

Hyde Park City Council Meeting
113 East Center Street
Hyde Park, Utah

September 23, 2020

City Council

The Hyde Park City Council meeting began at 7:00 and was conducted by Mayor Flint.

City Officials Present: Mayor; Sharidean Flint, Council members; Stephanie Allred, Charles Wheeler, Karl White, and Gerald Osborne, Recorder; Donja Wright, Police Chief; Ulysses Black. Council member Buck was excused.

Others Present: Florence White, Beau Peterson, Mark Lynne, Matt Nelson

Thought / Prayer: Council Member Osborne

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Allred

Adoption of Agenda: Council member Allred made a motion to approve the agenda for September 23, 2020. Council member White seconded the motion. Council members Allred, Wheeler, White and Osborne voted in favor. The motion carried 4/0.

Minutes: Council member Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes from September 9th as amended. Council member Allred seconded the motion. Council members Allred, Wheeler, and White voted in favor. The motion carried 3/0

Citizen Input: No Input

Presentation AEON AI (Ken Ivory) - Ken Ivory, former house representative, approached the Council and informed them that he works for the Company AEON AI. The Company has worked for several years collecting vast amounts of data that would be beneficial to maximizing the wealth of a company. It is also beneficial for municipalities. On the planning side you can look at the worth of a property, ordinances, zoning, setbacks etc., according the Cities specific use. They also have records of soil, flood topography, etc., all fit into the algorithm. The program would help the planning department make decisions with developers. If developers are interested in changing the use of the property, it demonstrates what the change will do long term for the City. All the data provided allows you to look at everything in real time. On the revenue side the data provides property tax and sales tax

information instantly. You can make comparisons to similar Cities. As the City changes ordinances, zones etc., it can be added in. Mr. Ivory informed the Council that the company is interested in looking into smaller Cities to see how this information would benefit them. They would waive the setup fee and the monthly Subscription is approximately \$1,000.

Presentation on updating systems as part of the CARES Act funding – Jeff Young, Hyde Park City IT representative, approached the Council and informed them that he has been working on a list and pricing for updating the systems in the City building. Small towns are not set up to securely work from home so when the pandemic hit and Cities were required to start working from home and holding virtual meetings, it presented a problem. The Federal Government presented the CARES Act but every State came up with guidelines that the Cities need to follow. The funds were based off population and issued in 3 phases. The first and second phases have been issued and the third phase has not been decided yet. All-Tech will ensure that the funds are used according to the allowance as defined by the State. The plan will include updating the police department. Police Chief Black informed the Council that a safe exchange zone would be greatly beneficial. Mr. Young informed the Council that he will be presenting costs for new audio / video equipment in the Council chambers, cameras, servers, and new computers for staff and public works. He is also looking into new equipment for the North Park Police. Council member Wheeler said that a Snow depth camera would be helpful for the public works team. Mr. Young informed the Council that the funds will be allocated and approved then there will be deadlines to complete each phase of the project. He will bring the numbers for consideration on October 14th.

Demonstration for the Viewer Account for the GIS system – Beau Peterson, Sunrise Engineering, approached the Council and informed them that the GIS system is all set up with water, sewer, irrigation and stormwater. The system is a work in progress and will be updated continually. Beau presented the Council with a link and password to view the GIS system. The account is a view only account so no changes can be mistakenly made. The default view is set to the overall aerial of Hyde Park with all of the layers. If you select one layer, for example water, you can view the fire hydrants, pipes etc. You can zoom in on a specific area and remove sub-layers to see what the infrastructure is like in a certain area. Sunrise Engineering is starting to develop a system to show road maintenance on a stretch of road. The Council discussed using a drone to update the aerial view.

Consider Mountain Gate 5a final plat – The Mayor informed the Council that the City Engineer has a few items that need to be completed prior to the plat being recorded but the Final Plat could be approved pending engineer approval. Matt Nelson approached the Council and informed them that everything the Council requested was put on the final plat. Council member White discussed possible issues with the HOA. He shared concern that if an HOA fails, how does the City deal with the areas that were the responsibility of the HOA to maintain? Council member

Wheeler informed the Council that the attorney recommended the City has less involvement in the HOA. The Mayor reminded the Council that they are only considering the first phase of Mountain Gate 5 and there is no common space in that phase. Matt Nelson informed Council member White that the requirements of the HOA are not part of the City Ordinance. If the Council would like to change the ordinance, they can do that but the Council is considering this Subdivision based on current ordinance and this subdivision meets that ordinance. Council member Osborne made a motion to approve Mountain Gate 5a final plat with the review and approval of the City Engineer. Council member Allred seconded the motion. Council members Allred, Wheeler and Osborne voted in favor. Council member White voted in opposition. The motion carried 3/1.

Consider the option of selling the Eco Site / T mobile contract to an outside buyer (Continued from last meeting) Move to next Council meeting.

Consider staffing options for the North Park Police Department: Chief Black approached that Council and informed them that at the past police commission they swore in 7 new officers. The commission challenged him to look at what it would take to retain officers. He questioned the officers and the reason most of them were leaving was lack of healthy conditions. They are working long shifts with no backup, training and sense of safety. Chief Black met with most of the North Logan Council members to discuss options that can be done. The population of North Logan and Hyde Park combined increased by 4,029 since 2010. The historical calls have increased significantly to a total of 6,983 calls last year, an increase of over 4,000 calls since 1997. The North Park Police Department currently has 10 FT officers, 2 PT officers, 1 animal control officer, and 2 office personnel. The number of officers has not changed much since 1997 but the population and number of calls has increased significantly. Chief Black showed a graph of cities with similar populations and North Park was at the bottom in budget and number of police officers and at the top in number of calls. The Council members in North Logan indicated they will support funding one officer right now and help fund another officer in July. One new officer would cost Hyde Park around \$23,000 this budget year. The Mayor informed the Council that she has been on the Police Commission for 7 years and for most of those years the current Chief requested an additional officer. Council member White made a motion to approve the hiring of an additional officer and commit the funds to pay for that. Council member Wheeler seconded the motion. Council members Allred, Wheeler, White and Osborne voted in favor. The motion carried 4/0.

The Council discussed preparing for another hire as soon as possible and preparing a career ladder to give incentive to the officers.

Chief Black informed the Council that he hired someone part time to be a victim's advocate and help the agency write grants to access more funding. She is also

working with the County, the position partially funded by a grant and is being paid through them. She will begin October 2nd.

Departments:

Parks: Council member Wheeler informed the Council that on September 29th 8,000 square feet of sod will be delivered and installed. The playground Climber is on a truck and should be delivered within a few days. The restroom will begin shortly and volunteers planted 6 new trees. Over 100 people showed up for the rock collection activity. The Mayor asked about opening the Pickleball Courts and Council member Wheeler informed her that he will not open them until the construction trucks are done in the area.

Council member White informed the Council that he is concerned about the way Matt Nelson interacted with him tonight. He feels that if the Council is going to support developers they need to be supportive as well.

Storm Water: Council member White informed the Council that the attorney for the Gunnels and Wosnicks wrote up an agreement and he will send it off to the City attorney tomorrow. He will approach a hydrologist to see if he would do some work for the city.

Roads: Council member Osborne informed the Council that 3100 north has a few items to be finished. The Council discussed what it would take to get cross walks on 200 West. Council member Osborne will talk to Mike Grunig.

Adjourn: 9:57

Donja Wright – City Recorder

Council member White made a motion to approve the minutes from September 23, 2020 as amended. Council member Osborne seconded the motion. Council members Allred, Wheeler, White and Osborne voted in favor. The motion carried 4/0.