

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Monday, June 22, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

Present: City Council: Norm Searle, Mayor
Braden Mitchell, Councilmember
Brent Ellis, Councilmember
Alan Arnold, Councilmember
Bart Stevens, Councilmember
Steve Hilton, Councilmember

City Employees: Rodger Worthen, City Administrator
Steve Brooks, City Attorney/Acting City Administrator
Jared Sholly, Fire Chief
Cody Cardon, Business Administration
Shalee Evans, City Recorder

A. Welcome & Roll Call

The City Council meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Searle called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, including all Council Members and all members of the public.

B. Action Items

1. Discussion on funding and distribution of CARES Act Funds because of COVID-19.

Mayor Searle stated that he received a phone call from the county commission stating that cities are invited to go with the county on the CARES Act Funds. The federal funding is going to be split into thirds. The first lump sum must be distributed and spent quickly to apply to receive the second lump sum. The money given to the cities is based off their population, not businesses, the current population of Riverdale is 8,940. He noted that other cities that have larger populations but not businesses will get more money, however one of the benefits of going with the county on this is the cities that have left over money could be distributed to other cities that need more funds. Another benefit of going with the county is that they have already done all the leg work for the funding, they have lists of businesses county wide and they have the manpower to do all of this efficiently. Riverdale city's total funding is going to be 784,282, or \$264,427 in three different increments. He stated that the applications to request this funding is going to be submitted through Zoom Grants, and there are personnel at the county that will review them. During a meeting held this morning, Cody Cardon, Business Administration, thought it would be good to have a city employee to sit in and help with the review and approval process. The county and cities are going to advertise the CARES Act Funds to businesses. Riverdale is going to be mailing out the information and excel spreadsheets to all local business, so they are aware of the federal funding available to them.

Steve Brooks, City Attorney, stated that with making this decision, we had to ask if we as a city want to do this and if we do, do we want to go with the county. He noted that in a meeting with the Mayor, Cody Cardon and himself, they concluded to go with the county, they are way ahead on this and nor do we as a city have the man power do this on our own.

Cody Cardon, City Administration, stated that on the city's first distribution, the county is asking for 90% of the funds. He noted that in order for the city to qualify for the second distribution, the first lump sum must be spent rather quickly. He also noted that just because we are going with the county, does not mean that on our second distribution they will take another 90%, it could be just 50%, but that will be determined at that time we get the funds.

Councilmember Stevens asked if the 90% that the county is taking, does that come out of our first lump sum and that leaves 10% at our discretion. Cody Cardon noted that yes, the 90% does come out of the city's first distribution of funding. The 10% can be used for extra sanitizing that we as a city are doing and the county noted that they only have a week and a few days to get all the money distribution in order to get the second part of funding. He noted that the 90% will still be going to help Riverdale businesses, its just the 10% is going directly to the city to help with extra costs due to COVID.

Councilmember Ellis asked what the county plans are for the distribution of these funds. Cody Cardon stated that the county is going to have a board dealing with all of this. The board will be made up of four individuals, two from the county and the other two will be appointed from cities who are participating in this. Councilmember Ellis asked what the criteria is going to be. Cody stated that the county has an in-depth list of criteria that is needed to qualify for this funding.

Councilmember Stevens asked if stores like Wal-Mart are able to apply for funding or if their corporate office gets the funding. Cody stated that from what he understands, they could also apply for funding. The board with the county will review the applications and decide whether they qualify.

Councilmember Hilton asked if on the 90% of the city's funding that the county is taking, if the board decides on who gets the funding, city wide and county wide. Cody Cardon stated that the funding is split between county and municipalities. The applicants are eligible to the county's funds and Riverdale's funds.

Mayor Seale noted that he would really like to have someone from the city be on the board in the county. He would like to see that the cities and the businesses are getting treated equally. Mayor Searle asked if there is a consensus to go with the county on the CARES Act Funding. There was a consensus. 5-0.

C. Discretionary Items

Mayor Searle noted the numbers of COVID-19 in the state of Utah, and that it has accelerated.

Councilmember Hilton asked if we have ever reached out to the business that was wanting COVID testing. Steve Brooks stated that there are quite a few and asked Councilmember Hilton to forward him the information. Jared Sholly, Fire Chief, stated that the testing is only 50% right now, and that they are looking at a company that is more accurate with their testing. Councilmember Hilton noted that we as a city should pass our condolences on to former Chief Hansen for the passing of his daughter.

D. Adjournment.

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Arnold made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Norm Searle, Mayor

Shalee Evans, City Recorder

Date Approved: