City of Washington Terrace

Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting
Held on October 4, 2022
City Hall, 5249 South 400 East, Washington Terrace City, Utah

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
Mayor Mark C. Allen
Council Member F. Carey Seal
Council Member Jeff West
Council Member Jill Christiansen
Council Member Scott Barker
Council Member Randy Ferlin
City Manager Tom Hanson
City Recorder Amy Rodriguez
Lt. Colby Ryan, Weber County Sheriff Office

Others Present
Charles and Reba Allen, Steve Nielson, Sharae Nielson, Anna Graff, Jeremy Frank, Kathleen Craynor, Vance Craynor, Gail Melycher, Amy Miller, Mike Lawrence

1. ROLL CALL **6:00 P.M.**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. WELCOME

4. CONSENT ITEMS
4.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4.2 APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, MEETING MINUTES
Items 4.1 and 4.2 were approved by general consent.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS
Amy Miller, United Methodist Church, stated that the fall boutique will be open the first weekend of November. She stated that there is a "young people's hangout" on Saturday evenings.
She stated that there will be a halloween event the end of October. She updated Council on current events and left flyers.

Zunayid Zishan stated that the $15,000 cost quoted for a citywide survey caught his attention, so he contacted Survey Monkey and Qualtrix about their services.
He stated that he spoke with Survey monkey about their security of the surveys and how long Surveys could run.
He stated that a one year membership for Survey Monkey is $1500.00 He stated that Qualtrix gave him a quote based on what he assumed the city needs, and the quote was $4,260, and $5,800 with technical help for one survey. He stated that Qualtrix stated that for city purposes the

recommended using Survey Monkey.
Zishan stated that the city is receiving $500,000 from grants, and we will need to put in $200,000 as a match to that and stated that he feels it is a great opportunity to create a good park. He stated that at the same time, a lot of people in the city may not agree with that choice. He stated that Council maybe taking heat for the position that they have voted upon.
He stated that leaving the big ticket items to be decided by the residents through surveys would take the heat off of the Council. He stated that surveys could be taken every few months to help take the extra responsibility off the council.

Zishan thanked Gail Melycher and Amanda Hartley for their time and effort concerning the chicken issue. Zishan stated that even though he does not want chickens himself, he supports freedom to choose and noted that people appreciate the validity about the issues and many of the people who would support the freedom to have chickens in the city, may not want to have chickens personally.

Steve Nielson stated some concerns that he has. He asked if the "Green Ordinance" is still in effect as he is considering zero-scaping.
He passed around some fireworks remnants that he found in his yard and asked if we could ban all city fireworks except for city approved fireworks. He stated that yards have dead grass and trees and with less watering, it can be a hazard. He suggested that water content can be taken into account to allow personal fireworks.
Nielson stated that the Hilltop Apartments on Washington Blvd. have 140 units. He asked if the city has a plan to counteract any vermin that come from the apartments and wet trash at the complex. He stated that he feels that there will be animal issues, as well as traffic issues. He asked if the city has been approached to take two homes out to make a four way stop in the area. Nielson inquired if the city has a plan for increase in sheriff and law enforcement to help with traffic and crime.
Nielson spoke about rentals and asked if the city has a limit on how many rentals we will allow.

Mayor Allen stated that the Hilltop Apartments are in South Ogden and they did not consult with us when the buildings were being built, or during the planning stages. He stated that he will follow up with the Mayor of South Ogden about the concerns.

Mike Lawrence stated that he is frustrated and feels that people need to start following our codes. He stated that he has brought things to Council's attention and it makes him the bad guy in his neighborhood. He stated that he feels that the city is reactive instead of proactive when it comes to code violations. Council Member West stated that he does report back to the city when he drives through the area and sees any concerns. Lawrence stated that the unattached trailers he has reported get moved and then they come back again. He stated that there are illegal businesses being run in the homes and the city has no way to control it.
Mayor Allen stated that the sheriff's have marked the tires and contacted owners to try to get them moved and they have been.

Gail Melycher wondered if there is anything in place for residents with dead lawns to replant and let the city know that they are taken care of the situation to allow them to have a few weeks to get the situation taken care of. She noted there are a lot of dead lots out there due to water resrictions.

Paul Klema stated that there are 18 thugs living in a one family dwelling

6. RETURNING BUSINESS

6.1 DISCUSSION/MOTION: RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE FOR EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR ON ADAMS AVENUE DUE TO WATER LEAK

Hanson stated that there was a water line situation on Adams Avenue. He stated that the bolts on top of a valve were rusted and the line broke before the bolts were replaced. Hanson stated that the Public Works Department has been replacing waterlines and fixtures. Hanson stated that there is no way to proactively make repairs until the valves are excavated to see if they need repairs. Hanson stated that this area was outside of the OTIS II program area. Hanson stated that in accordance with city purchasing policy, Council will ratify the amount of the contract to fix what happened to the road due to the water leak. He stated that the contract amount was $62,984. Hanson stated that the water leak repair was done "in house" with budgeted funds for those types of repairs. Mayor Allen stated that the bolts were not anticipated to be replaced at this time, noting that they have only been in the ground 22 years and should not have rusted this quickly. Hanson stated that they were replaced with blue coated stainless bolts**.**

Motion by Council Member Barker
Seconded by Council Member West
To ratify the expenditures for repairs
On Adams Avenue due to the water leak
Approved unanimously (5-0)

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

Council Member Seal stated that the city has sent a lot of notices and citations to people not taking care of their lawns. He stated that it is not a matter of people not having water, it is a matter of them not watering their lawn. He stated that he took out his park strip and watered twice a week as was recommended to him by Central Weber Basin Water and his lawn was green.
Council Member Seal stated that the crossing lights on 5600 had barely enough time for people to walk across. He stated that there is a handicapped resident who could not get across after pressing the walk button. Council Member West stated that he appreciated Hanson getting in touch with UDOT to extend the time by 10 seconds.

Council Member Christiansen enjoyed seeing Carlos Grava on the crosswalk while he was filling in on crossing guard duty.

Council Member West asked for an update on the Connext Fiber contract.
Council Member West stated that he has received a concern from a resident stating that when the bus goes over the manhole cover at approximately 5000 South 150 West, it disturbs the his house and may possibly be a bent manhole cover and would like an update.
Mayor Allen stated that there is a manhole cover off center on 4800 South as well.

Council Member Barker asked for a report on the progress with the storage unit. Hanson stated that the engineers are still working on a few details about the project and it has stalled a little while.
Council Member Barker asked about the Adopt a Storm Drain Program. Hanson stated that Tanon Mathews has been advertising the program and has had a few more people sign up.
Council Member West stated that the program is a good opportunity for residents to keep things clean and told Lawrence that he is not a pain as he stated when he brings things to the attention of the Council.
Council Member West stated that the city did a major survey within the last year. He stated that Council is

listening to what the citizens are saying. He stated that one of the top three projects that the residents listed were park projects. Council Member West stated that city had an opportunity to improve parks and that is what they are doing.

Council Member Ferlin stated that he received an email from a concerned parent concerned about the Victory Park incident and keeping ahead of surveillance and keeping the parks safe. He stated that the resident suggested to put signage in the parks noting that there is surveillance . They also suggested to put light posts in the parks, noting that Van Llewyn Park does not have lights. Council Member Ferlin stated that Lion's Park gets pretty dark as well and wanted to see what opportunities that we have there to work on safety issues. Mayor Allen stated that the committee is looking into lights in the parks and getting lights in place or repaired. Mayor Allen stated that we were commended by the Sheriff on our security measures, noting that have both audio and visual surveillance at Victory Park helped make their case regarding the Victory Park offense.

Mayor Allen stated that WACOG meeting received a disturbing transfer station report. He stated that the company that takes the waste to the landfill is negotiating a rate increase. He stated that is is rumored to be a eight to twenty percent increase. He stated that the rate is currently $27.71per tonnage, and a 20 percent increase would increase the amount by $5.05, which would be a pass along to residents who pay for garbage. He stated that they are working on keeping it as low as they can, but are expecting an 8-12 percent increase. Mayor Allen stated that the garbage is hauled from Weber County to Toelle. He stated that the county has looked at other options including transporting it to Box Elder County and that Box Elder does not want the garbage in their county. Mayor Allen stated that he has seen at least 40 double trucks a day drive to Toelle, noting that it is a massive amount of garbage and recycling. Mayor Allen stated that is the only area that is viable for Weber County. He stated that no one wants a landfill in their community.

Mayor Allen stated that he has received good information on the election process from Ricky Hatch, the Weber County Clerk and Assessor , and suggested that if Council or residents would like a tour, or more information on the process, that they should contact the county.

8. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Hanson stated that Connext Fiber is currently working on their design to get the full loop that supports the City. Once it is resolved they will move forward with coming into the City.

Hanson gave an update on a community survey that was recently sent out by residents. He stated that he received calls from residents who are receiving independent surveys from people and this is confusing residents because they think the surveys are coming from the City. He stated that the City did send out a Parks and Recreation survey last year and the information gathered was applied to long range parks planning. He stated that he has heard feedback from several Council Members that they hare hearing that residents are getting tired of the surveys and after a while they become white noise. Hanson stated that he has been working on ways to have verifiable and statistically viable surveys sent out. He stated that the CDBG model of citywide surveying is a valid model to follow. He stated that he will wait for direction from Mayor and Council as to when to survey, but feels right now is not the correct time.

Hanson stated that the change in priorities of the removal and replacement of Infrastructure did not attribute to the bolt failure on Adams Avenue. Hanson stated that the Planning of what we are doing now is not what was reflected in the "OTIS" projects before. Hanson Stated that it was not fiscally responsible to go in and do a "chunk"project like OTIS. Hanson stated that our decisions on sewer, water, and storm are based on engineering evaluation, fieldwork evaluation by the Public Works crew, understanding of the roadways and age of the infrastructure. All of these are taken into account to come up with a focused remove and replacement plan. Hanson stated that it is the most fiscally responsible thing to do to maximize our use of resources and surgical do the repairs instead of a full makeover.
Hanson stated that the TCIP (Terrace Capital Infrastructure Projects) was created to use our capacity to work on the infrastructure projects**.** Hanson stated that if we were to go to a bond for a complete remove and replace project, it would limit our ability to maximize our grant capacity for that project.

Hanson stated that our funds are broken into specific areas. He stated that water is independent from anything else, as well as sewer, storm, and solid waste, noting that they must operate within their own environment and cannot be used for anything else. He stated that we have class "C" monies for roads. He stated that there is always an escalation within utilities in wholesale products that are passed along to residents. He stated that inflationary components that affect all of us also affect the city and "kicking the can down the road" will impact residents later on.

Hanson stated that many people gave up on their yards this summer. He stated that there was sufficient water this summer even with the restrictions. Hanson stated that citations and warnings were given to people that have not mowed their yards/or have high weeds. He stated that they were not given to brown yards or yards that lacked grass. Hanson stated that the zero scape landscaping ordinance was changed several years ago, noting that new residences cannot exceed 40 percent sod and commercial properties cannot exceed 15 percent. He stated that we have been working on zero scape for some years. Council Member Barker stated that his secondary water is metered, and that he never exceeded 50 percent of what he was allowed this past summer, and that his grass is green. Council Member Barker stated that the restrictions has helped people realize that we may have been overwatering and that we can conserve, and should do so.

Hanson stated that we want to put signs at the entrances to the parks that explain that there is video surveillance around the clock and that there should be no anticipation of any privacy in the parks. Hanson stated that there is no video in the restrooms for obvious reasons. He stated that the offender in Victory Park was apprehended within 24 hours with help from the city surveillance cameras. Hanson stated that he realizes that there are some dark spots in the parks and we may do additional master planning to get additional lighting in the parks. Hanson stated that there have been updates to surveillance in Victory Park for safety reasons. Hanson stated that there are sheriff deputies who monitor the parks as well.

9. <u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>

October 5-7: Utah League of Cities and Towns Convention (Salt Lake City)
October 10th: City Offices closed for Columbus Day
October 18th: City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

October 27th: Planning Commission Meeting (tentative) 6:00 p.m.
November 1st: City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
November 8th: Election Day (State)
November 15th City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
November 18th and 19th : Council Retreat 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURN THE MEETING: MAYOR ALLEN

Motion by Council Member Barker
Seconded by Council Member Christiansen
To adjourn the meeting
Approved unanimously (5-0)
Time: 711p.m.

Date Approved **City Recorder**