

**RIVERTON FIRE SERVICE AREA BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

December 15, 2020

The Riverton Fire Service Area Board convened at 7:32 PM in the Riverton City Municipal Building, 12830 South 1700 West, Riverton Utah.

Present:

Chair Trent Staggs
Board Member Tish Buroker
Board Member Tawnee McCay
Board Member Troy McDougal
Board Member Sheldon Stewart
Board Member Claude Wells

Staff:

David R. Brickey, City Manager
Don Hutson, Police Chief
Virginia Loader, Clerk
Ryan Carter, City Attorney
Kevin Hicks, Finance Director
Casey Saxton, Communications Director
Sheril Garn, Parks & Public Services Dir.
Trace Robinson, Public Works Director
Jason Lethbridge, Dev. Services Director

Call to Order

Mayor Staggs called the meeting to order and called a roll call. Board Members Buroker, McCay, McDougal, Stewart and Wells were present.

Public Hearing(s)

RFSA Truth in Taxation

Kevin Hicks, Finance Director, explained that the Riverton Fire Service Area (RFSA) would fully replace the Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA) for Riverton property taxpayers in 2021 in funding fire services in Riverton. Because RFSA is a new taxing district, the Truth in Taxation notice shows a 100% increase. He further explained that Riverton City was withdrawing from the UFSA taxing district to form a district that was controlled locally. He explained that UFSA was planning to bond for millions of dollars to pay for new fire stations in many communities. None of the new facilities would have been in Riverton, so to ensure that Riverton property taxpayers are not paying for fire stations that would never benefit them directly, city elected officials felt it necessary to withdraw. He said that, upon withdrawal, fire stations in Riverton would revert back to city ownership.

Mr. Hicks said that it was anticipated the change from UFSA to RFSA would save Riverton property taxpayers money both in the short term (since they would not be paying for the UFSA bond) and the long term. Because Riverton property taxpayers won't be part of the Unified Fire Service Area, property tax collected would only be used to fund fire and emergency medical services in Riverton. He said that cost for services in Riverton were not increasing at this time.

Chair Staggs opened a Public Hearing and called for public comment.

Ken Stoffer, Merrill Koonz, and Edwin Stahley addressed the Board at separate times and Mr. Hicks addressed their questions regarding the change from UFSA to RFSA.

There being no further comments, Chair Staggs closed the Public Hearing.

RFSA Tentative Budget for the 2021 Calendar Year

Kevin Hicks, Finance Director, explained the RFSA Tentative Budget for the 2021 Calendar Year.

Chair Staggs opened a Public Hearing and called for public comment.

Edwin Stahley asked questions regarding the tentative budget.

There being no further comments, Chair Staggs closed the Public Hearing.

Discussion / Action Items

RFSA Resolution No. 20-05 - Adopting a Budget for the 2021 Calendar Year

Board Member McCay **MOVED to approve RFSA Resolution No. 20-05 – Adopting a Final Budget for the 2021 Calendar Year.** Board Member Wells **SECONDED** the motion. Chair Staggs called for discussion on the motion, there being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Board Member McDougal-Yes, Board Member Wells-Yes, Board Member Buroker-Yes, Board Member McCay-Yes, and Board Member Stewart-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

RFSA Resolution No. 20-06 - Adopting Final Tax Rates for Tax Year 2021

Board Member McDougal **MOVED to approve RFSA Resolution No. 20-06 – Adopting a Tentative Budget for the 2021 Calendar Year.** Board Member McCay **SECONDED** the motion. Chair Staggs called for discussion on the motion, there being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Board Member McDougal-Yes, Board Member Wells-Yes, Board Member Buroker-Yes, Board Member McCay-Yes, and Board Member Stewart-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

RFSA Resolution No. 20-07 - Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Not More Than \$6,000,000 Tax And Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2021 Of The Riverton Fire Service Area, Utah And Entering Into Certain Covenants And Making Certain Representations In Connection Therewith; Approving The Form Of Notes; And Related Matters

Kevin Hicks, Finance Director, introduced Jonathan Ward from Zions Public Finance. Mr. Ward then explained that for the purpose of meeting, the current expenses of the Service Area for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2021, until the payment of taxes of said calendar year, the Service Area hereby authorizes the issuance of the Notes, which shall be designated "Riverton Fire Service Area, Utah Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2021" in the initial aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,000,000. The Notes shall be sold at a price not less than ninety-eight percent (98%) of the total principal amount thereof, shall bear interest at a maximum net effective rate or rates of not to exceed 2.00% per annum, shall be due and payable no later than December 31, 2021.

Board Member Wells **MOVED to approve RFSA Resolution No. 20-07 - Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not More Than \$6,000,000 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2021 Of the Riverton Fire Service Area, Utah and Entering into Certain Covenants and Making Certain Representations in Connection Therewith; Approving the Form of Notes; And Related Matters.** Board Member McDougal **SECONDED** the motion. Chair Staggs

called for discussion on the motion, there being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Board Member McDougal-Yes, Board Member Wells-Yes, Board Member Buroker-Yes, Board Member McCay-Yes, and Board Member Stewart-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: RFSA November 17, 2020

Board Member Buroker **MOVED to approve the RFSA Minutes of November 17, 2020.** Board Member McDougal **SECONDED** the motion. Chair Staggs called for discussion on the motion, there being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Board Member McDougal-Yes, Board Member Wells-Yes, Board Member Buroker-Yes, Board Member McCay-Yes, and Board Member Stewart-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Board Member McCay **MOVED to adjourn the RLESA Meeting.** The motion was **SECONDED** by Board Member McDougal and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Approved: RFSA 02/02/2021