

Milford City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 4:00 PM
Milford City Hall, 26 South 100 West
Milford, Utah 84751

Members Present: Mayor Nolan Davis, Council Members Russell Smith, Scott Symond, Les Whitney, and Terry Wiseman.

Absent: Council Member Ian Spaulding

Staff: City Administrator Makayla Bealer, City Recorder Monica Seifers, Administrative Assistant Lisa Thompson, Attorney Leo Kanell, and Foreman Benjamin Stewart

Visitors (Official Roster):

Sarah Jewett, Pat Collins, and Laura with Fervo - presentation

Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors

a. Sarah Jewett, Padraig Cullen, Laura Singer – Fervo Energy Presentation

Ms. Jewett presented Fervo and gave a background of the company and its intentions. Fervo started in 2017 to address the gap in the oil and gas industry and geothermal industry. Geothermal is zero-emission energy. Their focus is on building power generation facilities that generate reliable, clean power and good-paying jobs in the area. Padraig Cullen explained the Cape Station plans which will be located 12 miles north of Milford near the FORGE, Blundell Geothermal, and the Milford Wind and Solar facilities. This site will be built in three separate phases. The necessary geological and archeological surveys have been completed. There are always concerns with risks associated with these types of projects. The FORGE site had already done the exploratory work and confirmed the rock temperature and rock types. The PacifiCorp Geothermal Power Plant located near the Cape Station project has been operating since 1984 and provides additional assurance of resource availability. Ms. Jewett explained that they want to create a constant flow of jobs throughout the project timeline. Leo Kanell asked about some of the other municipalities that were able to hone in on the market for power in their cities asking if this was something that could be considered. Could Milford possibly look at creating their own power company and providing that service in the area? Ms. Jewett replied that all options would be on the table. MR. Kanell asked if the cost of the power was higher than what is already offered. Ms. Jewett replied that since it is a phase I project, it would be higher at first but they hope to have it come down over time.

Council Member Symond asked if they plan to continue to build more power plants. Sarah did not want to over-promise anything, but the short answer was yes, if the first phase goes well, they will continue.

Mayor Davis asked if they have an idea what the cost comparison was between wind and solar, do they have an idea? Sarah explained that historic contracts on the market indicate that the geothermal contracts were selling five years ago at \$68 - \$75 per MWh, and that is for power around the clock. Wind projects were selling at around \$35-\$40 per MWh for variable renewable energy – it is dependent upon the wind. Solar contracts were selling between \$25-\$35 per MWh. There has been so much demand for power out of California because they have brought up so much wind and solar onto their grids and they are looking to retire so much of their coal and natural gas that they

are willing to pay higher prices for renewable energy that produces around the clock. For markets like that, geothermal at its current price point makes sense. When you look at bringing down grid costs overall, geothermal will become more cost-competitive. They have surmised that at some point the prices will average out. Mayor Davis cited that while he won't be around to see the effect, he is concerned with the effect it will have on his children and grandchildren. What are they going to do with all of the materials from the solar panels – all of the panels, all those batteries, etc.? Where is it going to end? Geothermal will not have the waste product like there is on the solar side. He wished the project much success. Ms. Jewett stated that she looked forward to working with the city moving forward and encouraged the city to reach out at any time.

Ms. Jewett, Mr. Cullen, and Ms. Singer left the meeting at 4:27 pm.

b. Paul Beaver – Request for exemption on asphalt on 100 North

Mr. Beaver was not in attendance.

Consent Issues

a. Consent issues including bills and payroll, Financial Report July 2022, and minutes of July 19, 2022 regular meeting were presented.

- **MOTION:** *Council Member Les Whitney moved to approve the consent issues as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Scott Symond. All were in favor, the motion carried.*

New Business

a. Quitclaim Deeds on street vacation 300 North between 100 West and 150 West

Zoning Administrator Thompson explained that she discovered the county plat still showed a street at 300 North between 100 and 150 West. She researched and discovered that the city council had approved the vacation of the street back in 1984 but it had never been recorded with the county. Once the deeds are recorded, we can update the plat map.

- **MOTION:** *Council Member Scott Symond moved to authorize the mayor to sign the quit-claim deeds vacating the street at 300 North between 100 West and 150 West. The motion was seconded by Council Member Russell Smith. All were in favor, the motion carried.*

b. Discuss and review bid for new AC unit at Senior Citizen Center

The AC unit at the center has struggled for the past few summers. Charron has been on site this summer making repairs and the cost has been about \$600. This is the unit that cools the building. The unit in the kitchen was replaced a couple of years ago. Administrator Bealer explained that while this was not a budgeted item, there should be some Economic Development refunds coming in or the council can amend the budget. We will continue to band-aid the unit until it is replaced, but it can be costly.

- **MOTION:** *Council Member Scott Symond moved to table the issue for the next meeting to see what the mayor hears from the commissioners regarding the refund of Economic Development funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Russell Smith. All were in favor, the motion carried.*

c. Hiring of Crossing Guard

Raymond Stringer was selected for the center street crossing and has accepted the position.

- **MOTION:** *Council Member Les Whitney moved to authorize the hiring of Raymond Stringer as the center street crossing guard. The motion was seconded by Council Member Terry Wiseman. All were in favor, the motion carried.*

d. Hiring of Airport Operator

Barton Fisher has resigned as the Airport Operator. Riley Rose was the only applicant. Riley will not be taking care of airport duties during his crew time.

- **MOTION:** *Council Member Russell Smith moved to authorize hiring Riley Rose as the Airport Operator. The motion was seconded by Council Member Les Whitney. All were in favor, the motion carried.*

Old Business

a. Culinary Water Project Update

Administrator Bealer reported that the contractor has been gone during the summer and plans to return in the fall to exchange the fire hydrants on the change order. The old storage tank on Baldy is back in operation. The booster pump is working.

b. Milford City 150th Birthday Celebration Update

Administrator Bealer reported that the committee has been busy planning and doing fundraisers. The pool toss was a success, she thanked the council for their participation. The golf tournaments netted a good amount in donations. Atkore and Martin Marietta were sponsors of the Night Golf. The celebration will take place Labor Day Weekend 2023. There will be a carnival on Saturday as well as food trucks and snacks for the celebration. Mallory Bailey will be helping with the carnival and has some fun The Baptist church has offered the use of their bounce houses and Beaver City has a foam machine. Planning a Street Dance to include Spare Parts, NewRotic Sound, and Austen Gilleland and Jaden Thomas' band.

Historical Park – AJ's Landscaping has removed the rock and cut back grass for curbing installation. AJ has donated time and material. Rollins Construction will be donating rock. Martin Marietta will be donating road base. Justin and Kara Finch will be removing the old rock and disposing of it. The monuments will be repaired. Smithfield will donate pond liner if we decide to use it. The next cleanup date will be August 24th at 7 pm.

The committee is also working on updating the history book to include the last 50 years in the celebration. Larry Whittaker will be doing photos for the book.

Staff and Council Reports

Leo Kanell ~ City Attorney

- Pictures of water tanks to Sharon Beard and is continuing to work with her on that. No success contacting her.

Makayla Bealer ~ City Administrator

- The new pool hours will be adjusted with school starting. The pool will be closed on the following dates: August 17, 23, 26, and 27th. The last day of the season will be Monday, Sept 5th as lifeguard availability will be scarce due to extra-curricular activities.
- The city has received \$652 from TRUST for TARP.
- Street Maintenance chip sealing is complete. The flushing date has not been determined yet.
- Dusty Wiseman had a list of items that need to be updated at the rodeo arena. He will be hauling in sand and wanted to make sure the city didn't have any concerns. Arena tool – Makayla called Beaver City to see if they could use it. The City Manager is out of the office so she will report when she hears from him. Dustin mentioned that the location is not that great and they would like to purchase the arena to possibly relocate it.

- Airport restrooms and office need a few repairs. Paint, new flooring, install new toilets, sinks, dispensers, etc. Do we want to offer a lounge again? Discussions will be held to move forward.

Monica Seifers ~ City Recorder

- No comments.

Lisa Thompson ~ Administrative Assistant

- No comments.

Ben Stewart ~ City Foreman

- No comments.

Council Member Russell Smith

- No comments.

Council Member Ian Spaulding

- Not in attendance.

Council Member Scott Symond

- No comments.

Council Member Les Whitney

- No comments.

Council Member Terry Wiseman

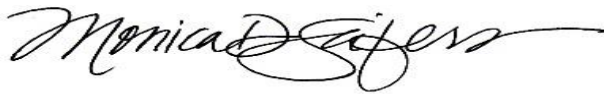
- No comments.

Mayor Davis

- No comments.

Meeting Adjournment ~ *as there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.*

APPROVED by City Council on the 20th day of September, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica D. Seifers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

MONICA D. SEIFERS, City Recorder