

**Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting**

November 21, 2013

6:00 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on November 21, 2013, in the City Council Chambers at 75 North Main Street, Heber City, Utah.

Present:

Mayor
Council Members

David R. Phillips
Robert Patterson
Alan McDonald
Benny Mergist
Jeffery Bradshaw
Erik Rowland

Also Present:

City Manager
City Recorder
City Engineer
Chief of Police

Mark K. Anderson
Michelle Kellogg
Bart Mumford
David Chief Booth

Others Present: Heidi Franco, Mark Smedley, Laurie Wynn, Kelleen Potter and others whose names were illegible.

Mayor Phillips opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

Discuss Scheduling a Public Hearing to Amend the City Budget: Anderson stated the new State Auditor was adamant that the budget should be amended before the funds were spent. It was noted that a water rate increase table was emailed to the Council last night. Anderson stated the increase didn't have to be included when amending the budget since it was mentioned when the budget passed, but he felt the proposed rate increase should be made available for public input. He suggested holding the public hearing before the end of the year. It was decided to have the budget report presented and amend the budget at the meeting held January 2, 2014. The Council agreed to cancel the City Council meeting scheduled for the 19th of December.

Business License Study Work Meeting – December 5th at 5:00 p.m.: Anderson stated the Council would review this study on December 5th so action could be taken if the Council felt comfortable. Some of the Council didn't think that time frame would be sufficient time to consider the proposal and discuss it thoroughly. It was tentatively decided to send out the business license renewals at the current rates and any new rates could be enacted in February for new businesses. The Council agreed to meet at 5:00 p.m. on December 5th for the presentation.

Review Video on the Need for a New Public Safety Building: Chief Booth passed out the script for the video and explained the high school audio/visual class was doing the video footage that went along with the script. He was told the video should be ready Saturday to go out on

YouTube and links to the video could be added to the City website and the Police Facebook site. Chief Booth stated the Heber Valley Tourism and Economic Development office also offered to put the video on its website. Heidi Franco asked if Mayor Phillips could promote the video in his Wasatch Wave article. Chief Booth stated he presented his PowerPoint presentation on the Public Safety Building needs to the Wasatch County Taxpayers Association and Cornerstone for Freedom groups.

Mumford stated he visited with the GSBS architect and a kickoff meeting needed to be scheduled. A committee also needed to be formed for this project. He hoped the first meeting would be the first week of December. Anderson asserted he wanted this project to get going as soon as possible and would like something from the architect to go in the CIB packet. Council Members Rowland, Patterson, and McDonald stated they would like to be on the committee. The tentative meeting was set for December 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Discuss Beehive Storage Fire Protection Services: Anderson stated the original agreement for fire protection water hookups to this business which was outside the City boundaries was informal at best, with no City approval given prior to being hooked up. Anderson stated in talking with other cities, their policies denied services to entities outside the City limits. The Council felt if Beehive Storage was to receive City services, they needed to be annexed into the City. Anderson felt the property needed to be improved to City standards and the City would normally request Beehive Storage to donate a portion of the property to the City for the bypass route, but acknowledged that those requests might kill the project. The only service the City currently provided to this property was fire service. Every time they expanded, they kept extending the water line that was connected to the City system. Mayor Phillips asked Mumford to see if there were previous discussions regarding this hookup that may have authorized them to hookup to the City system. Mumford stated there was a well on the property but it did not have enough pressure to provide fire protection. Mayor Phillips stated Beehive Storage hooked onto the system to get fire hydrants for the storage units, but they never got City approval. Mumford noted he checked his files and didn't find anything indicating City approval. Mumford said he was uncomfortable not having control over the City system when it was outside the City limits and where the business was not accountable to the City. Mumford was asked to check to see if a well was on the property.

Mayor Phillips asked when the Council could meet for a Council dinner to welcome the incoming Council members. It was decided the Council would meet at the Claim Jumper restaurant on December 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Booth announced the Police Department would participate in the Shop with a Cop program on December 7th at 7:00 a.m. The police officers would each take a child in need to Walmart to shop for Christmas presents.

Chief Booth stated Brandon Shopay was hired as a police officer, and would start full-time December 2nd. He lives in Heber, has years of forensic and computer training, and will benefit the City greatly. There were also three new reserve officers: Jared Rigby, who was doing a lot of administrative tasks, background checks, and computer tasks; Ron Bridge, who was trained in firearms and internet crimes against children, and also processes cellphone crimes; and Ken Jones, who is an expert in the use of force training such as mace and Taser training. Chief Booth indicated he would like to hire two more reserve officers and a bailiff, and noted those positions were currently being posted. He also would like five volunteer reserve officers and 10 volunteers

in police service (VIPS) individuals. He would utilize some VIPS at the farmers market, use others to work in the lab, and others to work with the Police Department's audio/visual needs. He stated one VIPS would also serve in a public relations capacity. Currently, the Police Department didn't have funding or resources to do these things and so VIPS would be a great help.

Council Member Rowland asked about police officers going after big rig trucks. Chief Booth stated an officer needed specialty training and when they did get that training, they were usually recruited by oil companies as safety managers, making \$100,000-\$200,000 per year.

In another issue, Anderson stated the City owned a parcel that included a canal in the Mill Road Estates Subdivision. Trees were growing in the canal and were a nuisance to the neighbors. He noted he would get a bid to take care of the trees.

Anderson stated the City contracted with Don Blackburn for building inspections, but Blackburn had health issues so Kimball Engineering was helping out in that area. He noted the City would not stay within its budget because of this change.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder