



**Minutes of the North Logan City
City Council
Held on September 18, 2019
At the North Logan City Library, North Logan, Utah**

**(The time stamps throughout the minutes below, located next to an item, indicate the time an item begins in the recording of the meeting.)*

***00:00:10**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Damon Cann at 6:30 p.m.

Council members present were: Roger Anderson, Kristen Anderson, Craig Humphreys and Brad Crookston. (Bruce Lee was excused).

Others present were: Ulysses Black, H. Dwight Whittaker, James Britsch, Brittany Britsch, Nathan Huffman, Debbie Murray, Neil Murray, Zan Murray, Lydia Embry, Jon Keller, Jason Killinen, Scott Bennett. Spencer Burt, Jordan Oldham, Alan Luce and Marie Wilhelm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristen Anderson.

An invocation was given by Pastor Dane Wead from New Life Fellowship Church in North Logan.

Adoption of Agenda

Damon Cann said there is no new information on the agenda item regarding the police discussion and asked to discuss it at a later meeting.

00:03:35 Motion

Kristen Anderson made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, removing the item regarding the police discussion. Brad Crookston seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Kristen Anderson, Roger Anderson, Craig Humphreys and Brad Crookston voting in favor.

Approval and Follow-up of Minutes of September 4, 2019 City Council Meeting, Regular and Executive (Closed) Session.

00:04:35

Both sets of minutes were approved as presented.

Review of Action Items

00:05:03

Alan Luce reviewed the list with the council.

Roger Anderson came at this time, 6:38 p.m.

Recognition of Exemplary Staff Member

00:12:40

Mayor Damon Cann presented gift cards for Kris Bowcut from the Library, and MaryJean Corry from Reception/Utilities for their exemplary work in their department. As they were both unable to attend the meeting, the gift cards to Sweet Burrito will be given to them at a later date.

New Business

Current Action Items

Consideration of a draft ordinance, modifying the application requirements and appeal methods for the issuance of business licenses.

00:15:20 Discussion

Alan Luce explained the draft ordinance that he said Scott Bennett largely put together, which he further explained. He addressed various questions from the council.

Mayor Cann discussed this further.

00:18:18 Motion

Kristen Anderson made a motion to approve ordinance 19-12 amending the appeal methods for the issuance of business licenses. Craig Humphreys seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Kristen Anderson, Roger Anderson, Craig Humphreys and Brad Crookston voting in favor.

Consideration of the approval of a letter to Dean Quayle regarding the City's support of a desired conservation easement at approximately 400W 2100N.

00:19:07 Discussion

Mayor Damon Cann explained the situation briefly and summarized the previous discussions held on this, particularly as it relates to the alignment of 400 West.

Alan Luce explained the discussions held with Dean Quayle and Casey Snyder. He said there is a desire to keep it in a conservation easement by the City as well as the property owner and making this a priority for open space. He commented further on the concern about the alignment of 400 West as well as sewer. He said sewer should not be an issue, and said the road should not be either which he further explained, and is described in the letter as a collaborative approach taking place in the future.

Roger Anderson discussed ensuring that 400 West being developed appropriately and with standards.

This was discussed further, including stating that it be done under collector road standards. The sewer line was also discussed.

Kristen Anderson said she would like to know whether or not they will be compensated for putting this into a conservation easement. Mayor Cann explained this and said he thought that Mr. Quayle is primarily interested in putting this in conservation easement.

Per a question from Roger, Alan explained how this moves forward.

00:28:37 Motion

Kristen Anderson made a motion approve the letter to Dean Quayle to do the conservation easement. Roger Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Kristen Anderson, Roger Anderson, Craig Humphreys and Brad Crookston voting in favor.

City Council Work Session Items

Update from JUB Engineers regarding the Crockett Irrigation Committee Studies.

00:29:18 Discussion

Alan Luce introduced the item and explained the situation briefly.

Zan Murray from JUB Engineering gave an update regarding the Crockett Irrigation Committee Studies, including regarding needs, growth and costs. He addressed various questions from the council. He also discussed the schedule for moving forward, including what the next step would be which will be focused on funding.

Discussion regarding trails and trail easements.

00:46:31 Discussion

Mayor Cann explained his discussion with the state ombudsmen's office, as well as following up with the City Attorney regarding trails and prescriptive easements, and determining whether those easements are in place, and how those can be legally identified, as he learned that there can be a prescriptive easement if a trail has been used consecutively for ten years as a road. He said they might also have further discussion with Cache County attorney James Swink. Mayor Cann discussed the issue of being able to formally document these sites and asked the City Council what they think the next steps should be.

This was discussed further, including how to move forward. They continued to discuss the various issues with determining who owns what land, where the easements are, and working to determine whether or not the various sites are established.

Discussion regarding Fire and EMS Services.

01:05:58

Mayor Damon Cann introduced the item and explained the situation regarding working with

Logan City, and the issues that remain with staffing and not having enough people to cover shifts, despite the City's efforts in growing the department. He discussed Chief Jon Keller's recommendation of doing an inter-local concept where our department would be staffed with Logan City personnel, although we would keep our building and equipment. He discussed some of his concerns, including with revenue and costs, and commented further.

Chief Jon Keller reviewed the proposal for doing a joint venture with Logan City and reviewed the various options. He explained that the department's call volume keeps going up but the volunteer personnel has gone down, and further explained the staffing deficiencies.

Jason Killinen discussed Logan Paramedic and discussed the issue of Logan City officers not being able to assist our officers during what are known as "dangerous" situations.

The discussion continued and Chief Keller addressed the council's various questions.

Craig Humphreys said he would abstain from any vote as he volunteers with the North Logan Fire Department and works for the Logan City Fire department, and commented further on volunteers in the fire department. He discussed the intention to always seek what is best for North Logan citizens. He said originally, they had a large volunteer force with a low call volume, but that over the years that has changed drastically, which he explained further.

The discussion continued, including the steps being done by various cities to manage the dissolution of CCMS. They discussed various options for moving forward.

Mayor Cann discussed Chief Keller's retirement scheduled for June 2020.

Craig Humphreys discussed conflicts with work and pay schedules with the two departments.

Roger Anderson discussed the possibility of leasing the North Logan Fire Department building.

Discussion regarding critical road intersections.

01:43:43 Discussion

Alan Luce explained the situation and used an aerial photograph of the locations to discuss this further regarding intersections that are problematic, primarily 800 East 2500 North, and 2500 North and Wolfpack Way, and he further explained the safety concerns at these, but that have been mostly eradicated at 800 East 2500 North. He further discussed 2500 North and Wolfpack Way and options for managing this intersection.

The council discussed this further.

Mayor Cann gave an update on the CMPO meeting held that week and discussed the funds allocated to Hyde Park to support Wolfpack Way through Hyde Park, and that Hyde Park needs to decide soon when and how they are going to extend that road, or they risk losing those funds. He commented further.

This was discussed further.

Discussion regarding "lessons learned" from the Annual Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference.

01:57:40 Discussion and motion

The City Council agreed to discuss this at the next council meeting. Alan asked the council to send him a list of items they want to discuss, in order to compile the comments for efficiency.

Craig Humphreys made a motion postpone this item until the next meeting. Roger Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Kristen Anderson, Roger Anderson, Craig Humphreys and Brad Crookston voting in favor.

Reports from city officers, boards, and committees

01:59:31

Spencer Burt discussed the Moderate Income Housing Plan, and the numbers he got back from BRAG (Bear River Association of Governments) which he further explained, and said a plan needs to be adopted by December 1st, and the item will be going in front of the Planning Commission at the next evening's meeting, and then to the City Council.

Alan Luce commented on this and said we do need to look at this, but said comparable to other communities, North Logan City is doing very well.

02:03:09

Chief Ulysses Black said they were able to hire a bailiff for the court, John Beddingfield. He also said they got a large response to placing a job posting on Indeed for crossing guards. He said they surplussed the vehicles and got back better than what they expected.

Mayor Damon Cann commended the police department for cross-training police secretaries Reagan and Sherry as cross-guards to fill in when there is a need, rather than having a law enforcement officer pulled off duty do it.

Chief Black also said he has started sending crime stats to the City Council.

02:05:47

Jon Keller mentioned the controlled burn that will be taking place at the mouth of Green Canyon.

02:06:04

Scott Bennett discussed the upcoming Meet the Candidates night, taking place on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m.

02:07:04

Alan Luce discussed the success of the free state night event this past Monday. He also mentioned the Pumpkin Walk coming up October 17-22, as well as the Pumpkin Run and Pumpkin Toss taking place concurrently.

02:07:47

Craig Humphreys said they have been working on the Census Committee to encourage participation and commented further, including that the census date is April 1, 2020.

02:08:33

Mayor Cann discussed the CCOG meeting taking place in early October at the North Logan library, and explained potential monies available for projects.

He also mentioned that UDOT and the CMPO have both noticed availability of planning grants, and said that this might be available for 2500 North, and explained further.

Executive Session (Closed) to discuss litigation, potential real estate acquisitions, and personnel issues.

02:11:31

Kristen Anderson made a motion to close the meeting and move into Executive (Closed) Session for the purpose of discussing items related to litigation, potential real estate acquisitions, and personnel issues. Roger Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Kristen Anderson, Roger Anderson, Craig Humphreys and Brad Crookston voting in favor. This occurred at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes for this portion of the meeting are written under separate cover.

Brad Crookston made a motion to open the meeting and move out of Executive Session and return to the regular City Council meeting. Craig Humphreys seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Kristen Anderson, Roger Anderson, Craig Humphreys and Brad Crookston voting in favor. This occurred at 9:06 p.m.

Craig Humphreys made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristen Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Kristen Anderson, Craig Humphreys, Roger Anderson and Brad Crookston voting in favor.

The meeting adjourned at: 9:06 p.m.

Approved by City Council:

October 2, 2019

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