

NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2020

The North Ogden City Council convened in a virtual meeting on December 1, 2020 at 6:02 p.m. at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86267567856> or by Telephone: US: +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriqbePBxTucXEzRr6fclhQ/videos>. Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on November 25, 2020. Notice of the annual meeting schedule was published in the Standard-Examiner on December 22, 2019.

PRESENT:	S. Neal Berube	Mayor	
	Ryan Barker	Council Member	
	Blake Cevering	Council Member	
	Charlotte Ekstrom	Council Member	(arrived at 6:11 pm)
	Cheryl Stoker	Council Member	(arrived at 6:06 pm)
	Phillip Swanson	Council Member	

STAFF PRESENT:	Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
	Annette Spendlove	City Recorder
	Lorin Gardner	City Engineer
	Kai Johnsen	Planning Technician
	Dirk Quinney	Chief of Police
	David Espinoza	Public Works Director

VISITORS:	Roger Timmerman	Stefanie Casey	Kimberly McKinley
	Brenda Ashdown	Val Poll	Terri McCulloch

Mayor Berube called the meeting to order. Council Member Swanson offered a thought about resilience and how it applies to the people of North Ogden and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brenda Ashdown 193 E Pleasant View Drive suggested to the Council that if part of Pleasant View Drive is going to be close that they consider putting a traffic light at the 300 E and 2700 N intersection. It is hard to get across this road now and diverting traffic here will make it even harder.

2. UTOPIA FIBER PRESENTATION

Roger Timmerman Executive Director at UTOPIA Fiber presented along with Kimberly McKinley, Chief Marketing Officer. Cities in Utah wanted this connectivity back in 2004 and the demand for this service has increased. Are not a provider but enable the private companies. Not selling anything, but are promoting this service. UTOPIA builds fiber. Timmerman presented a PowerPoint that showed the membership in Utah Cities, and UTOPIA phases to the UIA phase, cost for the current 13 providers, critical points, not just about streaming video, spoke on top political issues in Utah, showed smart city applications, the connectivity platform with a dedication connection to each house. This service is ten times faster than any provider in the state with a net promoter score of 64, in Google ratings. Timmerman showed what the partnership would provide North Ogden City. To make this work they will need a 40% sign up and asked is it worth the risk and stated the benefits. He showed revenue distribution of subscriber fees and financial model and the UTOPIA Fiber Feasibility study/design for North Ogden and examples of projects take rates throughout Utah. Kim McKinley said North Ogden would do better than average and gave the reasons why. Timmerman state that he expects North Ogden to land at a 45% - 50% take rate. Kim added that they would do a survey at no cost to see what our residents would say. Roger explained the good and bad about the costs, but said overall this is a low risk project. Timmerman explained where to go from here. Mayor asked if the guarantee has any effect on the city's bond rating, Timmerman replied that he has not. Mayor continued that North Ogden is looking at potentially bonding for a Public Safety Building.

Mayor Berube asked the Council Members to give their suggestions and questions with the consensus that they are in favor of a survey, (as long as City Council has confidence in the questions being asked and it doesn't give the aspect of a conflict of interest), likes the dedicated connections, and do not want this to cause any bond rating problems for the public safety building project.

Mayor also added that he also would like to survey the public on the Public Safety Building and will talk with the financial advisor to see if this will do anything to the City's bond rating.

3. **PLEASANT VIEW DRIVE DISCUSSION**

Lorin Gardner presented the current situation on the Pleasant View Drive road and the showed the options to provide access for the current business on the northwest corner of 400 E and Pleasant View Drive discussion. Mayor Berube stated that his understanding was that by closing this road we would be adding more green space for the current park. Gardner stated that this information didn't come up in their discussion. Jon Call added that he asked Mr. Garner to look at this from the safety issue and stated that Police Chief Quinney is currently not in this zoom meeting. Dr. Val Poll said that this is a different approach than he thought and stated this would be his least favorite option, adding more park space and presented some options he would like considered.

Council Members presented their suggestions and concerns.

Dr. Poll stated that he would like to know which two options are at the top of the list.

Mayor presented the options discussed and asked staff to bring back to the Council two options calling them options A and B.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brenda Ashdown 193 E Pleasant View Drive said that in the current General Plan, Pleasant View Drive is to be ended. She also added that the only reason people drive east on Pleasant View Drive is to turn right, most do not go straight across or turn left. If 300 East has a light at 2700 North, there will be no reason to go further on Pleasant View Drive, because people will go to the light. She also said we don't need a park that has playground equipment, just a little more greenery and a couple of picnic tables. Brenda continued that it is not the city's job to provide public parking for a business.

5. **COUNCIL/MAYOR/STAFF COMMENTS**

Mayor thanked the Council for their thoughts and concerns.

Jon Call stated that he would reach out to connect with the department that you reminder connecting with departments during the holidays. Employees recognize and are very appreciative when you do show up.

Mayor Berube called on the Council and Public to express our gratitude to our first responders and he publically expressed his gratitude to all of them. He also stated that he would like to visit with our first responders and invited the Council to attend also and he would let them know when a date is scheduled to go meet with them.

Mayor asked Jon call and Lorin Gardner to follow up and prepare two options from the information received tonight and to bring back to the City Council at a later date.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Swanson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Ekstrom seconded the motion.

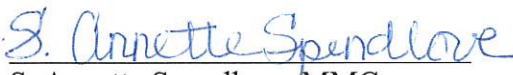
Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Ekstrom	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Swanson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.


S. Neal Berube, Mayor


S. Annette Spendlove, MMC
City Recorder

22 Dec 2020
Date Approved