

**NORTH OGDEN CITY
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

September 9, 2020

The North Ogden City Council convened in an virtual meeting on September 9, 2020 at 6:05 p.m. at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87825953491> or by telephone US: +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782 or 1 346 248 7799 or +1 646 558 8656 or YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriqbePBxTucXEzRr6fclhQ>. 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 September 3, 2020. Notice of the annual meeting schedule was published in the Standard-Examiner on December 22, 2019.

PRESENT:	Brent Chugg	Committee Chairman	(excused)
	Dirk Quinney	Committee Member	
	Clark Crowther	Committee Member	
	Phillip Swanson	Committee Member	
	Laura Barker	Committee Member	(excused)
	Karen McIntosh	Committee Member	(excused)
	Tim Scott	Committee Member	
	Jay Johnson	Committee Member	(excused)
	Chad Roylance	Committee Member	(excused)
	Gary Stoker	Committee Member	
	Kevin Burns	Committee Member	
	Neal Berube	Committee Member	
	Cheryl Stoker	Committee Member	

STAFF PRESENT:	Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
	Annette Spendlove	City Recorder
	Evan Nelson	Finance Director

VISITORS:	Stefanie Casey	Dennis Carlton
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Police Chief Dirk Quinney called the meeting to order. Gary Stoker offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2020 MEETING

Committee Member Kevin Burns motioned to approve the May 13, 2020, Public Safety Building Committee minutes. Committee Member Phillip Swanson seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTIVE AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE MEMBER'S ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC ON THE PROJECT

Chief Quinney presented the subject and said Chairman Chugg had requested that Committee Members reach out to the public regarding this project. The discretion was left to the Committee Members for how to reach out and Chief Quinney asked that they share their experiences during this meeting.

Chief Quinney and Committee Members Clark Crowther, Tim Scott, Kevin Burns, Gary Stoker, and Cheryl Stoker, all reached out and had overwhelmingly positive feedback, support for the project, and saw the need for a new building. The common criticisms centered around financial issues and if all potential project options had been explored. A few people were curious about the current building's age. Committee Member Cheryl Stoker said the cost of the building had not been finalized and was subject to change.

Chief Quinney said one of the crucial next steps was to get a funding commitment based on the new building design which could be sent to developers for a more accurate estimate. Presently, they had only the feasibility study with which to work. He did not feel this was enough to give to a developer and he wanted to create something more substantial.

Committee Member Phillip Swanson asked what was necessary for a designer to make an assessment. Chief Quinney said from a law enforcement perspective, there needed to be an understanding of the functionality: i.e., pertaining to detainee status and staff safety. Committee Member Tim Scott also felt the proposed project was pretty lean and did not include a lot of advanced technology which would be required for a law enforcement building.

The Committee Members agreed that hosting virtual open houses before the project design was finalized would be important and meaningful. The group felt the “open houses” would best be held on October 6th and 14th.

Chief Quinney suggested getting this meeting out to the public through the police and State official Facebook pages, notifications through the mailer that went out in beginning of October, and public meeting announcements through the City website. The Committee Members would create an agenda and short presentation (delivered by Committee Members Tim Scott and Kevin Burns) and utilizing visuals from the feasibility study. They would also include a presenter who could speak on behalf of the courts regarding this building.

4. **PRESENTATION ON THE VIDEO OF THE CURRENT POLICE BUILDING**

Chief Quinney presented this item and explained that during the last meeting, Chad Roylance and Robert Bolar agreed to put together a video which was a short introduction to the project. Neither Robert nor Chad were present to discuss, and Chief Quinney felt it would be best if they discussed this as a group. Part of the video was complete, but overall, there was not a substantial update. Some interviews from staff members would be included and the video could possibly be used during one of the open houses.

5. **DISCUSSION ON OPTIONS**

Chief Quinney presented the discussion and explained that the public’s main concern was that City staff properly vet all options regarding financial questions about this project. These alternative options could be anything from the site of the proposed building to the current building’s soundness. In prior meetings, the Committee Members discussed some of these options for building location and design by looking through City-owned properties and eliminating locations they could not use for this project, leaving them with the current proposed location. Chief Quinney stated that the building was only good as the foundation, and the current building did not have a sound foundation. He then opened the discussion with the Committee Members to see if there was anything else which needed to be addressed in regard to the proposed building site and cost.

Mayor Berube said the public asked if judicial courts and the education portion of the building would be held in the current building or at another site. Members of the public had also asked about whether or not the current council chambers could instead be used for limited functions. Mayor Berube and committee members Swanson and Stoker felt the Committee needed a written explanation for not using the current building.

Chief Quinney summarized the problem as “expensive Band-Aids.” In other words, the building might be more expensive long term if it kept deteriorating, or if they later needed to add on additional areas. He also stated that whatever facility was offered to employees contributed to the overall morale and productivity of those employees.

The group wanted to emphasize the emergency infrastructure necessary in a new building, such as earthquake protection etc., which the current building did not have. Mayor Berube said the number one priority in this City was “keeping our citizens safe.” If this claim was to be upheld, they needed to prioritize a safe building for law enforcement.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

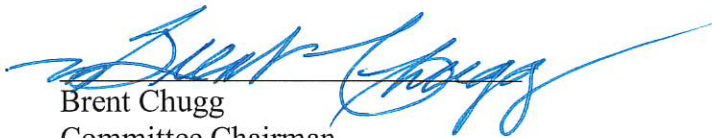
7. **COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

Chief Quinney stated that the next meeting would be on the second Wednesday in November.

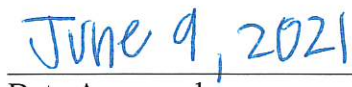
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Member Burns motioned to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Stoker seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.


Brent Chugg
Committee Chairman


Susan L. Nance
City Recorder


Date Approved