

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

Present:

City Council:	Norm Searle, Mayor		
	Braden Mitchell, Councilmember (present via telephone)		
	Brent Ellis, Councilmember		
	Alan Arnold, Councilmember		
	Bart Stevens, Councilmember		
	Steve Hilton, Councilmember		
City Employees:	Bill Cobabe, City Administrator		
	Steve Brooks, City Attorney		
	Scott Brenkman, Police Chief		
	Shawn Douglas, Public Works		
	Shalee Nay, Police Administrative Assistant		
Excused:	Michelle Marigoni, City Recorder		
Visitors:	Melissa Dibbell	Jeffrey Dibbell	Brenna Garcia
	Donna Hall	Viliani Tauki'uvea	John Overdiek

A. Welcome & Roll Call

The City Council meeting began at 6:05 p.m. Mayor Searle called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, including all Council Members, City Staff, and all members of the public.

Mayor Searle turned the time over to Councilmember Stevens to introduce and welcome Scout Troops #1111 and #1112. Jeffrey Dibbell, with troop #1111 approached and introduced the Scouts and Leaders in attendance.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Searle asked Jeffrey Dibbell to lead the pledge of allegiance.

C. Moment of Silence

Mayor Searle called for a moment of silence and asked everyone to remember our police officers, fire fighters, U.S. Military service members, and members of the City Council as they make decisions this evening.

D. Public Comment

Mayor Searle invited any member of the public with questions or concerns to address the Council and asked that they keep their comments to approximately three minutes. No action will be taken during public comment.

John Overdiek, a 50-year resident of Riverdale City, asked Council to consider waiving his water bill for the month of June due to water issues and costs in January. Mr. Overdiek noted health issues, presented his handicap sign, and stated he is a dedicated citizen who served the country for three years, as well as worked for the railroad for six years.

There was discussion about the possibility of adding Mr. Overdiek's issue to a future agenda. Councilmember Arnold mentioned that there would need to be more information regarding the cause of the issue. Councilmembers Arnold and Hilton consented. This will be on the August 3rd agenda.

There was no other public comment.

E. Presentations and Reports

1. Mayors Report

Mayor Searle noted he was called to a special meeting with the Wasatch Front Regional Transport Committee two weeks ago regarding a complete rebuild of the 5600 South interchange, which would change locations of Riverdale Road. He explained the initial plan was for the rebuild to happen in five to six years, but it is being moved up and may happen within the next year.

Councilmember Stevens inquired about the land in front of Motel 6, which is being used by UDOT.

2. City Administration Report

Bill Cobabe, City Administrator, announced the names of employees with anniversaries in June. He commended them all for their dedication and service to the city.

F. Consent Items

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2021 Work Session and July 6, 2021 Council Meeting

Councilmember Ellis motioned to approve the minutes. Councilmember Hilton seconded the motion. All Councilmembers were in favor.

G. Action Items

1. Discussion and possible action on restrictions for water use in the City.

Mr. Cobabe and Mr. Douglas went over drought concerns and mentioned the current watering restrictions of every other day watering is not accomplishing the 20% savings goal. Mr. Douglas explained the amount of water reduction has been around 2% each week, and that the well has dropped 17 feet since May and continues to drop.

Mr. Cobabe and Mayor Searle stated a letter has been drafted asking citizens to water only twice per week. Councilmember Arnold stated the City needs to be aggressive, he has no issue with the letter being sent, and he believes the splash pad should be shut off. It was noted the splash pad treats and recycles water.

Mayor Searle asked for input regarding reducing the hours of the splash pad. Mr. Stevens recalled water restrictions in California in the past and suggested some other water saving methods. He stressed the importance of educating residents about water saving methods in the letter.

Mr. Douglas suggested using the remainder of the treated water at the splash pad before turning it off. There was discussion about the number of days to continue running the splash pad. Mr. Douglas stressed that the grass at the park needs the water more than the splash pad to survive and suggested the splash pad be turned off to save the grass.

Councilmember Mitchell suggested offering refunds to those who reserved the park hoping to use the splash pad.

Councilmember Arnold motioned to turn off the splash pad as of July 26. Councilmember Ellis seconded. Four councilmembers voted in favor, while Mr. Stevens voted against.

2. Discussion and possible action on City Council Meeting Agendas.

This item was stricken by Mayor Searle in the work session.

H. Discretionary Items

Councilmember Arnold recognized that Officer Stanger has been awesome to work with and does a great job. He mentioned a problem with graffiti near the Military Academy. Mr. Douglas informed him the area is maintained by UDOT and that the problem has been reported.

Mayor Searle recognized Bill Tauki'uvea, who was in attendance as a public visitor.

I. Adjournment.

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Hilton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Arnold; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Norm Searle, Mayor

Michelle Marigoni, City Recorder

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