

COUNCIL-MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 3, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – City Council Meeting

Attendees: Kim Crowley, recorder, Mike Black, Deputy Treasurer, Whit Allred, Treasurer, Justin Atkinson and Mario Gonzales from Sunrise Engineering, Kyle and Kera Adams, Ken Law, Carl Sedlak, Clark Christenson, Corey Krebs, Rhett Wilkinson from Sanpete Messenger, Bryan and Leah Pruett, Shad and Mindy Hardy, Bobby Olsen, Jerry Vanderwaal, Rick and Camie Hathaway, Jared and Pam Nicolson

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor DeGrey

Expression of Choice: Carl Sedlak

Roll Call: Mayor Cynthia DeGrey, Council Members Chris Anderson, Craig Clark, George Kenzy, Joe McGriff, Paul Penrod

Planning and Zoning Permits and Licenses

Council Member Clark motioned to approve Bryan Pruett Zoning Permit for new home at 649 East 200 South. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Penrod. All were in favor.**

Council Member McGriff motioned to approve Lawrence Gardner/Katy Harmer Zoning Permit for storage shed at 35 North Main. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. All were in favor.**

Council Member Clark motioned to approve Corey Krebs Zoning Permit for a metal shed at 575 South Main Street. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Penrod. All were in favor.**

Jerry Vanderwaal apologized and explained that he thought he had enough time to get the application approved before his shed was delivered. He is in a commercial zone and needs to have two feet from property line. In between house and shed he is short due to a variance Planning and Zoning stated he had to have but his property is very small. **Council Member Anderson** stated that the code does not give discretion to apply or not apply the set back requirements. We could amend the code to give us more ability to allow for these kinds of exceptions but that would require a public hearing. *Jerry Vanderwaal* stated the lot that he lives on has been here since 1927 and is considered a historical home on Main Street. He wants to keep it as historical looking as he can. **Council Member Anderson** stated that he may have to go to Board of Adjustments who can give more discretion to the issue more than the Council can. *Jerry Vanderwaal* stated that his neighbors need to abide by same restrictions that he must abide by, because both are in a Commercial zone.

Council Member Clark motioned to denied Zoning Permit for a storage shed at 13 North Main. **Motion was seconded by Council Member McGriff. All were in favor.**

Mayor and Council Member Department Reports

Mayor DeGrey: a) She announced that a Public Hearing will be held on June 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. for the City Budget. After the Public Hearing will be a Special Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. to amend the 2021 budget and for the proposed budget for 2022. We will have a Work meeting after the Special Council meeting to have some training from the County Planning and Zoning. b) We need to be very cautious with our water use this summer for both our culinary and irrigation water. People that she has spoken with have compared it to the years in the 1970's which some wells in town had gone dry. She suggested using the Irrigation calculator which can be found on the Irrigation Company website to measure water usage c) We will be having a Pioneer Day celebration. We received some grant money from the Utah Heritage Foundation which will be celebrating the 125th Year of the Utah Statehood. They made some grant money available to Art Communities, so we applied for the grant and received it. We will be using it for our 24th of July Celebration. She expects all Council Members to be in the parade on the 24th and to put on a City Barbeque.

Council Member Clark: Stated that he had nothing to report.

Council Member Kenzy: The power project that will service the North Buffer Zone for one new residence and five additional properties will receive Rocky Mountain authorization for Spring Town Electricity. It will be a major expense in which the customer will be paying for this month.

Council Member Anderson: a) Stated that Spring City Arts received a small grant as well, so we are going to give prizes to artists at Plein Air Competition for their paintings that depict historical buildings. This will go along with the celebration of Statehood which will relate to the grant that we received. b) After meeting with the County Planning and Zoning they were saying that Some cities are not granting any water connection outside of city limits due to the water shortage. Ephraim and Manti are not allowing anyone outside city limits to connect to their water right now. There is a new County Planning and Zoning Administrator, and he has a different view of the buffer zone than there has been in the past. We have given a fair amount of discretion to those in our buffer zone who have complied to our requirements, but the county has taken the position that if it is in the county then the only thing, we as a city can do is offer utilities. If the property owner wants to be Annexed, then we will see what the county would do at that point.

Council Member McGriff: Stated that he met with Jim Bennett and Cory Madsen to help with the Installation of the RV dump, which will be next to the Park Rest Rooms. All the equipment and supplies have been ordered for it and is scheduled for June. b) He went through the budget to order some swings for park. Since there really was not enough money in the budget then Council Member Kenzy found some private funding to purchase swings for the park.

Council Member Penrod: Stated that we have not had to turn the wells on yet for our water. Jim Bennett is a little concerned with the upper well, but everything is okay for now.

USDA-RD Preliminary Engineering Report

Mayor DeGrey introduced and explained that Justin Atkinson and Mario Gonzalez are from Sunrise Engineering, and they will speak about preparation of a Preliminary Engineering Report and an Environmental Report so we can precede with the USDA funding for our water and sewer. *Justin Atkinson* stated that Jesse Ralphs had come and explained overview of the USDA loan to help fund the water and sewer project a couple of weeks ago. They are looking to get an approval from the Council to move forward with the first step which is the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) or Study and an Environmental Report (ER) which would cost \$58,000. To pay for these reports a SEARCH Grant could cover up to \$30,000 of these pre-application costs, anything over that amount would have to be paid by the city. **Council Member Kenzy** explained that there are two projects. The first is to build out or complete the wastewater collection system for the North and Southeast part of town. The goal of the project is to provide sewer mains to any property that is within 300 feet of the completed project. The other part of the project is with the culinary water. It is to increase the flow pressure from the tanks into town and to distribute water more efficiently along 700 East and to balance out future connections in the Buffer Zone and anyone in town that wants to develop. **Council Member Anderson** stated as our community keeps growing then we need to address changing the impact fees to help pay for this type of project. **Council Member Kenzy** stated the currently the Water rate is \$34.00 for the first 5,000 Gal. it would increase between \$46 and \$48 dollars. The sewer is currently \$31.50 and would increase between \$39.50 to \$41.50. So, the challenge is to determine if our property owners will be able to bare these increases. *Justin Atkinson* stated both Impact fees and utility increases would need to be looked at. He went on to explain that the Preliminary Engineering Report uses the Master Plan and goes further in depth. **Council Member Penrod** stated this is such a small town that the price on the reports is too high for the size of the town. **Council Member McGriff** stated he is not prepared to move on this at all and that it is moving too quickly. We are financially stable right now as a city, but you want to have \$14 rate increases to every home in town to help pay for 700 east to get a pipe. *Justin Atkinson* stated that there were the grants that we had talked about that we could apply for. This is our next step to see if we can get the USDA funding. **Mayor DeGrey** stated the more we put it off the more it will cost. We can pull out at any time, but we need to start with a motion this evening.

Council Member McGriff motioned to approve a SEARCH Grant. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kenzy. All were in favor.

UDOT Transportation Scope of Work

Mayor DeGrey explained that we received money from the department of transportation, so we need to get an approval for a scope of work for the Transportation project. **Council Member Kenzy** stated that the project was funded in the amount of \$38,000 in which Spring City will have to match \$7000. The goals of the project are number one, is to identify the existing deeded right of ways, meaning the right of ways that were granted to the city in the corporation survey and territorial survey from 1877 confirm that they exist and portions of them have not been surrendered by the city to a property owner. There is no deeded right of way south of 400 South, those right of ways are easements granted to the city by property owners. The situation from 200 West to 700 East is straight forward from 950 North to 400 South anything south of 400 South is an easement from the property line. Krogh's subdivision is a good example, between 500 and 700 East that is being deeded the same as the Packard Subdivision easements. So, we need to determine what we have and

what we do not have. The next part is to develop a transportation plan that will determine what we have running from soil to gravel to cow trails and do an inventory of the conditions of the surfaces. The third part is to look at the extensions of our thorough fares into the buffer zone with the condition on working with the county.

Council Member Kenzy motioned to approve UDOT Transportation Scope of Work Funding Agreement. Motion was seconded by Council Member McGriff. All were in favor.

Fire Department EMT Proposal

Clark Christenson who is Spring City Fire Chief stated that the last for years our fire department has put in 11000 civilian hours which is a lot. We have chosen to specialize in Structure fire, Wildland fire and medical procedures. When working with the wildland fires we are needing to transport people and equipment there and back from the fire. Our proposal is to obtain a vehicle to help with Emergency Medical response and transportation with Wildland fire. Our service would not replace the ambulance who has sole jurisdictional responsibility in emergency medical calls. Currently the Fire department has 3 advance EMT's and 5 basic EMT's. The EMT's can respond to the scene much quicker because of the proximity of their homes to the patient. We could be on the scene 15 minutes faster than the ambulance. The vehicle when not in use in wildland fire will be rotated among certified EMT's for them to respond which would be in a 48-hour rotation. This would enhance the care and response time to the patient. Discussion was made among some fire fighters and Council Members concerning having a vehicle for EMT and Wildland use. **Council Member McGriff** stated that if a vehicle was purchased that it needs to be use only for emergency use and not to be used to go to Walmart. He also wants to know who would be responsible for maintaining the vehicle. **Council Member Kenzy** Stated that their primary purpose is to provide services to Spring City not to Wildland fires. **Mayor DeGrey** stated we are not under any obligation to allow our volunteer fire department to fight Wildland fires. We choose to let you do that because it brings revenue to the city. This administration is willing to let you put that money back into the Fire Department as you need to. Your primary responsibility is to provide fire coverage to the Spring City residents. **Council Member Clark** stated we are here to decide why there needs to be an emergency vehicle. It needs to only be used for emergency use and not for personal use. **Mayor DeGrey** stated that she is not opposed to the Fire Department taking their own money and purchasing a vehicle. We can have a trial basis which is only to use the vehicle for emergency use only. **Council Member McGriff** stated he would want to have the Fire Department pay for maintaining the vehicle like, gas, tires, inspection etc. **Council Member Kenzy** stated that he wants some assurance that there will be firefighters and equipment on call 24/7 in Spring City during wildland fires.

Council Member McGriff motioned to approve Fire Department purchase truck with their own funds and Fire department pays for the maintenance of the truck. Motion was seconded by Council Member Penrod. All were in favor.

Cemetery Lawn Mower Bids

Craig Clark explained that we have brought in some money from Cemetery lot sales and interest in perpetual care that we have accumulated over the years. So, we have enough money to purchase a lawn mower. He went over the bids for the lawn mowers which were Husqvarna MZ54 for \$5,100, Husqvarna Z554L for \$13,100, Frontmount 700 Series Grasshopper, liquid-Cooled Diesel, Model 725 DT for \$18,243 and EXmark Lazer Z X-series for \$12,316.

Council Member Clark motioned to approve the Z554L Husqvarna for \$13,100 if it comes within a month, if not then the Grasshopper Model 725DT for \$18,241 will be purchased. Motion was seconded by Council Member Anderson. All were in favor.

FEMA grants for Fire Department

Carl Sedlak stated that he wants to apply for three FEMA grants that are available. These grants have a 3% match which the city would have to pay. He would like to set up a meeting with the Mayor, Council Member McGriff, and Penrod to look at contents of the grants. The mayor would have sign off on some rules of regulation forms. **Council Member Clark** asked why are you are looking at more grants and why are you changing what we do when we are the ones looking for grant money? *Carl Sedlak* stated we are discussing money for the fire station. **Council Member Kenzy** stated that there are no FEMA grants available. The applications closed May 21st, 2021. *Carl Sedlak* stated not for the one he is looking at. **Council Member Kenzy** stated the federal register does not show any FEMA Grants being announced. **Mayor DeGrey** stated that you are part of a volunteer Fire Department, and you need to follow the chain of command, which is first, the

Fire Chief, then to Council Member McGriff. We not looking to do any grants right now. I am going to recommend that you do not come into the city office and take time out of our city staff to put these grants together. We would like you to go though the chain of command. We appreciate you looking for grants for the fire department and if there is anything the fire department needs then we can work though those needs but we will not work though those this evening.

Public Comments

Ken Law stated this is for the Citizens Corp. and that Mat Palmer who is a USU extension agent, and he will be having a meeting on the 17th of June about conserving irrigation water. He will try to get some advertising out. We will record it on U tube so we can get it out for others to view.

Financial Report for April 2021

Council Member Clark motioned to approve Financial Report for April 2021. **Motion was seconded by Council Member McGriff. All were in favor.**

Delinquent Account Exceptions

No Accounts came forward.

Payment of Bills

Council Member McGriff motioned to approve Payment of Bills for May 2021. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. All were in favor.**

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Andersen motioned to approve Public Hearing and Council Meeting Minutes May 6, 2021. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Kenzy. All were in favor.**

Council Member Anderson motioned to approve Special Council and Council Work Meeting Minutes May 12, 2021. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Kenzy. All were in favor.**

Council Member Penrod motioned to approve the close of Council Meeting, June 3, 2021. **Motion was seconded by Council Member McGriff. All were in favor.**

Adjourned at 9:02



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