

December 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Fountain Green City Council was held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fountain Green City Hall, 260 W 100 N.

Attendance: Julio Tapia, Shelith Jacobson, Rod Hansen, Larry Woodcox. Excusing Stuart Smith (Council member Smith will be on the phone when the Mayor Candidates are introduced and will vote via text).

Presiding: Mayor Pro-Tem Shelith Jacobson.

Prayer: Larry Woodcox

Pledge

Minutes. Larry Woodcox made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Julio Tapia, all in favor.

Stop Sign. Presenter was not in attendance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Shelith Jacobson explained that Scott Collard submitted his resignation due to personal reasons.

Introduction and Voting of Mayor Candidates. The candidates were asked to explain their reason for filing candidacy. They were to introduce themselves in alphabetical order of their first name.

Clint Hansen –

Lists his concerns within the City's government:

- *Transparency.
- *Remember everyone has a voice.
- *Mayor and Council work for the majority of the public.
- *Finances.

Fountain Green is growing, but the city only has so much infrastructure to offer and has a limited tax base that sets the budget.

- *Must look at all viewpoints so that good decisions can be made.

Jerime Ivory –

He expresses his love for the people of Fountain Green.

He has served on the City Council, the Fire Department, Lion's Club, and Lamb Day. While serving on the City Council he helped with the planning of the new Public Safety Building, understands that there is a road paving schedule and the Lamb Day softball conflict.

Some of the points he made:

- *Wants to listen to the citizens.

*Attend as many civic meetings as possible to get a better understanding of what is happening. Being involved helps with perception.

*Do what is best for the majority and the city itself.

*Transparency.

Questions from Councilmembers –

Julio asked Jerime how he is going to have time to be the Mayor if he's involved with all these other committees. Jerime states that these assignments are sparse and spread out and will back off if he needs to.

Shelith stated that the Council has heard a lot about being more transparent. She asked Jerime to explain what transparency looks like to him?

*Get more people out to meetings/become more involved.

*Open dialogue.

*Committees need to be more welcome and inviting.

*Information/Minutes on social media

Shelith explained that there are a lot of new people moving into Fountain Green. Committees need to provide good, positive information.

Mark Coombs –

Feels like citizens have an obligation to give back. Mark has served on the Council twice and assisted with the development of the County Fire District.

Some of Mark's concerns:

*Decisions need to be made that allows the city to stay ahead of the curve.

*Ordinances don't take away freedoms, they protect it. Update if necessary.

*Ordinances need to be enforced equally for all residents.

*If the citizens don't like the current Ordinances, come in and go through the proper channels to change them.

Shelith explained that the City is trying to get up-to-date, providing access to virtual meetings, and other social media avenues. Fountain Green City does have limited technical capabilities and finances. The City also needs to try and keep a balance between the old and young generation.

Mark suggested that the City tap into its citizens who are experts in the technical world.

Shelith explains that she can still vote as a council member even though acting as the Mayor Pro-Tem. She makes sure Stuart is still listening and is ready to text in his vote.

Voting results: Clint – 1; Jerime – 0; Mark – 4

Shelith requested that Clint and Jerime both serve as alternates on the Planning Commission. The City will send them both an invitation. It was also recommended that Amy Goble receive an invitation to serve on the Planning Commission.

Bills. Answer to Rod Hansen's questions from last month: 1. Michelle and Lola recommended that the city keep the 2nd phone line for the new building in case the library needs it. 2. Police Air card vs Hotspot. Chad reported that hotspots are unreliable and calls are often dropped.

Rod also asked about the payment to Utah State Treasurer. It was explained that there is a percentage of the revenue from the monthly citations that has to be sent back to the state.

He was also wondering about the payment for the youth sports; kids pay to play covers those payments.

Rod Hansen made the motion to pay the city bills. Seconded by Julio Tapia, all in favor.

Audit Findings:

1. Too much money left in the fund balance.
2. Missed reporting one of the PTIF's on the money management report.
3. Not having a budget report at each council meeting.

Miscellaneous

Shelith voices concern with the Hunsaker nuisance violation and also thanked Chad for his help with this matter. The Hunsakers were given until today to move the trailer, but have not. They left a note with the city office stating that they would hopefully have it moved within the week.

Rod has ordered the equipment for online meetings and is hoping to be able to use it for next month's meeting.

Austin Blackham is in charge of getting information regarding the air compressor for the fire department.

Fire Chief Todd Robinson stated that the face masks had been ordered and that he has purchased bags to store them in. He has kept all documentation to turn in for the CARES ACT.

Shelith brought up the question regarding the complaint about the Shep's Grill advertising banners being put in more than the one planter, which had been approved by the Council. The Council will find out what the Ordinance states regarding signs.

Report on new Public Safety Building:

On schedule – painting within the week.

Can tour as long as someone from Busk is there; will be locked at night.

Shelith praises BUSK for their conscientious way of working with the city's money.

There was a question posed as to what the City will do with the empty lot south of the building. There will be a decision will be made later.

Currently within the budget.

Downstairs training rooms are set up for a small kitchen area.

Officer Huff explained that Daniel Mower (previous Fountain Green City Police Officer) is retiring and would like to have his old badge for his collection. The Council agreed to have Daniel purchase a new one and then Chad can give him the old one.

Heather Papenfuss commented about a possible violation at the trailer park – building a porch. Julio said that he will take care of it.

Julio asked who was taking care of the snow removal while Roger was out of town. Roger had Mark Stewart covering for him.

Oath of Office. Michelle, City Recorder, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor, Mark Coombs.

Larry Woodcox made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Rod Hansen, all in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 8:26 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Walker", written over a horizontal line.

Michelle Walker, City Recorder

