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TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE AND AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORK MEETING ON THURSDAY MAY 23, 2013 AT 10:00 A.M. AT SPRINGDALE TOWN HALL, 118 LION BLVD., SPRINGDALE, UTAH.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pat Cluff, Council members Mark Chambers, Louise Excell, Kathy LaFave and Adrian Player

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Treasurer Dawn Wallace, Chief Kurt Wright, DCD Tom Dansie, Public Works Supt. Robbie Totten, Parks and Recreation Supt. Zac Martin, Sexton Shane Lowery and Fay Cope, recording.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Kathy LaFave to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Louise Excell:

Chambers: Aye

Cluff: Aye

Excell: Aye

LaFave: Aye

Player: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Information/Non-action Items

General discussion & announcements: Mr. Dansie announced there would be a Road Respect Bicycle Extravaganza at Gazebo Park on 5/31/13 at 9:00 AM. UDOT planned a ceremony to Designate Springdale as a Road Respect Community (perhaps the first in Utah,)

Work Session for FY2013-14 Budget: Mr. Wixom explained there were only a few changes from the tentative budget – refined computer lease amounts, administrative contract labor, trail maintenance crack seal, and vehicle leases. Zions Bank interest rates couldn't be locked in until later in June. The Police department had added an animal chip reader. Christine Wolken had agreed to exercise any dogs in the pound. The Town would pay her \$50 per dog. Mr. Chambers suggested an article in newsletter about chips.

General Fund was short \$2739, Irrigation Fund was short, and the Water Fund was short. The sewer Fund was in good shape. Mr. Wixom explained that in 2014, the agreement with the Irrigation Company will change. Their debt will be gone. A new contract will have to be negotiated for delivering irrigation water. Discussion included the consideration of raising irrigation rates and restructuring the payment schedule for town irrigation customers. Kathy LaFave suggested doubling. Adrian Player suggested 30% every year.

Mr. Wixom said prior to 2004, the Irrigation Fund was part of the Culinary Fund; it was not accounted for separately. Mr. Chambers said in their last meeting, the Irrigation Company had decided they didn't need to increase their annual assessment fee. Mr. Wixom said the Irrigation Company only paid approximately 1/3 of the system costs, but used more than 2/3 of the water. Their assessment had to increase, particularly if the Springdale users' rates were also increasing.

Mr. Chambers asked if 10-60-780 included Winderland, Juniper and the Shell station – they all needed to be a priority. Shell Station was dangerous. There was no curb, gutter or sidewalk between West Temple and the access by Lazy Lizard. Mr. Wixom explained that B&C Road funds could be used on Winderland and Juniper, but not on UDOT. Juniper Lane design was underway. \$20k was allocated to that in 2013; that would roll over into 2014. The Mayor asked if there would be excess revenues in 2013 that could be used for 2014 fund balance appropriation to balance the 2014 budget. Ms. LaFave suggested increasing the revenues for sales tax in 2014 by \$3000, instead.

Mr. Chambers asked about the new compliance officer position. He liked the job description drawn up by Mr. Dansie. Mr. Wixom had budgeted 1100 hours at \$15.70/hr. Ms. LaFave suggested Jared Barker could be used more as patrol while Officer Brecke did compliance. Mr. Chambers thought the position was more about zoning compliance. There were two separate skill sets – knowing the code and policing. Mr. Chambers said hopefully the new compliance officer would be an information officer first. Mayor asked about expenses related to a desk, computer, phone, etc. Chief Wright preferred Officer Brecke for the job because he had developed the respect of the community. Mr. Dansie said another good reason to utilize Officer Brecke was he was the town's best asset; there was a great advantage to utilizing the best on the highest priority. Discussion continued about alternatives for how it could be done. They decided to have Mr. Dansie and Chief Wright work out a plan and present it in June. They did increase the budget for a computer and phone.

Ms. Excell asked about the equity of staff wages. Mr. Wixom said he had prepared new wage proposals for Shane Lowery, Zac Martin and Joe Barker. Ms. LaFave said she thought Britt Ballard's wages also seemed low. Mr. Wixom reviewed information he had gathered from other cities and the town's range charts. Mr. Ballard was at 88% of midpoint. Ms. Excell said it would take several years to bring everyone to 100% of midpoint or higher. Mr. Wixom said he would like to look at every employee. He had brought the three employees he mentioned closer to the midpoint.

Mr. Wixom asked about 10-70-80 – if they wanted to pave or seal Lion Blvd. Council said seal. Mr. Wixom said he had budgeted for paving. They could keep it that way for this budget year. Or do it at same time as Paradise Road.

Ms. LaFave suggested putting additional revenues from 2013 into a capital projects fund for street lights. The Council asked about Stan Smith requesting funds from the County Bricks and Mortar fund. They wanted to know if the town council all go to that meeting? Yes.

Hearings were scheduled on June 12 for the final FY2013-14 budget and June 26 for opening and amending the 2012-13 budget.

The Council thanked Mr. Wixom and Ms. Wallace for their good work on the budget.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Kathy LaFave at 11:35 AM; seconded by Mark Chambers:
Chambers: Aye
Cluff: Aye
Excell: Aye
LaFave: Aye
Player: Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

Fay Cope, Town Clerk

APPROVED _____