

City Council – August 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Fountain Green City Council began at 8:15 p.m. due to the length of the Public Hearing held for comment on the Proposed Property Tax Increase, Thursday, August 18, 2022 in the Fountain Green City Hall, 375 N. State.

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

Presiding: Mayor Mark Coombs

Prayer: Shelith Jacobson

Pledge

Comments.

Don Despain expressed his concern with the irrigation water coming from the fish hatchery (Not only being contaminated with fish waste and moss, but chemicals as well.) smelling like raw sewage. Citizens are having to continuously unclog their sprinkler system filters, screens, or having to install grinders because of the fish waste and moss. Farmers are being sprinkled by it when they move sprinkler lines, and children are playing on the grass that is watered by it. Could this be one of the reasons of the high cancer rate in the city?

Gary Hurst explains that the city should be receiving some revenue from the point of delivery (ex. amazon) portion of the streamline sales tax. The mayor explained that the city is projecting \$150,000 in revenue from sales tax this year.

Jerime Ivory wanted clarification on the Johansen subdivision regarding the road issue (road or no road). Mayor Coombs explained that it was sent back to the Planning Commission.

Minutes. Alyson Strait made the motion to approve the minutes as written for the July 2022 regular council meeting. Seconded by Julio Tapia. A roll call vote was taken, and all Council members present voted in the affirmative.

Digital Piano for Theater. Tabled

Lamb Day Report. Jerime Ivory wanted to thank the 250+ volunteers that continue in helping make Lamb Day successful. He presented a quick overview of the finances from 2022. He also reminded the Mayor and Council of the \$30,000 donation to help with the park improvement grant as well as other Lamb Day donations to various projects. Jerime asked for suggestions that would make next year's celebration run smoother: Better with the ordering of food/drinks. More traffic control signs for intersections during the run. Garbage emptied more often. Bigger dumpsters. Parade-watchers need to wait and let the parade finish before pulling out. Could there be more communication through the sound system speakers or police intercoms? Better communication with Jim Bowles and whoever is watering his property where the Lamb Day pits are located. Jerime stated that the committee is currently discussing moving the Lamb Day Pits. Expenses/Revenues are open for public viewing.

Proposed Tax Increase. Rod Hansen made the motion to increase the city's annual property tax revenue by \$10,000 and re-evaluate next year. Seconded by Alyson Strait. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes: Julio Tapia – yes, Shelith Jacobson – yes, Rod Hansen – yes, Alyson Strait – yes. Stuart Smith being absent.

Part-Time Paid Librarian. Mayor Coombs read a letter from head Librarians (Susan Monsen, Shellie Shore and Mary Smith) requesting a part-time paid librarian to help with the growing amount of work in the library. They explained that they are volunteering 10-20 hours a week and more during the fundraising season. They are still willing to volunteer but cannot continue to dedicate that many hours to the library for it to be successful. A job description was also included for the part-time paid librarian. Some of the Council members asked: Can city afford another wage? Could the library cut their hours back? Would more volunteers be helpful? Mayor suggests table the possible wage to October; better look at the budget. Rod feels that the city needs to find a way to support them with this request.

Jake Brakes. Shelith Jacobson made motion for UDOT to install jake brake signs and flashing speed signs on the north and south end of the city as well as move the current speed signs further out (according to state's criteria). Seconded by Julio Tapia. A roll call vote was taken and all council members in attendance voted in the affirmative. UDOT also recommended making the highway through town a three-lane highway (another way to slow down traffic). One lane going north, one lane going south and a middle turn lane. Would only have to re-stripe while they're doing a chip seal project.

Power Lines Underground Policy. RMT does not have a policy for requiring power lines to be installed underground. City will have to look for a policy from another city.

Traffic Committee Report. Rod Hansen made the motion to approve the policy/procedures for the traffic speed control device application process as written. Seconded by Julio Tapia. A roll call vote was taken and all council members in attendance voted in the affirmative. Curt reported that the speed trailer is ready to go. The Council agreed that the Traffic Control Committee should decide where it should be set. Curt recommended pulling the speed bumps and replacing them with the speed trailer in order to get sufficient data. The Council would like to see current data of where the traffic problems seem to be. Mayor Coombs asked Curt to get a copy of Nikki's video.

Action Items/Assignment Reports. Alyson would like to see action items delegated at the end of each meeting and then have a report given at the beginning of the next council meeting.

Planning Commission Report. Alyson gave a quick review of the Planning and Zoning meeting – A building permit was granted to Eric Freeman for a shed and a pole barn for Steve Bills. Tyler Smith submitted a building permit application for a horse shed and will need to return to next month's meeting with the following: Exact setbacks, Council's approval for being in the B/C Zone, and the Mayor's signature due to it also being in the floodplain. The Commission is currently working on updating the subdivision application process. There was some discussion on Johansen subdivision stating that the Planning Commission is requesting letters from Title Co. regarding property line dispute.

City Report. Annual water samples are finished; all came back good. Burial/Headstones set. Refacing yield and stop signs. Continue spraying weeds. Shelith asked Curt about the longevity of the sewer system? Curt explained that it looks good, and all sewer lines are clear. He did state that residents can help keep it healthy by keeping the sewer system clear of non-biodegradable items (flushable wipes). The Mayor and the Council would like to have that information added to the newsletter. He also discussed the recommendation from Rural Water regarding the Mechanical Headworks Screen. There are more projects than money coming in so those who are shovel ready will have precedence. Rural Water is offering a 51% grant, requiring the City to fund the rest (49%). Fountain Green City is on the CIB list for submitting an application to cover the 49%.

Fire Department Report/Pre-Purchase Fireworks. Julio Tapia made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2023 Fireworks through Fireworks & Stage FX America for \$6,001.00 (City Budget - \$4,000, Lamb Day Budget - \$2,000, and deposit on 2024 Display - \$1.00). Seconded by Alyson Strait. A roll call vote was taken and all council members in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Police Report. The Mayor reports that the County continues patrolling state street. Alyson reports that they were also at the school for the first day of school. Todd Robinson also reported that they have attended all city fire incidences. The city will see an increase in coverage when the County trainees graduate from the Academy.

City Bills. Alyson Strait made the motion to pay the city bills. Seconded by Shelith Jacobson. A roll call vote was taken and all council members in attendance voted in the affirmative. Alyson would like to have a comparison from year-to-year for the monthly bills. Rod had a question with RMT's admin/theater power bills, which was considerably higher than previous bills. Michelle will find out why.

Miscellaneous.

Alyson – Wasp nests under playground equipment at the park.
Asked to switch Council to Sept. 14th instead of the 15th.

Shelith – Weed flyers around town regarding the Weed Control Ordinance. The Mayor asked Julio to deliver the flyer to the Meredith's and old city hall.

Rod – Items discussed, but never decided: Aquifer Re-Generation. Year-round water use charge, evaluation of Impact Fees and other fees.

Rod was assigned to check with Mt. Pleasant (Mayor Mike Olsen) and how they financed the Impact Fee Rate Study.

Year-Round Meter Reading – Next month's meeting

Grant Update – Park Improvement. Environmental Review Finished. Next step – Davis-Bacon wages set, and Procurement Process.

Rural Co-Working Innovative Center. Still need to order petitions, desks. Gazebo on the west side; bid from George Billings.

Waiting for two grants from RMP – 1. Library Books and other items for the library. 2. Sidewalk from the ball diamonds to the bathrooms (\$10,000).

Sanpete Growth Summit presented by Six County – Monday, September 19th.

Day of Service September 10th- Paint Park picnic tables.

Newsletter. Question as how to deliver - Send to elderly only, place at Beck Auto and Sheps, post on social media, protected little box that holds the flyers, or mail to all residents every other month. The newsletter needs to be ready after city council every other month. This month include: Property Tax increase, Planning Commission report, Weed Ordinance, Dog Ordinance, Projects in progress, Sewer and Water report, and a summary of City Council. Deadline for information – week after city council.

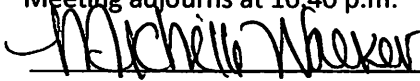
Mayor Coombs explained that there is a way to display the queen's pictures (railing system) without damaging the walls. He will check with Roger. He would like to hang a larger picture of the current royalty by the east doors and then print a smaller one to add to the wall with the other of the pictures.

Alyson – to ask Livingston reg. the cost of making digital copies of the pictures.

Mayor reports on Amy. Doing well, but still weak on the left side. She is anxious to get back to work so she is going to start working on revising the Dog Ordinances at home.

Shelith Jacobson made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Alyson Strait, all in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 10:40 p.m.

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Michelle Walker, City Recorder

