

CITY OF OREM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
56 North State Street Orem, Utah
December 13, 2018

5:30 P.M. SPECIAL SESSION – CONFERENCE ROOM # 107

CONDUCTING	Mayor Richard F. Brunst
ELECTED OFFICIALS	Debby Lauret, Sam Lentz (electronically), Tom Macdonald, Mark Seastrand and Brent Sumner
EXCUSED	David Spencer
STAFF MEMBERS	Jamie Davidson, City Manager; Brenn Bybee, Assistant City Manager; Steven Downs, Assistant City Manager; Greg Stephens, City Attorney; and JoD'Ann Bates, City Recorder.

RESOLUTION - Supporting and Encouraging the Utah County Commission to Implement the Fourth Quarter Cent Sales Tax Option

Mayor Brunst stated this resolution is regarding the fourth quarter cents sales tax. There is a resolution from the County Regional Planning Commissions, which is signed by all but 1 mayor in Utah County supporting the tax. There is also a resolution from the Utah Chamber of Commerce Public Policy in support of the tax. This would bring in approximately 1.8 to 2 million dollars a year to help fund city road projects and maintenance. Orem currently has 242 miles of centerline roads which costs approximately \$13,000. a mile for maintenance per year.

Mr. Macdonald indicated he was uncertain regarding his vote, he didn't feel he had enough time to consider the resolution. He continued to state that individually he would vote yes but has a concern based on a number of years ago when residents had the opportunity to approve this and it was voted down. He was curious as to how the residents feel about it now it has been adjusted. He does like that the burden is shared by consumers and they had taken out the UTA factor.

Mr. Lentz stated that although the residents voted down the previous proposal he felt it was due to the cookie cutter formula and the amount that was going to UTA. He felt more confident in supporting the resolution today due to the changes that have been made and the amount that will go to cities in Utah County for the roads. This resolution is just a recommendation to the County. He felt in the long run it is always more cost effective to maintain than to repair the roads when they are in dis-repair and for that reason he is in support of the resolution.

Mr. Sumner stated he was in favor of the recent bond improvements due to it not increasing taxes. This would place another tax concern on the residents. He commented he would have liked to have more time to research the item, and is not willing to support the resolution at this time.

General discussion ensued regarding if the resolution was approved, who it taxes, what the tax is

applied, an estimate of the yearly amount it would be for residents and an estimated amount of funds cities would receive.

Mr. Seastrand stated he felt this had been a fundamental problem the legislature has tried to figure out but the basic fundamental structure does not cover the needs of being able to maintain and consistently deliver a quality product to residents regarding the roads. They continue to get behind in the basic maintenance of roads and this is one avenue the legislature has provided to help with that maintenance. He does not see another alternative to address the road issues and feels this is something they need to approve.

Mr. Davidson indicated that a project done a few years ago of essentially paving over of 10 blocks was a million dollar project and stated there are several million dollars road projects within the boundaries of Orem City. If they don't do anything when the roads need upkeep they then ending up degrading and costing the city substantially more to repair or even reconstruct.

Mayor Brunst stated the vote for proposition #1 had 40% going to UTA from the funds in the county. This new interlocal agreement takes the 40% originally slated for UTA and pays down the debt for the UVX. Once that debt is paid off the funds will then got to roads within the county. He continued that Mountainlands Association of Governments did a survey which found that 65% of the people voted in favor of moving forward with the interlocal agreement having the funds go towards roads. He felt that the support is there from residents and other entities to move forward.

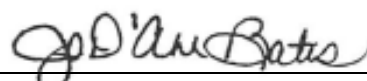
Mayor Brunst moved the City Council approve a Resolution supporting and encouraging the Utah County Commission to implement the Fourth Quarter Cent Sales Tax Option. **Mrs. Lauret seconded.** Those voting aye: Richard F. Brunst, Debby Lauret, Sam Lentz, Tom Macdonald, and Mark Seastrand. Those voting nay: Brent Sumner. The motion **passed**.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brunst moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mr. Seastrand seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: Richard F. Brunst, Debby Lauret, Sam Lentz, Tom Macdonald, Mark Seastrand and Brent Sumner. The motion **passed unanimously**.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.




JoD'Ann Bates, City Recorder

Approved: January 8, 2019