

MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 16, 2015 AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 83 WEST MAIN, HYRUM, UTAH.

**CONVENED:** 6:30 p.m.

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Stephanie Miller

**ROLL CALL:** Councilmembers Scot M. Allgood, Jared L. Clawson, Martin L. Felix, Paul C. James, and Aaron Woolstenhulme were present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** There being five members present and five members representing a quorum, Mayor Miller called the meeting to order.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Hyrum City's Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Kevin Maughan and nine citizens were present. City Recorder Stephanie Fricke recorded the minutes.

**WELCOME:** Mayor Miller welcomed everyone in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Woolstenhulme led the governing body and the citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Councilmember Allgood

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of June 18, 2015 were approved as written.

**ACTION** Councilmember Allgood made a motion to approve the minutes of a regular City Council Meeting on June 18, 2015 as written. Councilmember Clawson seconded the motion and Councilmembers Allgood, Clawson, Felix, James, and Woolstenhulme voted aye. The motion passed.

**AGENDA ADOPTION:** A copy of the notice and agenda for this meeting was faxed to The Herald Journal, mailed to each member of the governing body, and posted at the Civic Center more than forty-eight hours before meeting time.

**ACTION** Councilmember Clawson made a motion to approve the agenda for July 16, 2015 as published. Councilmember Allgood seconded the motion and Councilmembers Allgood, Clawson, Felix, James, and Woolstenhulme voted aye. The motion passed.

AGENDA

8. PUBLIC COMMENT
9. SCHEDULED DELEGATIONS:

- A. Jason Watterson, Utah Local Governments Trust - To present an award for the Utah Local Governments Trust Accountability Program.
  - B. Hyrum City - To request Site Plan approval for a Public Works Storage Building at 90 North 100 West.
10. OTHER BUSINESS:
- A. Regional Trail Coordinator.
  - B. Consideration and appointment of Youth Council Advisor.
  - C. Regional Seer Plant Update.
  - D. Consideration and appointment of Election Judges.
  - E. Consideration and appointment to Library Board.
  - F. Mayor and City Council reports.
11. ADJOURNMENT

***PUBLIC COMMENT:***

Mayor Miller said if a citizen has a question or would like to make a comment to please keep it under three minutes.

No public comment was given.

***SCHEDULED DELEGATIONS:***

**JASON WATTERSON, UTAH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TRUST - TO PRESENT AN AWARD FOR THE UTAH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TRUST ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM.**

Jason Watterson with Utah Local Governments Trust said Hyrum City is insured through the Utah Local Governments Trust. Hyrum City is one of the few cities that has qualified for Utah Local Governments Trust Accountability Program. The award is given to cities for improving employee and citizen safety. Hyrum City holds monthly safety meetings, monitors employee driving records, and inspects utility systems annually. He congratulated Hyrum City for their safety record and presented a plaque.

**HYRUM CITY - TO REQUEST SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR A PUBLIC WORKS STORAGE BUILDING AT 90 NORTH 100 WEST.**

Mayor Miller said Hyrum City is requesting site plan approval for a new metal building at 90 North 100 West. The building will be located south of the City shop. The building is 50' by 100' and has five bays with 14' x 14' doors. The Planning Commission has reviewed the site plan and is recommending approval.

**ACTION**

**Councilmember James made a motion to approve Hyrum City's site plan request for a storage building at 90**

North 100 West. Councilmember Allgood seconded the motion and Councilmembers Allgood, Clawson, Felix, James, and Woolstenhulme voted aye. The motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**REGIONAL TRAIL COORDINATOR.**

Mayor Miller said Cache County has invited Hyrum City to participate in the funding for a Regional Trail Coordinator position. This position would be an employee of the County and would be responsible for developing bike/pedestrian facilities in urban environments, and to provide technical support to individual communities to build trails and procure grant funding for construction. The cost to participate is \$500 plus .20 cents per capita, Hyrum's portion would be \$2,052 per year.

**ACTION** Councilmember James made a motion to approve \$2,052 per year for a trial period of two years to receive trail coordinator service from Cache County. Councilmember Woolstenhulme seconded the motion and Councilmembers Allgood, Clawson, Felix, James, and Woolstenhulme voted aye. The motion passed.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH COUNCIL ADVISOR.**

Mayor Miller recommended appointing Josh Meyers to serve as a Youth Council Advisor.

**ACTION** Councilmember Felix made a motion to appoint Josh Meyers to serve as a Youth Council Advisor. Councilmember Allgood seconded the motion.

Councilmember James recommended amending Councilmember Felix's motion to include that all volunteers or employees of the City that work with youth should have a background check conducted on them. Councilmember Felix and Allgood accepted Councilmember James' amendment to the motion and Councilmembers Allgood, Clawson, Felix, James, and Woolstenhulme voted aye. The motion passed.

**REGIONAL SEER PLANT UPDATE.**

Mayor Miller said City Administrator Ron Salvesen prepared a document on the Regional Sewer Plant options and financial

projections. The only negatives he could see was that the City would be giving up the majority control and would own 1/3 of the plant, and the City could gain a stigma about Hyrum having a regional sewer near its community. The positives were stabilization of rates for the next 10 to 20 years since all upgrades would be completed. The City would have a new plant with no or little debt to the City. The City would gain the reclaim water from all three communities. The risk of running a wastewater treatment plant would be distributed with two other cities. The City would also save at least \$750,000 in upgrades over the next two years. He also provided financial projections on Hyrum City's estimated monthly bill which would reduce rates by at least four dollars a month. He provided different price evaluation options for selling the plant. If the City doesn't sell the plant sewer rates will need to be increased in the next two to four years. With a regional sewer plant Hyrum City's rates will be lower immediately and in the future.

Kevin Maughan, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent said the City needs to replace 1/3 of its membrane plates for the next three years. The cost of the plates per year is \$300,000. There are improvements that need to be made to the plant whether it becomes a regional sewer plant or not. There are pros and cons for becoming a regional sewer plant. If it does become a regional sewer plant modifications will have to be made but it won't be a new plant. The existing plant will be retrofitted.

Councilmember James said he has reviewed City Administrator Ron Salvesen's price evaluation options and the City should not be low balled by the other communities. Hyrum City owes it to its residents to sell the price at a competitive price.

Mayor Miller said Zions Bank has brought back a different rate analysis study with lower percentage rates in hopes that the lower rates would make it feasible for all three communities.

Councilmember Clawson said he too is concerned about the City not selling the plant for a reasonable amount. He is also not sure if the benefits of lower rates will really happen if it is a regional sewer plant. He doesn't want the City to regret selling its plant and losing control over decisions that could affect the citizens of Hyrum in a negative way. Lower rates of only three or four dollars may not be worth the long term issues that could come. If the City decides to sale the sewer plant it should be sold for a reasonable price.

Councilmember Woolstenhulme said he too is concerned about Hyrum's image and losing control over the sewer plant. He's not sure if it is in Hyrum City's best interest to become a regional

sewer plant.

Mayor Miller said if the sewer plant becomes a regional sewer plant the City will make an additional \$10,000 per month in electricity sales.

The City Council agreed to have Nibley and Providence pay for an appraisal to be conducted on the sewer plant before the City Council considers a selling price. Even after the appraisal the City Council may or may not decide to sale the plant if there is not a large enough payback to the city and lower rates to its citizens.

#### **CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES.**

City Recorder Stephanie that most of the election judges have served previously. All precincts will vote at the Civic Center and vote alphabetically. There will be two sets of election judges for the Primary Election and three sets for the Municipal Election.

**ACTION**            **Councilmember James made a motion to approve the appointment of the 2015 Election Judges. Councilmember Allgood seconded the motion and all Councilmembers Allgood, Clawson, Felix, James, and Woolstenhulme voted aye.**

#### **CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY BOARD.**

Councilmember Clawson recommended appointing Janae Langford to the Hyrum Library Board.

**ACTION**            **Councilmember Clawson made a motion to approve the appointment of Janae Langford to the Hyrum Library Board. Councilmember Felix seconded the motion and all Councilmembers Allgood, Clawson, Felix, James, and Woolstenhulme voted aye.**

#### **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Councilmember Woolstenhulme said the National Night Out Against Crime is on Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Felix said the attendance on the square was lower on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year. Craig Rasmussen and his wife have volunteered to build Hyrum City's booth at the Cache County Fair.

Councilmember James said he has arranged for a Santa for Holidays at Hardware Ranch.

Councilmember Allgood said Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes' staff said Hyrum's Patriotic Program is one of the largest gatherings in the State for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July program.

Councilmember Clawson said Head Librarian Ginny Tremayne is retiring August 15.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**ACTION**            **There being no further business before the City Council, the Council Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

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Stephanie Miller  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Fricke  
City Recorder

Approved: August 3, 2015  
            As written