

Riverton City, Utah
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
August 3, 2021

Riverton City Hall
12830 South 1700 West
Riverton, Utah 84065

Attendance:

Mayor Trent Staggs

Councilmembers:

Councilmember Tish Buroker
Councilmember Tawnee McCay
Councilmember Troy McDougal
Councilmember Sheldon Stewart
Councilmember Claude Wells

City Staff:

David Brickey, City Manager
Jamie Larsen, City Recorder
Jason Lethbridge, Development Services Director
Trace Robinson, Public Works Director
Kevin Hicks, Administrative Services Director
Chief Don Hutson, Riverton Police Department
Ryan Carter, City Attorney
Sheril Garn, Director of Events and Operations
Casey Saxton, Communications Director
Chief Wade Watkins, Unified Fire Authority

Mayor and Council Informal Meeting 4:30 PM

CenterCal Phase 2 Tour

WORK SESSION – 6 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Staggs called the Work Session to order at 6:10 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Buroker, McCay, McDougal, Stewart, and Wells were present.

Presentations

Chamber Annual Report Presentation – Jay Francis, South Valley Chamber

Jay Francis from the South Valley Chamber presented a Year in Review for 2020-2021. His presentation will be included in the packet.

Mayor Staggs said that he appreciates the South Valley Chamber and believes that the resources they make available to businesses in Riverton is remarkable.

Councilmember Stewart asked if there are any programs offered that teach businesses how to attract and retain employees. Mr. Francis said they are working on a program for this.

Councilmember Buroker said that she has attended the Women in Business and would like to increase the number of classes offered for this program. Mr. Francis said they have increased the number of Women in Business classes offered.

Mayor Staggs said the Local First campaign has four weeks to go and they have had over 10,000 receipts submitted with over \$500,000 spent in local Riverton businesses.

Utah Independent Redistricting Commission – Beau Bayless

Beau Bayless is a graduate intern working with the Utah Independent Redistricting Commission. He said that the Utah Independent Redistricting Commission was formed from Proposition 4 in 2018. He said they are an independent, state funded, bipartisan commission. He said that they will get their census data in about two weeks and then will begin working on mapping. He said they are doing education and outreach to the public. He said they are hoping to get input from the Mayor and Councilmembers on how they can ensure getting representation for Riverton.

Mayor Staggs asked Mr. Bayless to share the website so the Councilmembers could provide feedback.

Councilmember Stewart said that he lives in zip code 84096 and the census showed them as Herriman City. He said this area is being shown in Herriman numbers and he wants it to be accurate when they are creating boundaries. Mr. Bayless said he will reach out to Riverton staff to make sure the boundaries are accurate.

Councilmember Buroker asked if they rely on other information besides the zip code to determine boundaries. Mr. Bayless said that other information is considered.

Casey Saxton said that the City provided the census bureau with the map of city boundaries prior to the beginning of the census. He said that everyone in the 84096 zip code area from Riverton received the census mailer and it said Herriman so they have been nervous that some of Riverton residents are being counted in Herriman City.

Discussion Items – N/A

Mayor/Council/Manager Reports

Councilmember Wells said that he was concerned about the loss of trees in the main park.

Councilmember Buroker – no report.

Councilmember Stewart – no report.

Councilmember McDougal – no report.

Councilmember McCay – no report.

Mayor Staggs said there is a competitive landscape for law enforcement officers across the valley. He said that Salt Lake City has increased their pay for law enforcement officers and other cities have matched that pay increase. He said he is in contact with Chief Hutson and feels like Riverton is competitive but there may need to be a few changes made and these changes would not affect the budget. He said he would like Riverton police officers to know

that they are aware of the situation and will be looking at options.

Adjournment of Work Session

Councilmember Buroker **MOVED to adjourn the Work Session.** Councilmember Stewart **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for a vote; the vote was as follows: Buroker-Yes, McCay-Yes, McDougal-Yes, Stewart-Yes, and Wells-Yes. The motion passed unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 6:54 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Staggs called the Riverton City Council Meeting to order at 7:03 PM and conducted a roll call. Councilmembers Buroker, McCay, McDougal, Stewart, and Wells were present.

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Borchers, Holy Trinity, offered the invocation and Chief Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment

Mayor Staggs called for public comments; there being none, he closed the Public Comment period.

Presentations/Recognitions

Unified Fire Authority Presentation – Chief Wade Watkins

Chief Wade Watkins presented his 2021 Data Report (January 2021 to August 2021). A copy of this presentation is included with the packet.

Mayor/Council Reports

Mayor Staggs said that the elected officials were able to tour the CenterCal development. He said their open day for Phase 2 is May, 2022. He said there is office, retail, entertainment, and Cinemark and believes it will be a remarkable, amazing place. He said that Riverton Fire Service Area fee is replacing Unified Fire Service Area fee on property taxes. He said that residents can look at the final column on the tax statement to determine the difference. He said that every resident should see a slight reduction in that amount.

Mayor Staggs said there have been a lot of requests asking what the City is doing to be water wise. He said the City has reduced clock times by 25% and has landscaped areas to use less water. He said there is a water conservation item on the agenda on August 17. He said that Riverton is the only city in the state that has secondary water for every resident. He said that Utah Lake is at 55% full and this is where it ended last year.

Mayor Staggs said that the police budget went from \$100,000 last year to \$225,000 this year because of VECC. He said the fees are going to continue to rise and this is a concern. He said there is not a competitive landscape for emergency call centers. He said that the City cannot

have this type of increase in fees and continue to have the level of service decrease.

Councilmember Stewart said that he has also received calls about the fire service area fees. He said that if some residents saw an increase, it could be a result of the home valuation.

Councilmember McDougal – no report.

Councilmember Buroker – no report.

Councilmember Wells said that he also received phone calls about the fire service area fees and believes that the rate has decreased for all residents in the switch from Unified Fire Authority to Riverton Fire Service Area. He said thank you to staff for the continued work on the S-curve. He said he walked the Riverton main park and was impressed with how many people were using the facilities at the park.

Councilmember McCay – no report.

Consent Items

Mayor Staggs presented the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minute Approval: July 20, 2021;
- b. **Resolution No. 21-43** – Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Fire Hydrant Testing Agreement with Tithing Hill Homeowners Association; and
- c. **Resolution No. 21-45** – Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Salt Lake County for Corridor Preservation Funds in the amount of \$78,000.00 to purchase 10 feet of ROW along the frontage of the property located at 4515 West 12600 South.

Councilmember Stewart **MOVED** that the City Council approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Wells **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for discussion on the motion; there being none, he called for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows: Councilmembers Buroker-Yes, McCay-Yes, McDougal-Yes, Stewart-Yes, and Wells-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing(s) / Action Items – N/A

Discussion/Action Item

Ordinance No. 21-21 – Removal of Park Restrictions – Ryan Carter, City Attorney

Mayor Staggs said that Ryan Carter, City Attorney had been working on changing the ordinance for the main park.

Ryan Carter, City Attorney, said that the change to the ordinance came because it has been a unique year. He said that the flood at Midas Creek Park pushed leagues that were using that park out. He said the school district has also put a moratorium on the use of their fields due to water restrictions. He said that leagues have looked elsewhere for space to practice and play sports. He said that the main park was not built for league use and he does not recommend long term league use. He said that that current ordinance prohibits league sports and believes that removing the park restrictions would allow the main park to be used for situations like this

year. He said that it will be up to the City Manager to decide if the main park will be used for leagues and what the fees and costs associated with this use will be.

Councilmember Stewart said that the City should try to educate leagues that the facilities are not just for the sport using the park; the facilities are for everyone.

Councilmember Buroker said she is not supportive of this change to the ordinance. She said that she would like to discuss and not make an action tonight. She asked how many parks the City has, how many parks are active and passive, how do they make the decision as to whether they are active or passive parks, what's the value of a passive park and how will the new regional park help. She said she is not supportive of this change.

Councilmember McDougal said he is supportive of this change but wants to know what the broader strategy is for the use of the parks. He said he would like to preserve the main park until after the 4th of July. He said that he would like to evaluate the park policy and believes this document will change over time.

Councilmember Wells said that he would like to have a discussion about park usage and restroom facilities.

Councilmember McCay said that she would like to move forward with the change to the ordinance and believes the City still has the ability to decide what will happen with the main park.

Councilmember Stewart **MOVED that the Riverton City Council adopt Ordinance No. 21-21 removing prohibitions against use of Riverton City Main Park by sports leagues.** He would like to have a broader discussion about Councilmember Buroker's questions. Councilmember McDougal **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Buroker-no, McCay-yes, Stewart-yes, McDougal-yes, and Wells-yes. The motion passed.

Riverton City Sign Ordinance, Initial Discussion of Current Ordinance to Review Potential Revisions and Updates

Jason Lethbridge, Development Services Director, said it was time to update the sign ordinance for various reasons including simplifying the code and to address current issues. He said that one area he wanted to change is digital signs which are currently limited to a 50% max of the sign. He said that the technology is more cost effective and more businesses are wanting to have a larger percentage of their signs be digital.

Councilmember Stewart said that some of the concern in the past is about pixilation. He said that the ordinance could include language about the pixilation being at a certain level to be able to have a larger percentage of digital signage.

Councilmember Wells said there was an issue about a sign on Bangerter which was too bright. He said that this should be taken into consideration. Councilmember Wells asked if Paul Wayman was trying to put a sign on his fence.

Mr. Lethbridge said that the code for civic signs are exempt but must meet the same standard as a commercial sign. He said that the needs for a City getting out information is different than

for a business. He said a lot of cities have a separate category for civic signs and he would like this included in the ordinance. He said that Paul Wayman wanted to attach a sign to one of the panels in the fence. He said the current code says that the monument sign has to be free standing and the language precludes that. He said there are ways the code could be written to accommodate this.

Mayor Staggs said he would like to address the 50% digital signage language. He said that Casey Saxton and Brook Bowen are working on some mockups for the monument signage that has been budgeted \$150,000 out of the RDA. He said he is not opposed to changing the ordinance so that Paul Wayman could have signage along his fence. He said that this ordinance will need to go before the Planning Commission.

Councilmembers and staff discussed various options for signage language for this ordinance and about Paul Wayman's sign request.

Paul Wayman provided public comment regarding signage.

Upcoming Meetings

- a. August 17, 2021 - 5:00 PM – Work Session & City Council Meeting
- b. September 7, 2021 - 5:00 PM – Work Session & City Council Meeting
- c. September 21, 2021 - 5:00 PM – Work Session & City Council Meeting
- d. October 5, 2021 - 5:00 PM – Work Session & City Council Meeting

Closed Session – N/A

Adjournment

Councilmember Stewart **MOVED to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:10 PM.** Councilmember McDougal **SECONDED** the motion. Mayor Staggs called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Buroker-yes, McCay-yes, Stewart-yes, McDougal-yes, and Wells-yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved: CCM 8.17.21