

## Riverdale City Council Work Session Meeting, July 21, 2015

Minutes of the Work Session of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at 5:30 PM, at the Civic Center in the Administrative Offices, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

**Present:** City Council: Norm Searle, Mayor  
Don Hunt, Councilor  
Braden Mitchell, Councilor  
Michael Staten, Councilor  
Brent Ellis, Councilor  
Gary E. Griffiths, Councilor

City Employees: Rodger Worthen, City Administrator  
Steve Brooks, City Attorney  
Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Mayor Searle welcomed the Council Members stating for the record that all were in attendance, with the exception of Councilor Staten. Mayor Searle asked Councilor Mitchell to lead the Pledge of Allegiance for the Regular Meeting. Mayor Searle asked if anyone was aware of any open communications and noted there were two forms received so far. Mayor Searle summarized the information regarding the Senate Bill 190 pertaining to mobile home assistance available effective July 2015.

Councilor Hunt noted Lloyd High has approached the Council on several occasions regarding code enforcement compliance pertaining to mobile homes. Mr. Brooks stated the Code Enforcement Officer, Randy and the Building Official, Jeff had met with Mr. High on several occasions. Mr. Brooks stated mobile homes are located on private property, so the City Officials cannot enter the premise without invitation from the property owner or without a warrant. Councilor Griffiths discussed his experience with community service on various mobile home properties, such as weed clean up. He recalled an instance in which a resident had illegally connected a wire into their shed that housed their washer and dryer; he noted this would be a potential fire hazard.

At 5:37 PM Councilor Staten arrived to the meeting. Councilor Hunt discussed the various dangerous violations that are visible without a home entrance. Mr. Worthen read through the Senate Bill 190. Councilor Griffith asked if it was similar to Ombudsman rules, but pertained to mobile homes. Mr. Worthen speculated the issues would be similar. Mayor Searle commented on the limitations of the City enforcing mobile home issues because they are located on private property. Councilor Griffiths discussed the issues pertaining to county enforcement versus local government enforcement.

Mayor Searle discussed a letter from Laurie Taylor who lost a bag of gem stones and crystals on the Trail. As a result she is requesting a lost and found drop box be placed on the trail. Mayor Searle stated he has been in conversation with Mr. Worthen regarding implementing an action plan for recovered items found at the trail.

Mayor Searle expressed gratitude for the service provided by Brooke in the K9 unit. She will retire from the unit today and she has been a loyal and diligent companion to the police department.

Mayor Searle invited changes to the minutes. Councilor Mitchell had a correction for the May 5, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes. The correction is found on page 2, change the name "Hayden" to "Hazen".

Mayor Searle invited discussion regarding consent item 3, bid approval for chip seal. Mr. Worthen stated the rock purchases will be in house and it will be discussed at the regular meeting. Mayor Searle stated he will ask for a roll call vote for this item. Councilor Hunt inquired about the bid approval being included in the consent versus action items. Mr. Brooks stated this item was previously approved in the budget. The law only requires that the item be advertised, which it was in the agenda. Mayor Searle stated as long as they do roll call vote they should be covered.

Councilor Ellis discussed break-ins and crime rates as discussed on social media. He stated one of the residents suggested making a public comment at the City Council meeting to help provide options for the police department. Mayor Searle stated he has been following the comments. His impression was the majority of the vehicles affected were left unlocked. Mr. Worthen stated the police department has been discussing prevention tactics as well.

Councilor Griffiths stated some cities, such as St. George, have a Volunteer In Police Service (VIPS) program for retired veterans. He stated these folks patrol and look after homes when residents go on vacation. He felt it was a very successful program. Mayor Searle discussed the option of having a neighborhood watch. He stated Chief Hansen recommended motion lights as a means to reduce crime as well as perimeter cameras.

Mayor Searle commented on the RDA Meeting and asked if there were any changes to the RDA Minutes for June 16, 2015. There were no recommended changes to the meeting minutes.

Mayor Searle commented on the RDA Meeting and Agenda and invited discussion. There was no discussion regarding the RDA Agenda.

## Riverdale City Council Work Session Meeting, July 21, 2015

---

Councilor Ellis stated Riverdale City made the newspaper regarding mosquitos that tested positive for the West Nile Virus. The Mosquito Abatement took a sample for 282 mosquitos and 1 was positive for the West Nile Virus. There was a 70 percent drop in the area in which the sample was taken. He referred to the City's Facebook page and noted there were several comments from residents that felt the City was at fault for the mosquitos. He stated the Mosquito Abatement has been taking the necessary precautions as per their protocol. He stated in June the Mosquito Abatement received 400 phone calls regarding the confirmed testing of the virus, and only 14 of those calls were Riverdale residents. Councilor Ellis expressed gratitude to Chris Stone for putting this information in the newsletter to help address the concerns of the residents. There have been mosquito traps for further testing.

Having no further business to discuss the Council adjourned at 5:54 PM to convene into their Regular City Council Meeting.