

July 21, 2022 – City Council

The regular meeting of the Fountain Green City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2022 in the Fountain Green City Hall, 375 N. State.

Attendance: Julio Tapia, Shelith Jacobson, Rod Hansen, Stuart Smith, and Alyson Strait.

Presiding: Mayor Mark Coombs

Prayer: Alyson Strait

Pledge

Comment. Dianna Clark made comment that she would like the city to continue working on the city's speeding issues.

Minutes. Rod Hansen made the motion to approve the minutes of the work meeting held on Thursday, June 21, 2022 as written. Seconded by Stuart Smith, all in favor. A roll call vote was taken and all council members in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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Annual Girl's Ball Tournament. Ryan Johnson reported on the annual Sanpete Storm Ball Tournament held on June 10th and 11th at the city park. They had 250+ girls playing on various teams. Ryan felt like it was successful and has received many compliments. He explained that the City could help by making sure the restrooms (especially the women's) were fully stocked and placing extra garbage cans and liners closer to the ball fields. Mayor Coombs suggested ordering porta-potties to put at the school ball fields since it is quite a distance from the park's restrooms. Cassie (Ryan's wife) thinks that allowing food trucks to come in would also help since a lot of the players and their families had to go out of town to eat; having the concession stand open also helped. The Council agreed to address it next year. The Johnsons would like the annual tournament scheduled for the second weekend in June, 2023. The Mayor read letters from Tosha Bailey and Kevin Bailey, both coaches for Sanpete Storm. Both individuals thanked him and the council for supporting the girls and the tournament.

Fundraiser for FBLA students. Carey Ivory had a previous engagement and could not come.

Annual Play Funds. Kristiena Yorgason, annual play organizer, inquired about the proceeds from the previous and current plays. Mayor Coombs explained that the money is deposited into a play fund and is available for improvements to the theater. Kristiena would like to use the money to purchase a digital piano, popcorn machine, or spotlight. The digital piano would be top priority. She found that the pianos range anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000+. She had found one that she liked for about \$1,100. Mayor Coombs asked her to get some additional estimates and present them in next month's city council.

2022 Queen Platform. Halie Probst, 2022 Fountain Green City Queen, would like to present a couple of ideas that would support her platform: Opening Books, Opens Doors. First – Lending Library. The idea behind the Lending Library is to take a book and leave a book. Her dad has offered to help her build a waterproof type cupboard with doors that sits on a stand. The Mayor and Council agreed to let her place it under the big bowery or on the strip of grass next to the playground. She agreed to check on it

weekly to make sure the books were appropriate for all participants, especially children. Halie explained that she would get the initial books from fundraiser proceeds, library donations, and thrift shops. Second – Back to School Dance at the Dance Hall. All proceeds will go to the library for the purchase of more books or other needed supplies. The Mayor recommended that Halie call the office to find out what dates were available.

Properties with Dry Overgrown Weeds. Michelle explained (over zoom) there had been some complaints about properties with overgrown, dry weeds becoming a possible fire hazard. Ordinance 10-320. ABATEMENT OF WEEDS AND DELETERIOUS OBJECTS states that it shall be an infraction for any person owning or occupying real property to allow weeds to grow higher on such property than is permitted. Mayor Coombs asked Shelith to oversee flyers on bulletin boards and social media, then possibly letters to property owners who are in violation of the Ordinance.

Traffic Control Findings. Nikki Casselman reported that her (personally owned) speed bumps are working great but realize they're not a long-term solution. She found a Safe Streets and Roads For All Grant. The first step in filling out the application is developing an action plan. Stuart Smith (Council member over the roads) has agreed to be on the committee and has reviewed the requirements for the grant application. The City will have to commit to 20% of the requested amount. Various road improvements would qualify under the grant, such as bike lanes, sidewalks, roundabouts, wider roads throughout town and traffic signs.

Curt then presented the Policies and Procedures of the Application process for someone who would like to request some type of traffic control device on their street. Applicants would have to complete the checklist of required items before they could submit it to the committee. The Committee would then review the application, either approve or deny the request, and present the findings to the Council. The Council would like the Committee to decide what streets they are going to put the speed trailer on so they can start gathering data. They also wanted to review the information that Curt presented so that it can be put on next month's agenda. The Mayor and Council want to be involved with the final decision on both the traffic control device applications and the grant application.

Mayor Coombs agreed to ask the attorney what liability the City would have if speed bumps were extended out into the city rights-of-way. The Mayor asked the McGuyers to get input from the neighbors to the north of them regarding their current speed bumps. The Sheriff's department would like to know what back streets are having the most speeding problems. They explained that the citizens can also call dispatch (435- 835-2345) to report problems. The Sergeant was asked to be the liaison between the City and the Department. Nikki wanted clarification regarding the continued use of the speed bumps by her house and McGuyers? All agreed that they can continue using them. The Mayor will also check with the attorney about posting extra speed bump signs.

Property Tax Increase. Mayor Coombs read the "Notice of Property Tax Increase" which also included a scheduled public hearing on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor explained that the city needs to stop borrowing from road, water and sewer funds and start saving for improvements and/or emergencies.

City Facebook Page. Mayor Coombs explained that the city's facebook page was created for information only.

New Construction Power Lines. Rocky Mountain Power is recommending that the city adopts a policy that requires power lines to all new construction is installed underground. The Mayor will call RMP to find out if they have a sample policy that the City could use. It would need to be approved in next month's agenda.

Irrigation Utility Right-Of-Way. Non-Issue. New law – secondary water within city limits must be metered.

Proposed Land Use Changes to Ch. #2, #7, #11. Stuart Smith made the motion to accept the recommended changes to the Land Use Ordinances in Chapters 2, 7, and 11. The changes will allow for IADUs in R/A and B/C zones and also allow Childcare Businesses in the Sensitive Land Zone. Seconded by Rod Hansen. A roll call vote was taken and all council members in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Public Hearing report on Preliminary Subdivision Plat. Bryan Allred, Planning Commission Chair, read the minutes from the Public Hearing held by the Planning Commission regarding Kyle Johansen's preliminary subdivision plat plan, which includes 19 lots. The main concern expressed in the public hearing came from citizens regarding the proposed street being developed on 700 W. (as described in the Transportation Plan).

There were letters read from Ken & Laurie Hansen, and Brandon & Teresa Horrocks along with other citizens that voiced their opposition of 700 W. There was much discussion regarding whether or not 700 W. should be developed as shown on the Transportation Plan:

Those in favor of the road presented the following arguments: An extra road is needed for emergency responders/vehicles enabling complete coverage without incident. The transportation plan shows 700 W. The road will help with extra traffic created from the potential homes located on 200 N/300 N dead-end streets. Once it's vacated the city can't go back and change it. The City will be responsible for traffic and safety issues that may develop.

Those against the road presented the following argument: The road runs directly into an already established house, which could create a safety issue for the homeowners and children that could be outside playing. The headlights of vehicles traveling that road at night shining into homeowners windows. The proposed houses would not be facing 700 W. That one block of road (700 W.) cannot be continued to the north or south because of private property and already built homes. Citizens on both sides of the proposed subdivision are against the road being put in.

Mayor Coombs asked Bryan for the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the road on 700 W. Riley Hansen stated that the last official recommendation was to follow the transportation plan and establish 700 W. which was voted on and approved in the June 18, 2022 combined Planning Commission and City Council work meeting.

Property owners within the same proposed subdivision area have had surveys taken which are not consistent with the subdivision property lines. The Planning Commission has requested a letter of Resolution from Kyle when the disagreement is settled. Fire Chief Robinson submitted a letter that fire suppression is not a problem.

Kyle is willing to compromise by splitting the lots into .85- and .75-acre parcels so they cannot be split in the future, which would decrease the number of houses. He also wondered if there was the possibility of splitting off two or three lots from the East side of the property since those parcels are not affected by the road issue. Kyle expressed his frustration with seeing other subdivision plans approved by the Planning Commission without having to meet the same requirements. He feels that he has been targeted. Kyle has had at least 3 different plans drafted because the requirements keep changing. He and Curtis stated that they would really appreciate a final answer regarding the road (Do they draft with a road or without a road?).

Shelith Jacobson made the proposal to approve Kyle's preliminary subdivision plat plan as presented to the Planning Commission which includes 19 building lots, and vacate the road at 700 W. as described in the Transportation Plan. Seconded by Alyson Strait. A roll call vote was made - Alyson – yes, Shelith – Yes, Stuart – Yes, Julio – No, Rod – No.

Planning Commission Report. Alyson had asked Rod to attend the Planning and Zoning meeting. Rod reported that the Commission is concerned with the County requiring ½ acre lots within the 1-mile city's buffer zone and what affect it would have on the city's water system due to the well permits that would be drilled. He also reminded the Mayor and Council about working through the lot split moratorium.

City Report. Curt reported that he had new road base delivered at the cemetery and going up to the head house. He also explained that he had his first burial, which went well. Curt also stated that the city's annual water samples are coming due which tests for DBP's, BOC's, and Nitrates. There will be 15 citizens asked to get the samples. He is also scheduled to do a Sludge Judge Report with Rural Water.

Amy Morgan, Animal Control Officer had a stroke and is in the ICU at Utah Valley Hospital. Her left side was affected, which means some rehabilitation. Amy's husband just sent a text and reported that she should be fine. Mayor Coombs ask the Council to keep her in their prayers.

Fire Department Report/Pre-Purchasing Fireworks. Tabled.

Police Report. Sheriff Buchanan expressed his appreciation to the city for their patience with only receiving minimal enforcement until they can get the department fully staffed. Sheriff Buchanan reported that there were 50 visits to Fountain Green during the month. There were 23 traffic stops, a mental subject, domestic problem, 2 drug cases, and suspicious person.

City Bills. Stuart Smith made the motion to approve the city bills. Seconded by Shelith Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken and all council members in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Miscellaneous.

Shelith reported that the weeds are becoming a problem at the cemetery, so Greg has started to spray them.

Rod expressed concern with the Lamb Day Fun Run and not having traffic control at the intersections. Mayor Coombs suggested that it should be added to the list of concerns to be addressed with the Lamb Day Committee.

Paula was asked to put the Abatement of Weeds Ordinance on the web page.

Alyson inquired about the contract for Lewis Rasmussen as the City Compliance Officer. Mayor Coombs stated that he was just waiting for the City Attorney to give his approval.

Open House for Roger. August 20th. Park. 6:00 p.m. Fire Department to BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs. Plaque, cake, gift card.

Mayor Coombs explained that there were boys needing community service hours. They would like to clean up and put new lights on the F.G. hill. The boys figured that there were 14 solar lights that needed to be replaced. The City agreed to pay for the lights.

Rod Hansen made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Julio Tapia. A roll call vote was taken and all city council members in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourns at 10:55.

Michelle Walker

Michelle Walker, City Recorder

