

SPRING CITY COUNCIL-MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 7, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – City Council Meeting
Spring City Council Chambers, Spring City Hall, 45 South 100 East

Attendees: Courtney Syme, Robert Buckner, James Tilson, Bryce Wilcox, Alea Nielson, Tracy Allen, Tyler and Julie Christensen, Tyler Faddis, Tracy Allen, Christie McGriff, Mike and Carla Nelson, John Stevens, Cynthia DeGrey, Randall Thatcher, Joe Fuchsel, Brian Stucki, Ken Law, Randy Strate., Mark Sorenson, Pete Jensen,

Pledge of Allegiance: Major Neil Sorensen

Expression of Choice: Joe Fuchsel

Roll Call: Mayor Neil Sorensen, Council Members: Craig Clark, Cody Harmer, Chris Anderson, Tom Brunner, Joe McGriff

JUB Engineering and Horseshoe Irrigation Co

Bryce Wilcox from JUB Engineering introduced himself, Alea Nielson and Tracy Allen, who also, were from JUB Engineering. He presented a side show. He explained that JUB has 18 different offices across Utah, Idaho and Colorado and they do all types of Civil Engineering. He wanted to talk about the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) from the US Department of Agriculture. He explained what brought them to this area was Mt. Pleasant. Mt. Pleasant has a Pleasant Creek and Twin Creeks Project and he went into detail about each of those projects. These projects entail a separation of their agricultural and residential water systems. Mt Pleasant has a similar issue as Spring City in which two creeks are running through town. JUB wants to combine projects with Mt Pleasant and Spring City. The NRCS provides 100 percent grants for flood control projects, 75 percent for agricultural water projects, and 50 percent for recreation facilities. Funding must be a Municipality of the state of some sort. An application announcement will be coming out either in October or January. A procurement process is required for funding. **Council Member Anderson** stated the advantage of teaming with Mt. Pleasant would be that we would not have to go through the procurement process or grant writing. **Mayor Sorensen** asked if the Mt Pleasant study would carry over to Spring City. *Bryce Wilcox* stated spring city has a water shed and anything to the water shed would be an amendment. **Council Member Harmer** clarified that spring city and Mt Pleasant would have their own projects, but funding would combine. **Council Member Clark** asked what are the advantages or disadvantages with teaming up on projects? *Bryce Wilcox* stated its how well Spring City and Mt Pleasant can work together. Set up a meeting with Mt Pleasant and see if this is something that can be done together. He explained the timeline on Mt Pleasant funding and how long the funding in all would take to start the project for Spring City. Any grant writing would be done within the JUB Engineering Grant writing team. **Mayor Sorensen** stated he was on board with going forward and meeting with Mt. Pleasant. They discussed meeting with JUB engineering to discuss further issues.

Mayor, Council, and Department Reports

Mayor Sorensen: He reported that Jones and DeMill Engineering is looking at funding and grants into replacing the Penstock which is part of the Hydro System. We need information on the water flows from the Irrigation co. *Randy Strate* explained seepage of water and stated he will investigate the loss of water. *Tyler Faddis* explained we have until next fall when application is due.

Council Member McGriff: He reported that Cynthia DeGrey has come up with a lot of great ideas for the Christmas Season. The first thing is the pole decoration contest which they are giving cash prizes for first and second place winners. He stated signups for the Pole Decorating will be done through Christy McGriff. Saturday Nov 30th there will be a tree lighting ceremony out front of the city building. We are ordering enough LED lights to light up the city building and outside. *Cynthia DeGrey* stated they will have a children's choir in which they will sing Christmas songs. We will have the citizen of the year to turn the Christmas lights on. Santa will be on the third floor after arriving on the Fire Truck. Each child will get a small bag of old fashion

Christmas candy which the Royalty will give out. **Council Member McGriff** stated the second part is we will be doing a home decorating contest. For the first prize the winner will get a discount off utility bills. **Council Member Clark** stated to put that on agenda for next month for approval or denial. **Council Member McGriff** stated the last is Sub for Santa to drop off toys for Sanpete County. He explained that they have found old decorations that the Artists in town have done. Christy McGriff will repaint these decorations and have them displayed at City Hall along with all the lights to have an Old Fashion Christmas look.

Council Member Brunner: Reported that he is over the Senior dinner. He explained the dinner is every third Wednesday of each month and costs \$5. Everyone over 55 is welcome to come. He explained our water system is running very well and thanked Tyler Faddis who is with Jones & DeMill Engineering. *Tyler Fallis* explained we now have 160 gallons per min coming out of the Springs. He stated in the Spring our total gain depending on the snowpack, we might get 200 gallons per min.

Council Member Anderson: stated the he wanted to recognize Cynthia DeGrey for winning the election of Mayor. He also wanted to congratulate Cami for running a great campaign. He Introduced new neighbors from Colorado who were in the audience, their names are Julie and Tyler Christensen. He explained that Julie is a writer and Tyler is a Sculptor. He reported that the Newsletter has some Christmas events listed which is the Candlelight home tour and a craft fair in late November. Horseshoe Mountain Pottery will be having their annual sale. He explained during the Meeting of Meet the Candidate Night, people in the Audience were asking about Dark Sky ordinances. He has collected information that their organization has put out so if anyone wants that information then contact him and he can email it. **Council Member Harmer** stated he would like to work with the Dark Sky ordinance because that is something he is very interested in and would like to pursue it from the city's standpoint within new construction.

Council Member Harmer: Reported that the Rain gutters for DUP Museum will be in at end of month. He stated checks from fires should be coming in from state soon. He went on to explain that one of their Fireman Members got a position to work in Sandy.

Council Member Clark: He reporter that the Cemetery looking fine with no problems. He stated that the roads will be taken care of next year. He explained the Budget is looking good. He asked council members to look at their budget and next council meeting they can look at each area. **Council Member Anderson** asked about lots that the city owned and if we can sell to get additional funds. **Council Member Clark** explained we needed to find the value of the lots.

Craig Clark: Zoning Permit for a Home Addition and Shed at 320 East 300 South

Council Member Harmer motioned to approve Zoning Permit for a Home Addition and Shed at 320 East 300 South. **Motion seconded by Council Member McGriff.** All were in favor. **Council Member Clark** abstained from voting

Earl Clark: Zoning Permit for Prefab Shed at 340 South 400 East

Council Member Harmer motioned to approve Zoning Permit for Prefab Shed at 340 South 400 East. **Motion seconded by Council Member Brunner.** All were in favor. **Council Member Clark** abstained from voting

Larry Blain: Subdivision Zoning Permit at approximately 200 West 400 North, South West Corner
Council Member Clark explained that Larry Blain will give a 41-foot easement on the far West side which is 3rd West to City. Half of Larry Blain's property is in City Limits and Half is in the County.

Council Member Harmer motioned to approve Subdivision Zoning Permit at approximately 200 West 400 North, South West Corner. **Motion seconded by Council Member Brunner.** All were in favor.

Emergency Preparedness picking Eligible Members for a Program Manager

Council Member Brunner explained having a six-page ordinance summary. He stated for the last several years there has been several of us working on Emergency Preparedness, Cert team, and Citizen Core and we have one of the best neighbor watch teams in the six counties. Though out the years we have been keeping these programs going with having different types of classes that are taught on Thursday nights as Skills classes, we have a store which emergency preparedness items can be purchased. Problem is we are required to have an Emergency program manager which is listed in the Spring City Management ordinance 2018-1. To get a program manager we need to have the council pick three to five individuals so we then can pick a manager from these individuals. This manager would then pick two assistants. The manager would work with the city council, Fire Chief and Police if there was any emergency for disaster. The advantage to have manager is so FEMA does not come in and take over. The Ordinance states the mayor chooses the individuals and then the council approves them. Mayor decided Jim Phillips, Kent Law, Tom Brunner, Jane Hawks.

Council Member Anderson motioned to approved Jim Phillips, Kent Law, Tom Brunner and Jane Hawks for Eligible Members for a Program Manager with Emergency Preparedness. **Motion seconded by Council Member Harmer. All were in favor.**

Ambulance Association Fee Waiver for the Rental of Community Center Ballroom

Mayor Sorensen stated that our volunteers thought out the community should be able to rent our building without a fee. Since they have done so much for our community. **Council Member Harmer** stated they only have this party every three years. He explained that when renting in Mt Pleasant and in other cities they have not been charged.

Council Member Harmer motioned to approve a Fee Waiver for the Rental of the Community Center Ballroom. **Motion seconded by Council Member McGriff. All were in favor.**

Public Comments

Courtney Symes commented that on Veterans Day the Veterans Organization will be here at the Veterans memorial. They will do the military honors with a gun salute. Elementary school will be there reading essays that was sponsored by the Veterans Organization. The Essay Participation was greatly supported. They will recognize three students, one winner and three runners up in the Essay Contest. They will announce the winner and have them read their essays on Veteran's Day at the Memorial. He asked if a Sound system good be set up. **Council Member McGriff** volunteered to set up a sound system. *Courtney Symes* expressed that the word veterans does not have an apostrophe. He read an article about what Veterans day means. **Council Member McGriff** asked if the winner of essay could read their essay in next council meeting. *Randall Thatcher* and *Brian Stucki* which are the new presidents of Friends of Historic Spring City came to introduce themselves and to thank the council about their support in the past. They wanted to talk to council about what their vision is. They want to do things that are broader, like in, giving back to the city. They asked what the city needs or would like from them. **Mayor Sorensen** would like the main frame building moved and to put a historic building in its place and use that for a business. **Council Member Brunner** suggested the small piece of land on the South, East side of the cemetery, that the city owns, could be used as a covered area for families to have lunch and meet after funeral ceremonies. He would like something like a pavilion built, something simple. *Brian Stucki* explained having a Christmas Tradition Home tour on the 14th of Dec. at 4pm. He stated this home tour was to target to the locals and not be as big as Heritage Days. He explained the Rock Church will be opened with Christmas music and some Christmas Blue Grass music as well. Das Café may be opened. **Council Member McGriff** asked that Friends of Historic Spring City keep DUP in mind and work together since both are working towards Historical ideals.

Delinquent Account Exceptions

Mayor Sorensen asked about customer acct# 3170005 having zero payments. He explained that the city had an agreement in the past with this same person. He explained that he didn't like getting back into this same situation. He stated that utilities need to be turn off. **Council Member Harmer** stated that he remembered that agreement and felt that utilities should be shut off.

Council Member Harmer motioned to approve acct # 3201000 to pay \$50 over monthly bill **Motion seconded by Council Member Clark. All were in favor.**

Payment of Bills

Council Member Harmer motioned to approve the Payment of Bills. **Motion seconded by Council Member McGriff. All were in favor.**

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, October 3, 2019

Council Member McGriff motioned to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2019. **Motion seconded by Council Member Clark. All were in favor.**

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Council Member Clark motioned to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2019. **Motion seconded by Council Member McGriff. All were in favor.**

Adjournment 9:35P.M.