

AMERICAN FORK CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 24, 2016  
WORK SESSION MINUTES

ATTACHMENT

Members Present:	James H. Hadfield	Mayor
	Kevin Barnes	Councilman
	Brad Frost	Councilman
	Rob Shelton	Councilman
	*Jeff Shorter	Councilman
Members Absent:	Carlton Bowen	Councilman
Staff Present:	Craig Whitehead	City Administrator
	Richard Colborn	City Recorder
	Cathy Jensen	Finance Officer
	Kriss Garcia	Fire Chief
	Sgt. Josh Christensen	Police
	Jay Christensen	Animal Control
	Audra Sorensen	Public Relations/Economic Development
	Wendelin Knobloch	Associate Planner
	John Woffinden	Planning Commission Chairman
	Camden Bird	Management Analyst
Also Present:	Marc Rugg	7-11
	Dale Gunther	
	Phil Gunther	

SPECIAL SESSION

The American Fork City Council met in special session on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 in the American Fork City Administration Building, 51 East Main Street, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Hadfield introduced the City's new Management Analyst Camden Bird.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REVIEW AND ACTION ON A CLASS "A" BEER LICENSE FOR 7-ELEVEN STORE #36331 AT 290 WEST MAIN STREET (Requested by Cathy Jensen, Administration)

Mayor Hadfield explained that anytime there was a new owner of a business with a beer license it required a new issue. This was the case with Mr. Marc Rugg.

**Councilman Shelton moved approval for the class "A" beer license for the 7-eleven Store #36331, located at 290 West Main Street. Councilman Frost seconded the motion.**

Councilman Barnes asked if it was a corporate store or a franchise store.

Mr. Rugg answered that it was a corporate store. Now it was a franchise store.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Kevin Barnes, Brad Frost, Rob Shelton
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Carlton Bowen, Jeff Shorter

\*Councilman Shorter arrived at 3:34 p.m.

2. ADJOURNMENT TO A WORK SESSION

**Councilman Frost moved to adjourn to a work session at 3:34 p.m. Councilman Shorter seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Kevin Barnes, Brad Frost, Rob Shelton, Jeff Shorter
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Carlton Bowen

WORK SESSION

The American Fork City Council met in a work session beginning at 3:35 p.m.

Mayor Hadfield reported that Work Session Item No. 2 had been postponed as the presenter was having a baby.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION OF THE NEED FOR A DEER MANAGEMENT / HARVEST PROGRAM IN THE AREA OF QUAIL COVE *(Requested by Richard Colborn, Recorder)*

Dale Gunther previously provided a petition from the neighborhood regarding deer problems in the area south of 700 North from 1100 East to almost 600 East. Almost everyone was willing to sign the petition. There were some that did not want to sign and some that did not want the deer killed. He stated that he had two accidents with deer over the past few years, one in Midway and one in Orem. There was no personal harm just property damage to his car. He noted a couple in his current ward were traveling near Heber City and they hit a deer and he was killed and she was now a widow.

Mr. Gunther read some headlines he pulled from the Internet.

- “Are Deer Dangerous to People”
- “Top Thirteen Most Dangerous Animals in North America” (Deer was number 6)
- “Deer attacks: Nature, civilization lock horns”
- “Deer in rut can be a killing machine”
- “Deer Disease and Destruction: Top 5 Reasons to Keep Deer Out of Your Yard”
- “Deer Dangers You May Not Know And What To Do About Them”

Mr. Gunther continued that he talked with J.D. Deveraux north of the Cemetery who said he had deer come into his property all the time. He talked with the Cemetery Staff who reported that deer came there and ate plants and flowers that people left on the graves.

They also reported seeing deer crossing 100 East Street which was a danger.

Councilman Frost reported that there had been a dead deer there in the last two weeks.

Mr. Gunther also talked with Jeff Mitchell on the west end of town who said that he writes a letter to the DWR each year about the deer that came onto his property and ate his trees. The DWR does nothing, so he shoots them and then calls the DWR to report a dead deer.

Mr. Gunther concluded by saying that he would really like to have considerable attention given to the problem before there was a serious accident and someone was killed. The deer were beautiful and he loved to see them, but the actual destruction and potential danger to human life especially to a child was overwhelming. He would not want to have been on the City Council and turned down a proposal to do something about the deer population and have someone be seriously injured or killed.

Councilman Shelton noted that some of the neighbors had put up a wire fence around their garden. He thought they had a cougar in that area in the past and he thought it was there because of the deer. He felt this issue ought to be looked into.

Councilman Shorter noted that the State of Utah was over wildlife.

Craig Whitehead explained that Highland City got into this a couple of years ago and they worked with Humphries Archery in American Fork to develop a program that was approved by DWR. Archers had been harvesting deer in Highland. Accidents with deer had been significantly reduced since they started.

Mr. Whitehead continued that there were two approaches: Harvesting or Trapping. When the City looked at this last year the Humphries type program would have cost American Fork \$5,000. Trapping was significantly more expensive due to the time involved.

Sgt. Josh Christensen reported that in the last 10 years there were 41 reported accidents involving deer in American Fork. Three were in the 700 North 900 East neighborhood. Most were on the south end and long 500 East. Of the 41 accidents 13 involved property damage over \$1,000 and one was an injury accident.

Councilman Frost felt a holistic approach was needed. Years ago deer wintered here and then went back up into the mountains. Now it was a resident herd and they did not go back up into the mountains as they found food and shelter here.

Philip Gunther agreed and then having twins every year exponentially increased the herd. He was a big gardener. He had a ½ acre of orchard and dirt gardening. He had about 50 yards of grapes and he only got about a handful. The deer got the rest. That did not include the flowers and shrubbery around his home. He also expressed concern for his seven children under the age of 16.

Councilman Shelton felt this was worth pursuing. He thought they could ask staff to find out what other approaches were out there and bring back a proposal to the Council. Mr.

Whitehead agreed that would be the next step.

Jay Christensen stated that he had talked with Brian Cook from Humphries Archery and did a little research. He reported that the cost would stay at \$5,000 for this year. He had Provo, Mapleton, Harriman, and Highland so far. After this year the cost would probably go up. The year with deer starts in August and runs through October. It was a three-year program with \$5,000 each year.

Councilman Barnes asked if it could only be done during hunting season to which Jay Christensen responded that was the case. The City would need to:

1. Draw up an Ordinance that included no feeding of deer or elk or moose
2. Provide a control plan that said how the City was going to handle the harvesting; lethal or trapping

Jay Christensen commented that there were a lot of generic plans out there.

Councilman Barnes asked what the \$5,000 went toward.

Jay Christensen responded that a survey would be done using digital cameras. When a camera went off it would shoot a picture to Brian Cook so he could see where the deer were and what time of day it was. If the City was going to trap, the digital camera goes off which alerts Brian Cook and he alerted the shooters who would go take care of the deer. Deer could not be in a trap for more than six hours or it would die of nervousness or a heart attack.

Councilman Barnes asked if they were trapped and then killed.

Jay Christensen stated that was how it was done. The idea was to eradicate the deer in the area as best they could. DWR however would relocate big bucks.

Mayor Hadfield directed staff to contact Brian Cook at Humphries Archery to come to a future work session and explain his program.

Councilman Barnes reported that in yesterday's Parks and Recreation Committee meeting it was brought up that there was a sizeable herd on the road to the Boat Harbor.

Mayor Hadfield commented that most of the property down there was still in the County. There were pockets of deer in several places.

Councilman Frost expressed that to trap the deer was really to kill them.

Jay Christensen reported that DWR would relocate trapped deer. But, to relocate deer a \$275 relocation collar would be needed and there would be a \$250 blood draw on the deer for Chronic Wasting disease and the DWR had to do that.

Philip Gunther asked if the DWR policies and regulations superseded the City's policies.

Mayor Hadfield responded that the City's policies had to be in conjunction with the

DWR's policies. The DWR has recognized the deer problem for years and years and years in many locations. The DWR had some latitude in these urban settings to where the City could arrange to do the harvesting.

Philip Gunther suggested that the City petition the State for a broader time frame than August to October. Animals were in their yards all the time partaking of fruits and vegetables.

2. OVERVIEW OF C-PACE PARTNERSHIP WITH THRIVE LIFE CO. (Requested by Craig Whitehead, Administration)

This item was postponed.

3. PRESENTATION ON THE RELOCATION OF THE FIRE TRAINING BUILDING (Requested by Richard Colborn, Recorder)

Chief Garcia provided a power point presentation. It is included in these minutes as an **ATTACHMENT**. He explained that the Department's training facility behind the Public Works offices has been there for about three years and the initial cost was about \$15,000. It took up a lot of space. It was to the point now that they needed to rebuild there or relocate. The Department trained there about 15 times a month. In talking with Dale Goodman and Aaron Brems they talked about decreasing their footprint and relocating to a place that met the SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan) conditions. They were looking at a location south of the Salt Dome. The drainage for it was in a vault and would be pumped out when needed and Aaron Brems was willing to do that.

The new facility would be configured from Conex containers. It is what the State of the Art is. There was not much to do other than put pads on the ground and attach the containers. Chief Garcia was initially going to use impact fees but that was not possible. He proposed to use the money they received from the 14-day deployment to the State of Washington at the request of the US Forest Service. The Federal Government reimbursed for the expense of the manpower and the apparatus plus the backfill at our station. Net revenue to the City was \$33,769.66.

Chief Garcia asked what the Council thought.

Councilman Barnes asked the total cost of the total structure as shown.

Chief Garcia answered that it was about \$40,000.

Councilman Shelton discussed the proposed location noting that it was probably a little further away from neighbors than the current location. He wanted to make sure that before funds were expended that they had a clean bill of health.

Chief Garcia would clear it through Aaron Brems and Nestor Gallo noting that they did not burn anything but Class A Material. It would be used mainly on a Friday or Saturday so as not to interfere with Public Works. In the future they would be looking for a storage facility between the fire station and the Harrington.

Craig Whitehead reported that this had been discussed with Dale Goodman looking at the Master Plan and they were comfortable with it.

Councilman Shorter asked how long it was anticipated to stay there.

Chief Garcia responded that it could stay there forever or it had the functionality to be picked up and moved.

Councilman Frost commented that it looked pretty mobile to him and that was one of the redeeming values.

Planning Commission Chairman John Woffinden asked if a site plan was required.

Mayor Hadfield asked Chief Garcia to work with Planning on a site plan.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. M. Colborn".

Richard M. Colborn  
City Recorder



# American Fork Fire & Rescue

## Training Facility

Our current training facility was built 3 years ago at a cost of \$15,000  
We have had over 1,000 drills and 200 live fires in the structure

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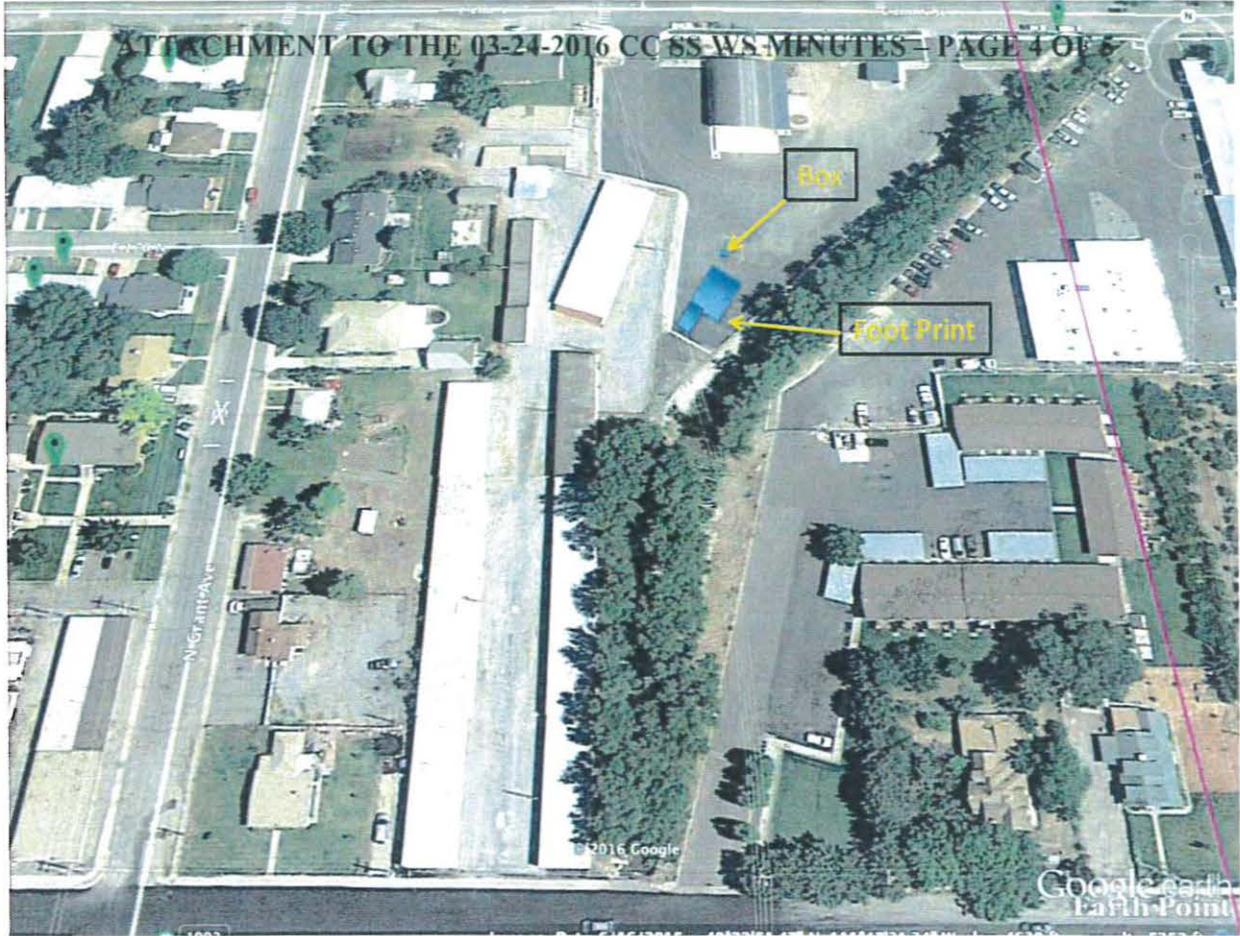


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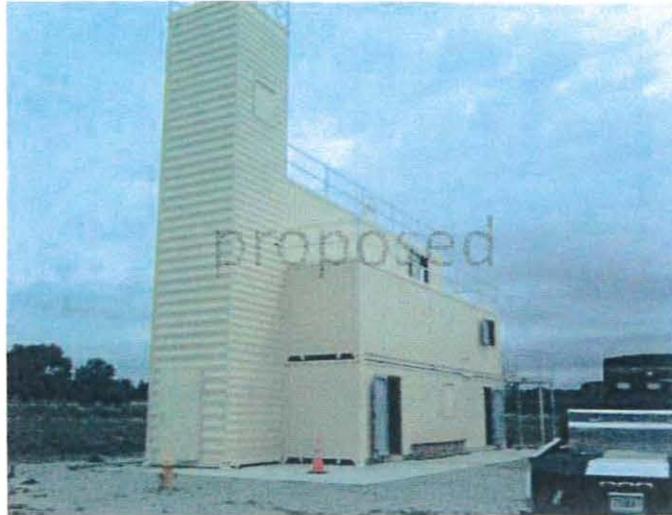




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## Funding

### Wildland Deployment

Reimbursement:	\$57,385.16
Wages for Deployed Firefighters	(\$16,846.50)
Wages for Backfill Firefighters	(\$4,268.84)
Related Expenses (Fuel/Repairs)	(\$2,500)
Net Revenue	<u>\$33,769.66</u>