the low bidder. The road projects are ranked in order of need according to the T2. Roadwork on 1200 South would be included if the total bid is approved by the Council. The 1200 South road is bumpy because of installation of the new waterline to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The work on the waterline is almost complete.

Director Fulgham also presented a bid to the Council for \$31,980 to do work on the Cemetery roads. It costs more to do road work in the Cemetery because of the narrowness of the roads and the special equipment required. All road projects will take place after July 1, 2015 and come out of the next Fiscal Year Budget. If the Council approves the bid for the Cemetery roads, Director Fulgham will ask the Council next year to approve sealing the Cemetery roads to protect them and make them last longer. The goal is to get the roads complete before the Tour of Utah, at least the ones that will impact Tour of Utah.

Director Fulgham noted there will be a preconstruction meeting for the road work that will be done on 1000 North with work usually starting a week later. The work should be complete within a month with the curb and gutter taking the most time.

Resolution No. 15-16. Manager Warnke noted that the Fire Department's compensation plan consolidated the rates of pay for Fire or Ambulance calls. It is proposed that Fire Department employees receive a \$0.50 an hour increase for each 10 years of service. The Fire Department does not receive COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) or Merit increases as Fire Department Revenue has not increased.

Councilmember Rohde would like to see a breakdown of the actual wages to Firefighters now versus what they would get paid if the \$0.50 service increase were applied. Councilmember Dautre asked if training affected pay. Chief Batis stated the consolidated rate of pay schedule includes wages for training/certificates. Resolution No. 15-16 will increase wages based on years of service. Fire Department employees that respond to a lot of ambulance calls have noticed a decrease in pay. The maximum pay for ambulance calls is now \$19.00 but use to be \$21.00. The majority of calls are answered by employees that have been with the Fire Department for thirty plus years.

Councilmember Wood asked if Fire Department employees are happy with the suggested years of service increase. Chief Batis confirmed that most employees are happy with the proposed changes. The purpose of combining the pay for Firefighters and EMT's was to encourage everyone to become certified in both fields. It is not hard to become certified. Chief Batis noted the years of service increase will continue into the future. Councilmember Wood appreciates the work the Fire Department does for the community. If there are some who don't get paid as much because they don't have certifications, this will give employees the initiative to get the certifications and be able to help with all calls.

Chief Batis commented that most of the Fire Department employees are happy with the changes. It is a very small number that have concerns. However, all employees think employees with the most seniority should get paid more than new hires. Councilmember Wood thinks the proposed years of service increase is a good idea. Councilmember Rohde commented that most businesses do not pay based on years of service but on the job description. It might be better to grandfather in those that have been with the Fire Department and pay going forward based on the job being done.

Manager Warnke would like to see Fire Department employees receiving COLA and Merit increases in the future, but the Fire Department Revenue does not increase. Chief Batis explained that the ideas for rate of pay and years of service have come from other small "volunteer" fire departments. It was noted there has been a lot of interest in training already this year.

Resolution No. 15-17. Manager Warnke noted there are a few changes with the Tour of Utah Participation Agreement. The Agreement is an assurance that Tremonton will continue with the Tour of Utah. Councilmember Holmgren attended a meeting with the Tour of Utah today and stated that Tour of Utah members are well experienced and know what they are doing.

3. Discussion of a conservation based water rate structure – Mayor Roger Fridal and Paul Fulgham

This item was not discussed at this time.

4. *Closed Session if necessary to discuss pending and/or reasonably imminent litigation.*

Closed session not held.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by consensus of the Council.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Fridal called the April 7, 2015 City Council Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting

was held in the Tremonton City Council Meeting Room at 102 South Tremont Street, Tremonton, Utah. Those in attendance were Mayor Fridal, Councilmembers Doutre, Holmgren, Reese (joined electronically at 7:06 p.m.), Rohde, and Wood, City Manager Shawn Warnke, and Recorder Darlene S. Hess. The following Department Heads were also present: Fire Chief Steve Batis, Zoning Administrator Steve Bench, Public Works Director Paul Fulgham, and Police Chief David Nance.

1. Opening Ceremony:

Mayor Fridal informed the audience that he had received no written or oral request to participate in the Opening Ceremony. He asked anyone who may be offended by listening to a prayer to step out into the lobby for this portion of the meeting. The prayer was offered by Councilmember Holmgren and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Doutre.

2. Introduction of guests:

Mayor Fridal welcomed Kevin Christensen from Bear River Health Department and all other guests.

Councilmember Reese joined City Council by telephone at 7:06 p.m.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Fridal asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Agenda. No comments were made.

Motion by Councilmember Rohde to approve the agenda of April 7, 2015 with the deletion of item 7 c. Boys and Girls Club. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wood. Vote: Councilmember Doutre - aye, Councilmember Holmgren - aye, Councilmember Reese - aye, Councilmember Rohde - aye, and Councilmember Wood - aye. Motion approved.

4. Approval of minutes – March 17, 2015:

Mayor Fridal asked if there were any changes to the minutes. There were no comments.

Motion by Councilmember Doutre to approve the minutes of March 17, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilmember Holmgren. Vote: Councilmember Doutre - aye, Councilmember Holmgren - aye, Councilmember Reese - aye, Councilmember Rohde - aye, and Councilmember Wood - aye. Motion approved.

5. Public comments: Comments limited to three minutes:

Ben Greener from the Planning Commission went to the UTOPIA website and inserted his address to see if service was available. Mr. Greener has had UTOPIA since it first became available in Tremonton; however, UTOPIA's website stated that service was not

available at his house. UTOPIA needs to be made aware of this problem as several other residents with UTOPIA found the same thing on the website. This will be a roadblock for residents wanting to sign up with UTOPIA. Another resident was told that UTOPIA was unavailable at his address so he called UTOPIA and stated that he knew the lines were in front of his house. He was finally able to get connected, but only after calling repeatedly. Mr. Greener uses UTOPIA through XMission and loves the service. It has been great. Mr. Greener used to get 10 and 2 speed, but now he gets 90 mbps. Mayor Fridal thanked Mr. Greener and said the Council will look into this issue. Councilmember Doutre also called UTOPIA and was informed that more information was needed and she would get a return phone call which never came.

6. Proclamation:

- a. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month – Katy Bonds, Box Elder Family Support Center, Executive Director

Katy Bonds thanked the Council for allowing her to present on behalf of Box Elder Family Support Center. Ms. Bonds is promoting April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. Last year Utah had over 9,854 children who were victims of abuse. Box Elder had 433 cases with 569 victims of abuse. Most cases involved physical abuse and child endangerment. There are several other instances where children are abused that are not reported. The impacts of abuse are devastating. Child abuse interrupts the brain's wiring. There is a window of time for the wiring to develop. If it does not happen during that window of time, it will not happen. The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study was a scientific experiment that was conducted. It found if children had more than four instances of abuse growing up, they were more likely to develop heart, lung, liver, or sexually transmitted diseases, and mood and personality disorders. There is a direct correlation between how children are treated and the outcome of their lives.

Box Elder Family Support Center's goal is to prevent child abuse from happening. A crisis nursery helps by providing a safe place for parents to bring children. An example in Tremonton was a mother whose partner had abused her. The partner was the main childcare provider while the mother worked. The crisis nursery was able to take care of the children for two days while the mother made other childcare arrangements. The children only missed one day of school. Ms. Bonds asked Mayor Fridal to sign the proclamation declaring April 2015 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.

Motion by Councilmember Holmgren to give the Mayor authority to sign the proclamation Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rohde. Vote: Councilmember Doutre - aye, Councilmember Holmgren - aye, Councilmember Reese - aye, Councilmember Rohde - aye, and Councilmember Wood - aye. Motion approved. Councilmember Doutre thanked Ms. Bonds for the work that Box Elder Family Support Center gives the community. Ms. Bonds thanked the Council for being warm and welcoming and invited the Council to attend the 20th anniversary of Box Elder Family Support

Center on Saturday, April 25th. There will be a bouncy house and cotton candy at the Box Elder Family Support Center on the border of Tremonton and Garland.

b. National Service Recognition Day – Mayor Roger Fridal

Mayor Fridal commented that the National Service Recognition Day proclamation is to recognize volunteers throughout the nation. April 7, 2015 is proclaimed as National Service Recognition Day.

Motion by Councilmember Wood to give Mayor Fridal approval to sign the National Service Recognition Day. Motion seconded by Councilmember Doutre. Vote: Councilmember Doutre - aye, Councilmember Holmgren - aye, Councilmember Reese - aye, Councilmember Rohde - aye, and Councilmember Wood - aye. Motion approved.

c. Encouraging the observance of Arbor Day – City Representative

Manager Warnke noted that Tremonton City has been a Tree City for the past four years. New trees are scheduled to be planted this year. The proclamation encouraging the observance of Arbor Day is part of the requirements for being a Tree City. It was noted that Councilmember Holmgren has been very involved with the planning and execution of the new trees.

Motion by Councilmember Holmgren to give the Mayor the authority to sign the proclamation for Arbor Day. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wood. Vote: Councilmember Doutre - aye, Councilmember Holmgren - aye, Councilmember Reese - aye, Councilmember Rohde - aye, and Councilmember Wood - aye. Motion approved.

7. Request(s) to be on the agenda:

a. Bear River Health Department Annual Report 2014 – Kevin Christensen, Northern Utah Regional Medical Surge Director

Mr. Christensen thanked the Council for allowing him to present the 2014 Bear River Health Department Annual Report. All employees working in the Tremonton office live in the valley. Mr. Christensen reviewed some changes to the Board of Health: Kathy Perry was replaced by Dell Ward, and Donald Linton was replaced by James Swink.

Mr. Christensen noted that when you think of preventative health, think of nursing. That is where a majority of expenses for the Bear River Health Department (BRHD) are spent. Septic tank inspections, vaccinations, etc. bring in 28% of the revenue with contracts bringing in the biggest revenue at 58%. The contracts come as a result of Federal, State, and other grants. County taxes make up the rest of revenue with 14% spread between the three counties. It was

mandated that BRHD start providing some emission control in Cache County. A large portion of the capital outlay expenses was used to remodel the Environmental Health building to accommodate emission control requirements.

The BRHD does tuberculosis tests, initial emissions tests, and sponsors a bike to work day to help the environment. Mr. Christensen noted there were some cases of attempted suicide involving ricin and mercury which brought help from the State and National Guard. Emergency Services also had to help when oil washed into a canal in North Logan as rain fell on a newly chip sealed road. Mr. Christensen noted that over 50% of the homes tested for radon in the Bear River Health District were over the safe limit. The amount of radon must then be reduced from homes as radon can cause lung cancer. Houses next to each other can have different levels of radon present. Radon tests can be purchased at BRHD for \$8.

BRHD started Cache Valley Unplugged in 2014. Community businesses provided over 100 activities and BRHD had two additional activities for youth to do instead of using electronics. Youth were given a brag tag to go on a lanyard if they walked the distance of a marathon. There were 292 youth involved in keeping a "Food Log", which encouraging them to eat fruit and vegetables daily for one week. There were 421 youth who participated in all.

Preventable diseases are starting to show up in the United States. BRHD has open clinics daily for immunizations. There have been several cases of measles. Adults should also check their vaccination schedule. People have been traveling outside the U.S. bringing diseases. The BRHD is always concerned about influenza and encourages people to get the vaccinated.

There is a big need for women and children to get good nutrition. If a family of five has a gross monthly income of \$4,303 or less, the family is eligible for WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) benefits through BRHD. BRHD is partnering with Family Dental Clinic to identify low income families without dental insurance and setting up clinics to get dental work done, except root canals and crowns. Patient assessments will be held on May 18, 2015 from 1-5 p.m. and May 19-21 will be for dental treatments. Councilmember Doutre commented that BRHD does cancer screenings to help women without insurance or the funds needed for the screenings. It is a wonderful service. Mr. Christensen stated that BRHD is here to serve.

Jim Abel, a member of BRHD Board of Health, noted that he has worked with several organizations over the years. He is currently serving his second term as a member of the Board of Health and it is the most professional and efficient group he has ever worked with. Executive Director Lloyd Berentzen took the time to travel and visit Mr. Abel personally when Mr. Abel wasn't doing well. The Board of Health members should be thanked for the time and effort given.

b. Business License – makeup and body art tattooing – Cassidy Snell

Cassidy Snell commented that she grew up in Willard, loved art, did well in school, was part of FFA, enjoyed auto mechanics, and joined the Army six years ago. Ms. Snell would like to open a luxury spa called “My Style” at 980 West Main. Robyn Vanderhoof will manage the business. The spa will provide massage therapy, reflexology, hair, nails, permanent makeup, and tattoos to name a few. The recession has not affected the demand for tattoos. “My Style” would support the community by providing a place in town to get tattoos. Ms. Snell likes to help individuals and organization with fundraisers. Ms. Snell has already received support from the community.

Robyn Vanderhoof commented that she will be working at the spa doing nails and monitoring the hours. There will be no late nights or alcohol at the building. The police department and health department are welcome to come do inspections anytime. There will be work done to the inside and outside of the building. Ms. Snell will also have art and jewelry available for sale at the building.

Councilmember Rohde noted that there is no area zoned for this type of business in town. Zoning Administrator Bench commented that everything presented is allowed per City Code, except the tattoos. Councilmember Wood stated that the City had lots of problems with the last tattoo store. Ms. Snell noted that she was told by the City that permanent makeup was allowed in the City but not tattoos; however, permanent makeup is a tattoo. Ms. Vanderhoof commented that other places in the City do permanent makeup. Zoning Administrator Bench knows that permanent makeup is being done in Tremonton now and does not see a problem with Ms. Snell doing permanent makeup in the spa.

Manager Warnke stated that the Zoning Code allows for some interpretation and Zoning Administrator Bench is the one authorized to interpret. The Planning Commission discussed tattoos within the last several years and voted to exclude tattoo parlors in the City. If the Planning Commission chose to recommend a change allowing tattoos, it would then come to the Council for approval to change the Ordinance. Ms. Snell asked for a chance to run her business in town and provide the income necessary for her family. Ms. Snell currently drives to Ogden for work. The vast majority of tattoo sales are for clients living in Brigham, Logan, and Tremonton. If Ms. Snell were allowed to do tattoos in her spa, it would keep business here instead of going out of town for tattoos. People coming to the spa for tattoos would need to get gas and food and would be supporting Tremonton.

Councilmember Holmgren asked if the license Ms. Snell has for tattoos also covers permanent makeup or if there is another license necessary. Ms. Snell commented that Utah does not have certifications for tattooing, but they do

restrict minors under the age of seventeen from getting tattoos, unless they have parental consent. California requires certification for tattoos, but Utah only requires that tattoo artists be blood borne pathogens certified for body art and to have a business license. Councilmember Reese stated that the City first needs to clear up the gray area between body art and tattoos.

Ms. Vanderhoof noted that any business can bring in drugs. This business is well certified and can be inspected often. Councilmember Doutré stated that Ms. Snell seems prepared and the information presented is professional. There are a lot of other services that will be provided at the spa. Zoning Administrator Bench noted that if the tattoos are removed from the business, the Council can approve the business license tonight. There is already permanent makeup being done in the City so that would be allowed for Ms. Snell. The tattoo portion would need to go back to the Planning Commission for approval and then to the Council. The next Planning Commission is scheduled for May 14, 2015. It would take several months for the Planning Commission to consider changing the Code.

Ms. Snell knows that tattoos are being done in people's homes in Tremonton. It would be safer for people to come to a licensed business and get tattoos. Councilmember Holmgren told Ms. Snell that there is a process that must be followed to make changes and that it takes time. There is no guarantee that the Planning Commission or City Council would approve zoning of tattoos in the City.

Adesa Cox is supporting Ms. Snell. Ms. Cox asked if the Council is leaning toward ultimately approve the zoning of tattoos if the Planning Commission recommended it. Ms. Cox is happy to support Ms. Snell's dream, but does not want to put their family through a let down at the end of the process if the Council is set against the zoning of Tattoos. Mayor Fridal stated the Council cannot predict that. Tonight was not for the Council to take action just for Ms. Snell to present her business plan.

- c. Update from the Boy & Girls Club – Jenny Schultz

This item was rescheduled for next month.

8. New Council Business:

- a. Discussion and consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter to Box Elder County Auditor notifying the County that Tremonton City Council does intend/does not intend to adopt the certified tax rate that is calculated by the Box Elder County Auditor and the State Tax Commission for the 2015 tax year

Manger Warnke noted that the letter is required as part of the State Statute regarding property taxes. The letter is written that Tremonton City does intend to adopt the certified tax rate.

Motion by Councilmember Holmgren to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter to the Box Elder County Auditor certifying that the City intends to adopt the certified tax rate. Motion seconded by Councilmember Doutre. Vote: Councilmember Doutre - aye, Councilmember Holmgren - aye, Councilmember Reese - aye, Councilmember Rohde - aye, and Councilmember Wood - aye. Motion approved.

- b. Discussion and consideration of awarding the bid for the reconfiguration of the 2000 West Storm Water Detention Basin to the most qualified low bidder

Director Fulgham stated that because of the sale of property to Crump-Reese Motors and the reconfiguration of property lines owned by Rocky Mountain Power, the Storm Water Detention Basin needs to be relocated. The area up by Country View Estates and down to 2000 West feed into the Storm Water Detention Basin. The project was estimated at \$40K, but the piping work was not included in the estimate. The Storm Water Detention Basin must be put into three different tiers to keep the level less than three feet deep.

The bids ranged from \$100K to \$183K with Rupp Trucking Enterprises, Inc. being the low bidder at \$100,923.16. Director Fulgham recommends the bid be awarded to Rupp Trucking Enterprises, Inc. Councilmember Doutre asked if there was a time restraint on the project. Director Fulgham noted the work does not have to be finished by a certain time, but it does have to be done. It will give Rupp Trucking Enterprises, Inc. time to work on the project over the summer.

Councilmember Rohde left at 8:11 p.m. and returned at 8:14 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Doutre to award the bid to Rupp Trucking for the Detention Basin. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wood. Vote: Councilmember Doutre - aye, Councilmember Holmgren - aye, Councilmember Reese - aye, Councilmember Rohde - aye, and Councilmember Wood - aye. Motion approved.

- c. Discussion and consideration of awarding the bid for the 2015 Street Reconstruction Projects and Cemetery Road Reconstruction to the most qualified low bidder

Director Fulgham obtained bids early this year to lock into better pricing for road projects. It was estimated to cost \$236K to do .92 miles in road projects this next fiscal year or \$487K for 1.74 miles. The bids came back with Staker Parsons Co. being the low bidder at \$403K for the 1.74 miles. If the Council chooses to do the full 1.74 miles, then \$150K would need to come from the General Fund to help cover the costs. There will be a few road projects left to do in the future, with 600 North being the largest and most costly. Manager Warnke stated there is \$700K in Capital Projects Fund that could be used to help pay for the road projects. Councilmember Reese commented that now is a good time to do the proposed road projects as the prices are low.

Director Fulgham also put out for bids on the Cemetery roads. It was estimated to

cost \$30K. Staker Parsons Co. was the low bidder again at \$31,980.

Motion by Councilmember Reese to get the road projects done, including the cemetery roads, and all Director Fulgham's recommendations. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wood. Vote: Councilmember Doutre - aye, Councilmember Holmgren - aye, Councilmember Reese - aye, Councilmember Rohde - aye, and Councilmember Wood - aye. Motion approved.

- d. Discussion and consideration of approving Resolution No. 15-16 amending Section XIII Compensation Planning of the Tremonton City Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures

Manager Warnke noted that Resolution No. 15-16 would create a special increase for Fire Department employees based upon years of service in lieu of COLA and Merit increases. There is currently a consolidated rate of pay for any duty provided by Fire Department employees with pay increases based upon certification received. If the Council chooses to approve Resolution No. 15-16, the Council will also need to choose when it will take effect.

Councilmember Rohde stated that Tremonton City Fire Department employees are phenomenal. There is a financial concern regarding Resolution No. 15-16. This was addressed originally because three employees had concerns, but with the years of service increase, it will affect a large number of employees and substantially increase the wages needed for the Fire Department. People should get increases according to merit and performance, not because they have worked for so many years.

Manager Warnke noted that changes have been made in the past which allow Fire Department employees to be paid per diem for trainings. The City also pays for trainings and an hourly wage for hours spent in training. At some point it is hoped that the City can consider merit and COLA increases for Fire Department employees; however, the Fire Department Fund is not in a position to do that now. Councilmember Rohde knows from personal experience that Tremonton Fire Department is unbelievable. Manager Warnke thought that if Fire Department employees had been paid based on years of service during the past few years, it would have been a little higher generally. Councilmember Rohde would like to table this item and get more information before approving the years of service increase.

Manager Warnke noted that the Fire Department currently needs a new ambulance and fire truck. There are big expenses coming up and the Council should consider the future. Fire Department employees are the heart and soul of the Fire Department and there are several outstanding Fire Department employees who have served the City well for many years.

Motion by Councilmember Rohde to table this item and talk about it in a little more detail in the next work session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wood. Councilmember Reese can see both sides; however, the consolidated pay schedule did not affect many Fire Department employees negatively. The Council needs to make sure there is justice for the Fire

Department employees. Vote: Councilmember Doutre - nay, Councilmember Holmgren - aye, Councilmember Reese - aye, Councilmember Rohde - aye, and Councilmember Wood - aye.

- e. Discussion and consideration of approving Resolution No. 15-17 approving the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah Participation Agreement

Councilmember Holmgren stated the Tour of Utah will be a very good thing for Tremonton.

Motion by Councilmember Holmgren to adopt Resolution No. 15-17. Motion seconded by Councilmember Doutre. Manager Warnke noted that some of the template language is still in the works and asked if the Council is okay giving some latitude to finish finalizing some issues. Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Doutre - aye, Councilmember Holmgren - aye, Councilmember Reese - aye, Councilmember Rohde - aye, and Councilmember Wood - aye. Motion approved.

9. Comments:

- a. Administration/City Manager Advice and Consent.

- 1) Reminder that there is not a regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on April 21, 2015

Manager Warnke stated there may or may not be a City Council Meeting on April 21, 2015 depending on the need. The next couple of weeks will be spent working on the budget.

- 2) Authorization to pay the invoiced amount of Tremonton City's proportionate share of UTOPIA operational shortfall

Manager Warnke commented that City residents are able to connect to UTOPIA and there is marketing going on for UTOPIA. Manager Warnke will contact UTOPIA about some of the issues addressed by Mr. Greener earlier. Brigham City recently voted to pay operational shortfall. There are about 50% of the UTOPIA cities that have paid the operation shortfall. Some haven't paid for a while, including Orem, Lindon, and Payson. Centerville and Murray have paid operation shortfall up to December 2014.

Manager Warnke reminded the Council that Mr. Sudweeks from UTOPIA told the Council at a previous meeting that if enough people sign up for UTOPIA, the operation shortfall can be greatly reduced. It will be a process to get UTOPIA to where it needs to be, but there is progress being made. Councilmember Holmgren asked if the cutback in employees at UTOPIA has played a role in the problems residents have had getting hooked up to UTOPIA. It is unclear but Manager Warnke stated it is

disappointing to hear confusion regarding availability to hook up to UTOPIA.

Councilmember Reese commented that UTOPIA needs to be doing what they said they would do. If the residents are having these problems right from the start of this big push by the City, it is not good. Councilmember Rohde would be okay paying the UTOPIA operational shortfall if residents were able to get connected. The Council would like to wait on paying the operational shortfall until Manager Warnke can reach out to UTOPIA about the problems residents have had getting connected. Mayor Fridal stated that for UTOPIA to work the cities must participate, but UTOPIA must do what they promised to do.

Councilmember Holmgren noted that it seems to be an organizational problem that needs to be straightened out. Mayor Fridal asked the Council if it would be okay to table the discussion until next month and invite Mr. Sudweeks from UTOPIA to City Council for a discussion. Councilmember Reese stated that the problems with availability might be fixed by then. Manager Warnke will invite Mr. Sudweeks to attend City Council next month to help resolve the problem. Councilmember Wood stated that some residents think the City can get out of the arrangement with UTOPIA. Residents need to realize that Tremonton is in a commitment with UTOPIA.

Councilmember Doutre noted that people that have UTOPIA love it. Councilmember Rohde stated that people want to sign up with UTOPIA. Several people lost internet service a few weeks ago from Honeyville to Riverside, but Councilmember Holmgren said that the fiber-optic connection was working great and never went down. UTOPIA is a great product.

- 3) Continuation or commencing the discussion of any item listed on the 6:00 p.m. City Council Workshop agenda

Chief Batis told the Council that the lease on the Ambulance is coming up, and one of the ambulances just needed \$6K worth of work. The ambulances have a lot of miles on them. A grant will become available the first of the year. If the City puts in for the grant, the City is committed to buying a new ambulance. The grant provides \$25K and the cost for a new ambulance is \$140K. The two newest ambulances have the new Duramax engines. The oldest ambulance with a Duramax engine has had fuel related problems that cost the City \$6K recently.

If the City wants to start another ten year lease for a new fire truck, the truck will need to be ordered next year to have it ready for the City in 2018 as the trucks are built to order and take a year to build.

Councilmember Doutre asked if there were other updates and repairs the vehicles require. Chief Batis stated the bigger trucks have a lot of costs associated with maintenance. The vehicles all need emissions tests yearly. The NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) also has restrictions they enforce. All new emergency vehicles need to have red and yellow striping that costs around \$10K. Councilmember Doutre questioned if it would cost effective to put money into the vehicles currently owned instead of buying new vehicles.

Manager Warnke noted that the fire trucks in the fleet are a 1985, 1995, and 2005. Chief Batis explained that the ambulances used to be on a five year rotation. The two oldest ambulances have 100K miles and are both Fords. The oldest ambulance is used at the fairgrounds and whenever a fourth ambulance is needed. The newest ambulance has the best equipment on it and usually stays in town for calls. Equipment includes a \$15K auto pulse and a camera for innovations. All defibrillators were upgraded this year to a 12 lead with a blue tooth to the hospital with two being purchased this year for \$12K. The expense for equipment is very large as well as the expense for the ambulances. The Fire Department needs reliable vehicles to provide the best service for patients. The ambulance with fuel problems broke down on the way to Salt Lake for a transfer.

If the Life Flight is too busy or unable to transport from Bear River Valley Hospital, Tremonton Fire Department is responsible for the transport of patients, and a Life Flight nurse rides in the ambulance during the transfer. The Fire Department also needs to replace the squad with a four door pickup. The pickup would haul extrication gear, small ladders, and help with smaller jobs.

b. Council Reports:

Mayor Fridal stated that the levels of the springs have been going down every month. Director Fulgham stated this is the worst year for water since 2006. It is good to educate residents, but the only other way to slow the flow of water is by the amount charged for water usage. If the springs aren't being pumped, the water will continue flowing to the river. The Bear River Water Conservancy District can help provide water this summer when the springs are low but they can only pump so much water at a time because of pipe sizes, etc. It costs the City almost double to get water from the Bear River Water Conservancy District and uses most of the money the City would use for future projects.

Mayor Fridal spoke to Director Fulgham about the possibility of creating a conservation rate for water. Director Fulgham said there are tiers in pricing for a conservation rate based on the amount of water used. If residents have to pay more for each additional overage amount of water, they will think twice about using so much water. Councilmember Doutre asked if secondary water users would have an increase in water overages too. Director Fulgham hasn't heard of any restrictions from the Canal Company, which is where the secondary water comes from. There would not be any increased fees for secondary water use.

Councilmember Doutre notices secondary users watering in the middle of the day. Director Fulgham commented that the State used to recommend watering from 8 p.m. to 10 a.m., but that has been changed to 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. to reduce evaporation.

Councilmember Wood stated he is completely against any kind of water rate increase at this time. The State dropped the Impact Fees which should have been used to help with new growth. Councilmember Wood understands that the rate increase is a tool to help conserve water, but the City raised the water rate not too long ago. Director Fulgham noted that during the summer, 65% of water usage goes to lawns. Councilmember Wood stated the City drilled a well and built a 2 million gallon tank. If the State would approve the water rights, the City would have enough water and not be having this discussion now.

Mayor Fridal noted that Utah is the second driest and the second highest consumer of water in the country per capita use. If there is a water shortage this summer, the Council will enforce water restrictions. The idea of a conservation rate would not affect residents until they reach a high amount of water usage. It would not affect the average user only those using large amounts of water. Tremonton has one of the lowest rates for water in the State at \$1.13 per 1000 gallons. Councilmember Holmgren noted that residents need to be educated that lawns do not need to be watered everyday. Once or twice a week would be enough if watering longer and deeper. The education can be provided on the website or on a Facebook page. The public needs to be educated that the springs are down a bit and there will be a tight supply of water this year due to the drought. Mayor Fridal noted that residents could be encouraged to use less water.

Councilmember Doutre noted that some older residents don't water their lawns because of the costs associated with water overage. Mayor Fridal commented that every resident has 13,800 gallons they can use to water lawns without paying an overage.

Councilmember Rohde stated he wasn't aware of how much water he used. Education for water usage would be beneficial to the public.

Councilmember Wood agreed that education on water conservation would be helpful. It would also help if the City could get the water rights approved for the new well. Director Fulgham noted that the letters sent to the State regarding the new well have been met with no response from the State. Councilmember Wood cannot understand that the State can come in and alter the Impact Fees.

Councilmember Holmgren presented a concept for a new logo. There was a lot of work and thought that went into the logo even though it is simple. Councilmember Wood thought it resembled a logo he saw at the ULCT (Utah League of Cities and Towns) conference. Councilmember Holmgren replied that the logo was an original idea.

10. Adjournment.

Motion by Councilmember Doutre to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by

Councilmember Rohde. Vote: Councilmember Doutre - aye, Councilmember Holmgren - aye, Councilmember Reese - aye, Councilmember Rohde - aye, and Councilmember Wood - aye. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The undersigned duly acting and appointed Recorder for Tremonton City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes for the City Council Meeting held on the above referenced date. Minutes were prepared by Cynthia Nelson.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Darlene S. Hess, Recorder