

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

**Present:** City Council: Braden Mitchell, Mayor  
**Excused** - Alan Arnold, Councilmember  
Bart Stevens, Councilmember  
Steve Hilton, Councilmember  
Anne Hansen, Councilmember (via telephone)  
Karina Merrill, Councilmember

City Employees: Steve Brooks, City Administrator/Attorney  
Cody Cardon, Business Administrator  
Mike Eggett, Community Development Director  
Scott Brenkman, Police Chief  
Jared Sholly, Fire Chief  
Casey Warren, Assistant Police Chief  
Michelle Marigoni, City Recorder

Visitors: Michelle Haggerty  
Various police officers and family members

### **Welcome & Roll Call**

The City Council meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, including all Council Members except Councilor Arnold, who was excused, City Staff, and members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Karina Merrill

**Invocation** – Councilor Hilton

### **Public Comment**

Michelle Haggerty, a Riverdale resident, spoke about a group home for youth sex offenders in the area, as it is near her home. She is concerned about this because she has two children, and she has been told the youth are not required to register as sex offenders. She feels it is concerning, especially since the group home was not wanted in Clearfield.

### **Presentations and Reports**

#### **Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Mitchell attended a meeting with cities surrounding HAFB regarding indoor air testing. He mentioned he had forwarded an email to councilors. He said people do not like the government coming into their homes, so they have a hard time getting the testing done. HAFB has asked City Council to assist with getting people to allow the testing in the south end of the city. Riverdale has some homes that have mitigation systems installed, but there are some homes they were not able to test.
- He also attended a sewer meeting where they shared some cost reports. They use a large amount of chlorine, which has been rising rapidly in cost. This may mean rates will increase again.
- A report was sent on affordable housing from the WACOG meeting. He said it was a great moment to be Mayor of Riverdale during that meeting, Riverdale is one of only three cities meeting the moderate-income housing requirements.
- Press conference for Bonneville CTC today about underage drinking. They are working with Parents Empowered, and Weber County 12<sup>th</sup> graders are double the state average on underage drinking.
- Old Bamberger Railroad project – UDOT must buy a small piece of the railroad for their 5600 South expansion but the railroad will not sell it to UDOT in part. They are purchasing the entire railroad, but do not want to get involved with a trail. They have asked Riverdale to help with maintenance of the trail, as they have three million dollars earmarked for paving the trail.
- Utah League of Cities and Towns conference provided useful information. Mayor Mitchell encouraged the rest of the council to attend the conference in April, which is in St. George.

#### **City Administration Report**

##### Department Reports September

- The Sales Tax report shows the growth is leveling off. It is being reported that a recession is predicted at 100% to happen, which will drop sales tax revenue. Mr. Brooks is worried about future companies backing out of coming into the city.
- The police report has become mostly bizarre occurrences, rather than speeders and theft. He encouraged Council to read the report.

October Anniversaries Employee Recognition:

Krystn Hinojosa 18 years  
Jared Sholly 7 years  
Amy Cummings 1 year  
Nikki Green 1 year

Community Development Report:

- Maverik was happy with their grand opening.
- Many businesses are getting close to opening.

### **Swearing in of Officer Evan Sullivan**

Chief Brenkman introduced Officer Sullivan and spoke about his good work so far. Mayor Mitchell welcomed him and his family to the Riverdale family and expressed his support

### **Consent Items**

#### **1. Consideration to approve meeting minutes from:**

September 20, 2022 Council Work Session  
September 20, 2022 Council Meeting

Mayor Mitchell asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the September 20 meetings. There was one change, as noted in the work session.

Councilmember Hilton made a motion to approve the minutes from September 20. Councilmember Merrill seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

#### **2. Review of Council Rules and Procedures.**

Mayor Mitchell explained this is a decision to approve adding a review of Council Rules and Procedures to the next council meeting. Mr. Brooks asked councilors to send any suggestions for changes in advance of the next meeting.

Councilmember Hilton moved to add Council Rules and Procedures review to the next Council meeting on November 1, 2022. Councilmember Merrill seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

### **Action Items**

#### **1. Discussion, review, and action regarding city drought water rates.**

Mr. Brooks explained Cody Cardon was present to answer financial questions and Shawn Douglas was present to go over other questions. Mr. Douglas said September showed higher usage, after conservative levels over the summer. September is concerning. Mayor Mitchell noted September was unusually hot, and that residents may have started using a bit more after seeing the first few bills over the summer with the new rates. Mr. Douglas feels people have been getting in the habit of conserving. He asked if it is ended, it is only on future billings and nothing retroactive. This would mean the October billing would be at the lower rate, but not September.

Mr. Cardon showed a quick analysis of the water fund sales with drought rates. In total, revenues were up about 35% with a 40% fee increase. Expenses have gone up about \$400,000 compared to past years. There is not an excess of funds from the increase. Mr. Hilton asked if Mr. Douglas would have enough money if the rates were reduced a month early. Mr. Douglas said one month wouldn't make or break the budget, and that it would be okay to reward the residents for conserving over the summer. Mr. Cardon said continuing would provide funds for capitol projects for Public Works.

Councilor Merrill asked why the 2022 numbers were so much lower than other years. Mr. Cardon explained this was because the rates were not raised, but usage was down after asking residents to conserve. Mr. Hilton asked if removing the drought rate would set it back to last year's rates. The rates were raised 40% plus an additional 50% for the drought, so the 40% rate increase would stay.

Mr. Stevens commented that Weber Basin shut off secondary water around the middle of October. Riverdale is unique as it is mostly culinary water, he has heard residents from other cities talk about using culinary water after the shutoff to water their lawns. He asked if it could be compared to other cities

Councilor Merrill said she feels the residents should be rewarded after conserving all summer. Mayor Mitchell said he is aware all of the money hasn't been collected, but that there is enough to get by until next summer. He said it has been a tough year for the residents with rate and tax increases, so he wants to help Council find ways to help the residents if they feel like it is the right thing to do. Councilmember Merrill said she appreciates the honest feedback from city

**Motion:** Councilmember Hilton made a motion to revert to pre-drought water rates for future billings.

**Second:** Councilmember Merrill

Councilor Arnold:	Excused
Councilor Stevens:	Yes
Councilor Hilton:	Yes
Councilor Merrill:	Yes
Councilor Hansen:	Yes

**Motion passes unanimously.**

**Mr. Brooks said the increase was based on the mayor's administrative order. Another administrative order suspending the part of the order addressing this would be needed. He said he wanted to make sure that council supported this before making the order.**

- 2. Consideration of Ordinance #957 making amendments to Title 8 of the Riverdale City Municipal Code, specifically Chapter 6, regarding changes concerning the conveyance of water rights to the city on new development.**

Mr. Douglas reported this is another option for developers to purchase water through Riverdale city from weber basin with a contract and a development agreement. He feels it is a good option for developers.

**Motion:** Councilmember Hilton made a motion to approve Ordinance #957 making amendments to the Riverdale City Municipal Code regarding changes concerning the conveyance of water rights to the city on new development.

**Second:** Councilmember Merrill

Councilor Hansen:	Yes
Councilor Arnold:	Excused
Councilor Merrill:	Yes
Councilor Hilton:	Yes
Councilor Stevens:	Yes

**Motion passes unanimously.**

### **Comments**

- 1. City Council:**
- 2. City Staff:**
  - Fall cleanup is on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Items may be set out starting October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 3. Mayor:**
  - An email sent to councilmembers from the Pugmires will be addressed at a later meeting.

### **Adjournment.**

Having no further business to discuss, Councilmember Hilton called to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Merrill seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

**Date Approved: 11/1/2022**