

COUNCIL-MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – City Council Meeting

Spring City Council Chambers, Spring City Hall, 45 South 100 East, Spring City, Utah

Attendees: Kim Crowley, recorder, Neil Sorensen, Robert Stevens, Craig Paulson, Clark Christensen, Brent Peterson, Mike Nelson, John and Kim Stewart, Ken Krogue, Anne Anderson, Whit Allred Treasurer. Jane Hawkes, Bryce and Danielle Zeeman, JanaKaye Smith,

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor DeGrey

Expression of Choice: Mayor DeGrey

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

Planning and Zoning Permits and Licenses

Council Member Clark motioned to approve Bryce Zeeman Zoning Permit for a Steel Shed on 400 East, 500 North. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Penrod. All were in favor.**

Council Member Penrod motioned to approve Jerry Vanderwaal Commercial Business License on 13 North Main. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. All were in favor.**

Council Member Clark motioned to approve Anne Anderson a Commercial Business License on 100 North Main. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Penrod. All were in favor.**

Council Member Penrod motioned to approve Ken Krogue Sewer Connection in Buffer Zone. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. All were in favor.**

Ken Krogue explained that the road on 4th South and 5th East has a culvert which is narrow and there is a ditch under it. Neighbors have stated that they wanted the road expanded or widened. Tom Crisp has agreed to widen the road and have zebra signs on both sides of the ditch. He will also work with the visibility due to shrubs and trees in that area. Surveyors came out to mark the corner of lots so we can straighten the road. Sewer lines are put in and we are working with Kent Kummer and Jim Bennett with the power and water. We will have a stop sign facing west at bottom of 4th South and 5th East.

Mayor and Council Member Department Reports

Mayor DeGrey: a) stated pioneer schedule is out and she gave dates of July 20 to the 25 that there will be different events taking place. She went over the different events. Hoop it up will do a basketball tournament on July 23 and 24 either on Main Street or in the Church parking lot. She explained different types of games that will be played. She will announce the citizen of the year at the Saga program on Tuesday evening. b) The RV dumping station is all finished. Jim Bennett and Cory Madson has worked hard on getting that completed. It is on the south side of the restrooms that are next to the park. She suggested putting a camera there in case of vandalism. We could use some of our cares act money for that. The rest of that money will go to the Meals on Wheels program. c) We are working on getting a direct deposit set up for our employees. She has done evaluations with the employees but still has a few left to do. d) The environment study is the only thing that being done with our Watershed Project at this time. e) She stated that she had attended a meeting with The Water Conservancy District, and we discussed some movement with Gooseberry project in which the Bureau of Reclamation has signed a quick claim deed which will be a great benefit to the northern part of the county. f) The Irrigation Co and the city are having a public meeting on the July 8 at 7:00 pm. The public can attend either in person at City Hall or attend through a Zoom meeting. We will have information on our Irrigation and drinking water at that meeting.

Council Member Clark stated that the City Newsletter has come out this month and he had to pick and choose what to put in the Newsletter. **Mayor DeGrey** asked if we could discontinue the Newsletter since our website is functioning very

nicely. We would have to check how many older citizens use it. **Council Member Clark** stated that in the cemetery they will put signs at each block to help find gravesites also Cattle guards are going to be put in.

Council Member Kenzy stated that after watching Jim Bennett and Cory Madson with the RV station convinced him that we need to replace the backhoe. It may comply with the New America Rescue Plan money

Council Member Anderson stated that the preparedness group program and the neighborhood watch program is doing well thanks to Jane Hawks and Ken Law. Jane Hawks is doing great job with the radio connections, and they are doing a lot of great classes as well.

Council Member Penrod stated that the South well pumped 90 thousand gallons for six hours for the Bush fire which occurred by the Aspiro ranch. We need to find around \$20,000 to get the well fix at some point.

Bids for Fire Department Vehicle

Clark Christensen stated that the first bid for the truck is for \$15,000. On the internet all used Vehicle have gone up a lot. Neil Sorensen offered \$15,000 for this truck on his lot. Brakes, tires, shocks, transmission is all new according to Hansen's Garage who inspected the vehicle. The cab is not as comfortable, but it will work for crew to get up mountain. He went over all the other different bids. Neil's price beat all the other bids. **Mayor DeGrey** stated that there was not a bid for Neil Sorensen truck. *Clark Christensen* stated that we have a verbal agreement. **Council Member Kenzy** stated we need the bid in writing before we can decide. **Council Member Penrod** stated that he wants to get the truck now because of what happened at the Brush fire a couple of weeks ago. *Clark Christensen* stated that he will have Neil Sorenson write up a bid since he is here at the meeting.

Council Member Anderson motioned to approve the bid for the 2013 Chevy truck from S and W Autos for \$15,000. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Kenzy. All were in favor.**

Policy on Smoke-Free Park

Mayor DeGrey stated we have the Counseling Center with the Bomb Squad here. They came to one of our council meetings and made a presentation about having a smoke free park. There are only two communities that do not have this type of policy and we are one of them, so we took the other city's model and made up a policy for a Smoke Free Park. The Counseling Center will bring us four signs to put in the park.

Council Member Kenzy motioned to approve and adopt Tobacco-Free Parks Policy. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. All were in favor.**

Resolution on Water Conservation due to Drought Condition

Council Member Anderson stated that governor made a resolution, so we adopted the same resolution and added some things that pertains to our community regarding water conservation. This pertains to our drinking water not on irrigation water. **Mayor Degrey** stated as the irrigation water continues to drop, and our citizens will change from irrigation water to our culinary water to water lawns and so forth, so we need to put this resolution in place. She read parts of the resolution.

Council Member Anderson motioned to approve Resolution 2021-07, Regarding water Conservation Due to Drought Conditions. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Kenzy. All were in favor.**

Amend City Personnel Policy Regarding Holiday Hours for Part-Time Employees

Mayor DeGrey stated we have had a request to change the four hours of holiday pay to the full seven hours for two of our employees that work thirty hours per week. They are receiving benefits which are health insurance and retirement as well. She proposed to have six hours of holiday pay.

Council Member Anderson motioned to approve 6 hours of Holiday pay for Part-Time Employees working 30 hours per week. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Kenzy. All were in favor.**

Implement Fire Restrictions

Mayor Degrey stated that during her Mayor and Commission meeting they encourage all cities to adopt the stage two Fire Restrictions that the State has passed down, so our Fire Chief Clark Christenson has written up those same stage two Fire Restrictions. It includes discharging or using any fireworks including sparklers for our two holidays this month. So, there will not be any fireworks allow in town. There are signs all over town saying there will be no fireworks. We will be watching, and a fine will be assessed if we see any firework activity. If we allow this then we will be taking a very big risk.

Council Member Penrod motioned to approve ratifying the Fire Restrictions to the (stage 2) of the Utah State Law. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Anderson. All were in favor.**

Neil Sorenson, Drought, Fire, and Flood

Neil Sorensen expressed his appreciation and thanked all council members for what they are doing. He has real concerns regarding flood danger that could come about if we had a big fire. He has met with a lot of different agencies like the Farm Service Agency, USDA and has met with Senator Mike Lee to discuss the problems we have in Spring City regarding the drought and fire hazard. The Forest Service is running the sheep herds off until the end of July. The grass is so long that it is a huge fire hazard, so we need to get some sheep up there to control it. If there is a fire, it probably will not come into the town but any flooding due to the fire will devastate the city because of so many dead trees lying about on the ground. The Forest Service has not yet cleared any timber out of Spring City canyon. The forest service may take two or three years before they get to Spring City. We have Two major drainage areas; one is canal canyon, and the other is north creek. The flooding that happened in 1996 or 1997 will not even compare to what will happen now if we have flooding that comes after a fire with all the dead timber coming down in those drainage areas. We need to open some roads like South Fork so we can allow people up there to get firewood to help clear out the dead timber. We also need to get some sheep up there to take care of all the dead grass. The Forest Service is holding things up. **Council Member Kenzy** asked if the state or federal representative can put pressure on Forest Service. *Neil Sorensen* stated there seems to be a major disconnect with representatives and the Forest Service. **Mayor DeGrey** stated maybe we can draft a letter to Senator Owens to see if he can put some pressure on the Forest Service.

ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Relief Funds

Mayor Degrey stated that we need to decide by July 21st if we want to accept the Relief Funds. The options that we have to spend the money are, support public health expenditures, address negative economic impact, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium payments for essential workers, invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. We have a longer period to utilize this money. The money they have allocated to us is approximately \$127,819 but cannot exceed 75% of our budget for January 27, 2020. She needs to look on website to understand how to access it and will pursue this if approved.

Council Member Penrod motioned to approve ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Relief Funds. **Motion was seconded by Council Member Kenzy. All were in favor.**

Public Comments

Clark Christensen thanked the Council for putting in the RV dump Station and suggested putting in a honesty box to get donation for the RV station and putting a sign on the water faucet saying "black water use only". *Craig Paulson* stated the Planning and Zoning Commission feels strongly that the city work on the Rock Chuck problem. He wanted to bring up the issue to see if anything can be done. Maybe the city could hire someone to deal with this issue. **Council Member Penrod** stated that the citizens who have a Rock Chuck problem needs to take more of an assertive action to control them. **Mayor DeGrey** stated we will do some research and see what we can do. *Jane Hawks* stated at our zoom meeting on July 15th and 29th will be about how to use a drip system which will help our drought situation. On Aug 12 will be about waterwise landscapes which is regarding native plants. *Kimberly Stewart* asked if the personnel policy change about the Holiday hours will affect amending the budget. **Mayor DeGrey** stated we will address that at our next budget hearing if we must amend the budget.

Financial Report for May 2021

Council Member Penrod motioned to approve Financial Report for May 2021. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kenzy. All were in favor.

Delinquent Account Exceptions

No Accounts came forward.

Payment of Bills

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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Anderson motioned to approve Council Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2021. Motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. All were in favor.

Council Member Anderson motioned to approve Public Hearing, Special Council and Work Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2021. Motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. All were in favor.

Council Member Clark motioned to approve the close of Council Meeting, July 1, 2021. Motion was seconded by Council Member Penrod. All were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34



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