



**ADOPTED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2023 at 6:04 PM
40 South Main Street
Spanish Fork, UT 84660**

Councilmembers Present:

Mike Mendenhall, Mayor
Chad Argyle, Councilmember

Stacy Beck, Councilmember
Jesse Cardon, Councilmember

Councilmembers Absent:

Shane Marshall, Councilmember

Kevin Oyler, Councilmember

Staff Members Present:

Seth Perrins, City Manager
Dave Anderson, Community Development Director
Dale Robinson, Parks & Recreation Director
Jordan Hales, Finance Director
Matt Johnson, Police Chief

Bryan Perry, SFCN/IT Director
Eddie Hales, Fire & EMS Chief
Tyler Jacobson, Assistant City Manager
Trevor Sperry, Emergency Preparedness Officer
Jered Johnson, Engineering Division Manager

Staff Members Absent:

Vaughn Pickell, City Attorney
Chris Thompson, Public Works Director

Tara Silver, City Recorder

Visitors Present:

McKinley Swenson
Parker Swenson
Landon Swenson
David Swenson
Doug Robinson
Deann Harrison
Pieper Hess
Brandon C
Brad Tanner

Kal Swenson
Landon Tooke
Laurie Hanks
Adrienne Donner
Johanna Robinson
Phillip Harrison
Corbin Harrison
Colt C
Eden Hill

Charlie Sweson
Kathleen Leavitt
Lesa Swenson
Benjamin Donner
Peyton Harrison
Scott Harrison
Matthew L Harrison
Jared Morgan

5:15 pm WORK SESSION -No formal actions are taken in a work session.

Fire & EMS Equipment and Staffing Review

6:00 pm CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE, OPENING CEREMONY:

Mayor Mendenhall called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Councilman Cardon invited Brad Tanner to give the motivational thought and prayer.

Brad Tanner gave a motivational thought out of the book The Law of Connection by John C. Maxwell. He then expressed his appreciation for the support of the City Council. He attended the grand opening for the America First Credit Union and said that the one thing the executives of the credit union said was that they could not believe how much support they had from the City and the Chamber of Commerce. It meant a lot to them as they do not see that at their ribbon cutting ceremonies.

Mayor Mendenhall led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mendenhall excused Councilman Marshall and Councilman Oyler from the meeting. He said that Councilman Marshall was working and that Councilman Oyler was at a water conference.

Councilman Cardon offered a prayer.

Ceremonial Oath of Office New Police Officer Parker Swenson

Matt Johnson, Police Chief, introduced Officer Parker Swenson and his family. He said that Parker had great support from family and friends as you could see from their attendance at the meeting. He explained that on numerous occasions colleagues had expressed what a good choice it was to hire Parker. He is a great fit. He told Parker this is a difficult job but he has a lot of support and is part of the Spanish Fork Police Department family.

Mayor Mendenhall performed the swearing in of Parker Swenson.

Parker Swenson commented that he appreciated the support from his family, the City and friends. This is something that he has wanted to do for a long time.

Seth Perrins expressed that the City was excited to have Parker and in terms of having hometown kids the Chiefs of Spanish Fork have long put together a good recipe for success in bringing quality officers to our police department. Finding people that are vested in our community.

Mayor Mendenhall asked Matt Johnson how many officers this made. Matt said that Parker is officer number 42. He told Parker these are tough times. Tough things but his work is worthy and he is supported by the elected officials and the community. He congratulated and welcomed Parker.

Red Cross Proclamation

Trevor Sperry, Emergency Preparedness Officer, introduced Ben Donner, Executive Director for the Southern Utah Chapter of the American Red Cross. Trevor explained that he requested that the City honor and recognize the Red Cross this March and every March from here on. Trevor stated that he had a proclamation that the Mayor was willing to sign. Trevor gave an overhead presentation regarding the things the Red Cross has done in our community. The presentation was as follows: blood drives, home fire campaign, shelter supplies, CPR classes, preparedness fair, disaster action team and teach youth/school programs.

The Red Cross sent the city an award in 2021 for holding blood drives during the COVID 19 pandemic. The need for blood did not stop during the pandemic.

Ben Donner said that in his role, he oversees in his mission, over 55,000 square miles here in Central and Southern Utah and in that geography he can count on one hand how many partners they have of the caliber of Trevor and Spanish Fork City. He expressed his thanks for Trevor and his dedication.

Mayor Mendenhall read verbatim the following:

RED CROSS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; CELEBRATION of RED CROSS MONTH HAS BEEN AN ANNUAL TRADITION SINCE 1943 WHEN FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT ISSUED THE FIRST RED CROSS MONTH PROCLAMATION; AND

WHEREAS; THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS FOUNDED MORE THAN 140 YEARS AGO BY Ms. CLARA BARTON WITH THE MISSION OF PREVENTING AND ALLEVIATING HUMAN SUFFERING AND TO PROVIDE HELP AND HOPE WHEN PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING THE MOST DIFFICULT MOMENTS OF THEIR LIVES; AND

WHEREAS; SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1881, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS RESPONDED TO OVER 3 MILLION U.S. DISASTERS – INCLUDING HOUSE FIRES AND OTHER INCIDENTS IN SPANISH FORK CITY; AND

WHEREAS; THIS MONTH, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS CELEBRATES THE HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT OF SPANISH FORK CITY AND REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO HELP ENSURE NO ONE FACES A CRISIS ALONE; AND NOW

THEREFORE; I, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SPANISH FORK, OF UTAH COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH, HEREBY PROUDLY PROCLAIM MARCH OF EACH YEAR, AS:

RED CROSS MONTH

IN THE CITY OF SPANISH FORK I ASK ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. DURING RED CROSS MONTH, WE ENCOURAGE

ALL CITIZENS TO TURN COMPASSION INTO ACTION BY DONATING BLOOD, LEARNING LIFESAVING AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SKILLS, OR BY VOLUNTEERING.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:
BY THE POWERS GRANTED TO ME,
I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND
AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE
CITY OF SPANISH FORK TO BE AFFIXED

THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2023

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Councilman Argyle

Councilman Argyle reported on an event that took place at the Senior Center. They recognized Beverly Schofield as the senior of the year.

He recognized that this past Saturday there was a food drive. Tabitha's Way was a big part of the food drive along with Utah's food bank. He expressed the importance of the demand right now for food. He encouraged the residents that if they had an opportunity to participate in donating to please do so.

2. Councilman Cardon

Councilman Cardon reported on a few activities going on in the City. They were as follows: the jungle book at MMHS, auditions for Matilda, Spanish Fork Chorale have a program on the 26th at 7 p.m. in Elk Ridge.

He said that last week he attended his first URPA conference. It was awesome to see how well respected our City is. A part of that was some awards our City received. Our youth arts festival received the innovation of the year award. He explained that we have lots of participants. Close to 2,000 with 150 classes with many different funding sources and volunteers. The other award was the Run for the Roses done by our Senior center. He expressed that this goes to show we do have the best recreation department in the state.

Kathleen Leavitt, Chamber of Commerce, announced that the easter egg hunt will be on the 1st of April at 9 a.m. She explained how the egg hunt would run and the gifts. Seventy business owners help contribute. She thanked the business owners for their generosity. The Mountain America ribbon cutting is on March 30th at 11:30 a.m. The Chamber of Commerce is introducing more unique networking opportunities for the business community. Intermountain Healthcare hosted the Chamber of

Commerce for lunch and a tour of their facility. They had a giant inflatable colon with a presentation as it is colon cancer awareness month.

3. Councilwoman Beck

Councilwoman Beck reminded the community this Thursday, March 23rd, would be a special event at the old library. Nostalgia Night at 6 p.m. Friday, March 24th, is the last day that the Library will be open. She encouraged everyone to return their books. No late charges this week. The library will be closed for four weeks. Saturday, March 25th, from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. is a Book Chain on Main event. The Library Hall Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting will be on Saturday, April 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Councilwoman Beck read verbatim the following email that the City Council received as the resident could not be present due to a work conflict : I was looking at getting a couple chickens to put in my backyard. I can follow almost every rule and regulations that you have except 1, which is the size of my lot. You have to have 5000 sq ft to have any amount of chickens up to 6. If you have less you can't have any. My lot size is about 1500 but I have the space to have adequate space for them to live and run. I was wondering if we could change the permit or you could give me good reasoning to why that is in place. I talked to animal control and they said the only thing was them being too close to neighbors but it has a section that says if you get a complaint they can take the chickens. So if anyone had problems it would be taken care of.

Seth Perrins, City Manager, explained that the real issue is the size of the yard. Chief Matt Johnson concurred. Mr. Perrins continued that they need room to roam so they do not mess in the same place and then have a build up of smell. He told the Council that City staff could re-study the lot size.

Councilman Beck expressed that she felt there was a big difference going from 5,000 square feet down to 1,500.

Seth Perrins, City Manager, explained that not every lot is intended to or capable of doing everything. Lot size matters. There is some discretion that comes with lot size. There are some things that a smaller lot cannot do.

The City Council asked City staff to re-study the lot size.

4. Mayor Mendenhall

Mayor Mendenhall reiterated that it was Library late fee waiver week. Turn your books in. He asked Nick Porter to put the snowpack report on the overhead projector. The mayor explained the snowpack this year is 211 percent above normal. He then asked Seth Perrins to share information/updates about the snowpack level.

Seth Perrins, City Manager, said that the snowpack is a critical issue. The current snowpack level is record breaking. It is a big big number. If we did not receive

another drop of snow we would be 192 percent of average. The chance of flooding is very, very real according to history. It will all depend on how quickly the snow melts and if it rains while the snow is melting. He explained that he was not sounding off an alarm today but residents who live near the river should start to take a look at what is near the river and what can be moved. He then explained the action that the City has been taking and will continue to take with regard to removing debris from the river channel. He issued a warning to parents to keep an eye on children around the river and to keep kids away from the river. To respect the river and the power of the river. There is another challenge that residents are facing and that is ground water coming through the foundations of their homes today. We have a much higher water table than we have had in a long time.

Mayor Mendenhall reiterated to keep an eye on the river. He thanked the partnership with the farmers, strawberry water, and Utah County. There is coordination/meetings going on. Allowing us to get in the river to do mitigation work.

Seth Perrins commented that when the high water happens the City has other assets (backhoes etc) to deploy on bridges to help mitigate debris.

Mayor Mendenhall mentioned that he had the opportunity to speak to the Rotary Club last week. He appreciated SFCN being there to film also the good rotarians and the work that they do. They have some good service opportunities coming up. They help the City out tremendously. He reported that Spanish Fork City was in the news for a couple of tragedies. He asked Chief Johnson if there was any update he would like to give on the homicide.

Matt Johnson, Police Chief, reported that without going into a lot of details the department was able to locate the person of interest and vehicle within a four hour timeframe and began the investigation. The suspect was located in Colorado with the assistance of the Grand County Sheriff's office. He was taken into custody. He led deputies on a 35 mile pursuit. He is currently being held in the Grand County Jail on a \$400,000 cash only bail. The police department is waiting to get some evidence back from the State crime lab and then hoping to have a warrant drafted by the end of the week. They are working with our County Attorney's office to bring the suspect back into the state of Utah. This is a tragedy. We are thinking of the family. This is something that affects our entire community. Our residents. Our Public Safety Department. We will work through it. We appreciate the support of the community.

Mayor Mendenhall thanked the professionalism and good work that our Chief and his department do. He expressed condolences to the Park family and then to the Fudim family who lost their sixteen year old son in a vehicle accident.

SPANISH FORK 101

A. Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) Dry Creek Pkwy I-15 Interchange Update

Not present

CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Minutes Spanish Fork City Council Meeting 03-21-2023
- b. 300 W 400 N Roundabout - Barrera Right-of Way (ROW) Acquisition
- c. 800 N 400 E Traffic Signal - Terry Utility Easement Agreement
- d. Spanishfork.org G-Suite contract
- e. Indemnification Agreement for Donated Services

Councilman Cardon made a **Motion** to **approve** Consent Items A-E

Councilman Argyle **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** all in favor at 6:59 p.m. with a roll call vote.

Kevin Oyler	absent
Brandon Gordon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Chad Argyle	Yes
Shane Marshall	absent

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Resolution indicating intent to annex the GWC Annexation**

Dave Anderson, Community Development Director, explained this was 40 acres located north of the facility that Sunroc opened this past Fall. He used an overhead map to show the exact location of the property. This item has been on a City Council agenda before for the same request. It is back on as there has been conversation with more property owners. The applicant asked Mr. Anderson to present on his behalf with the understanding that one additional property owner has signed a petition to be annexed into the City. The Blunck family. They own approximately 10 acres. There is one owner of a parcel, the Shepherd parcel, that is hard to leave out and has been included in the annexation so as not to create a ten acre island. The process to have properties annexed by resolution is a little different than proposals by petition. With this process, the next formal step, after going through a notice period, would be to be back on a City Council agenda on April 18th for a public hearing. If the City Council moves to approve the item tonight it would then move to the planning commission agenda. They will need to make a recommendation on zoning. The General plan in the area is Industrial. City staff will recommend industrial zoning for the parcels in the annexation.

Councilman Cardon asked if the Shepherd parcel were opposed or indifferent to the annexation. Where do they stand with this?

Dave Anderson, Community Development Director, said that he was in no position to speak for them. Some people that have represented themselves as being owners of the property have indicated that they don't want to be annexed at this time. Incidentally the Community Development Department reached out to them. They came to a meeting the last time this proposal was on the agenda. They were notified of this meeting. This meeting is not a public hearing.

Seth Perrins, City Manager, explained that he and Dave Anderson visited with the Blunck family and one of the things that they discussed correcting, in the name of public safety, was addresses. It is very difficult for emergency vehicles to differentiate between City and County addresses when properties have intermixed county and city addresses. He explained one such incident that the Blunck family experienced.

Councilman Cardon asked Dave Anderson how an annexation by resolution differs from an annexation by petition.

Dave Anderson, Community Development Director, explained that practically speaking an annexation by resolution is a streamlined way compared with what would happen by petition. The notice requirements are the same. The petition process at the conclusion of providing notice there is a 30 day protest period. Whereas at the conclusion of annexation by resolution it can be placed on a City Council agenda for a public hearing and the City Council can act at that time. There are only certain situations where properties can be annexed by resolution. Filling in a county peninsula as is the case for the reason for this resolution.

Councilwoman Beck **Moved to Approve** the Resolution indicating intent to annex the GWC Annexation.

Councilman Cardon **Seconded** and the motion **failed** by a roll call vote.

Kevin Oylar	absent
Brandon Gordon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Chad Argyle	No
Shane Marshall	absent

Councilman Argyle said that he respects the property owners who are trying to not be annexed into the City. He understands the safety reasons as well. He feels this family has good reasons why they do not want to be in the City.

Councilman Cardon expressed the reason he voted yes was because there would be a public hearing and that he would like to hear from the property owner. That is the reason for his yes.

Councilwoman Beck concurred with Councilman Cardon. She expressed that she felt Councilman Argyle had spoken to and knew why the property owner did not want to annex but the rest of them did not.

Councilman Argyle said that he felt the property owner had expressed those reasons many times to the Council in the past. That this was not the first time it had been before the Council. He asked why we continue to include these 10 acres.

Seth Perrins, City Manager, explained that the Shepherd property had never formally been through the process.

b. Flock Group INC. Services Agreement for Public Safety Automated License Plate Readers

Matt Johnson explained the agreement was between the Spanish Fork City Police Department and the Flock Group for the installation and access of their software on eight automated license plate readers. These would be positioned throughout the community. They do not monitor traffic offenses. The sole purpose is to detect stolen vehicles, amber alerts, missing or endangered persons and help with criminal investigations. It is a photograph; not a video. They do not take a photograph of the driver or passenger(s) in the vehicle. These are a valuable tool. Innovative technology being used for public safety purposes only. The information is retained for 30 days. Then swept from the system. To enter the system you have to use a case number and have a lawful purpose in order to access the system.

Councilman Argyle asked if this group installs the readers. Matt concurred.

Councilman Cardon asked since you have to log into the system did it track who entered the system. Matt explained that, yes, each officer would be provided with a login

Councilwoman Beck described a story about a business owner in town that his car had been stolen and found because of this system.

Matt Johnson, Police Chief, explained that there are approximately 20-22 agencies using license plate readers now. The numbers are increasing. The system is not for traffic enforcement. It is to keep our community and citizens safe. It is to reduce crime. The department will be audited for their use of the system. There will be a transparency portal so the community can see where case numbers have been entered in, what the numbers are for, how many searches are being done and what the search is for.

Councilwoman Beck said that she wanted the public to know that the City was being transparent with this agreement. It is for a twelve month term for \$22,800.

Matt Johnson, Police Chief, said that if the agreement is entered into the cameras will be installed sometime after July 1, 2023. There was going to be a cost increase at the end of April so he is trying to get the contract approved prior to the cost increase.

Councilman Cardon asked if the City continues using the readers after the twelve period if the cost will increase or stay the same.

Matt Johnson, Police Chief, explained that the Flock Group would notify the City of any price increase but the contract locks them in for the twelve months.

Councilman Cardon **Moved** to **Approve** the Flock Group INC. Services Agreement for public safety Automated License Plate Readers. Councilman Argyle **seconded** and the motion **Passed** with a roll call vote.

Kevin Oyler	absent
Brandon Gordon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Chad Argyle	Yes
Shane Marshall	absent

c. Resolution Approving the Interlocal Agreement between Spanish Fork and Utah County 2023 Elections

Tyler Jacobson, Assistant City Manager, explained that this item is an interlocal agreement between the City and County. The City promises, in the upcoming election, to help the candidates declare candidacy, post information online and post public notices. Basically to do the administrative work. The county agrees to process and print the ballots. Provide poll workers at poll station locations. It will be a vote by mail. This agreement says that if the City has a primary and a general election that we will pay \$50,000 for each based on the current number of registered voters which is just over 22,000.

Councilman Cardon asked if the cost would adjust if we did not have that many votes.

Tyler Jacobson, Assistant City Manager, said that it would. Eleven days before the actual election the County will verify voters

Councilman Argyle moved to **approve** the Resolution Approving the Interlocal Agreement between Spanish Fork and Utah County 2023 Elections. Councilwoman Beck **seconded** and the motion **Passed** with a roll call vote.

Kevin Oyler	absent
Brandon Gordon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Chad Argyle	Yes
Shane Marshall	absent

d. Resolution Approving 2022 Municipal Wastewater Planning Program (MWPP) Self Assessment

Jered Johnson, Engineering Division Manager, explained that each year the State requires the City to conduct a self assessment on our wastewater facilities. This assessment identifies if anything needs to be replaced or areas that need to be rebuilt. A general description of our system that it does not go into any failures. We have not found anything that would put us in a serious situation but are fixing any issues that have come up.

Councilman Cardon **moved to approve** the Resolution approving 2022 Municipal Wastewater Planning Program (MWPP) Self Assessment. Councilwoman Beck **seconded** and the motion **passed** with a roll call vote.

Kevin Oyler	absent
Brandon Gordon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Chad Argyle	Yes
Shane Marshall	absent

e. Utah County 2000 E US-6 Connection Agreement

Jered Johnson, Engineering Division Manager, said that this is an agreement with Utah County. 2000 E US-6 Connection is a MAG project. Spanish Fork City was selected to receive funding. Phase one is constructed. We have received funding to construct phase two in 2025. The reason we are taking the agreement sooner is so that we can take it to design. By State and Federal regulations we cannot start property acquisition until agreements are in place.

Discussion was held regarding adding another signal on US-6 and whether or not it will reduce speed..

Councilman Argyle **moved to approve** the Utah County 2000 E US-6 Connection Agreement. Councilman Cardon **seconded** and the motion **passed** with a roll call vote.

Kevin Oyler	absent
Brandon Gordon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Chad Argyle	Yes
Shane Marshall	absent

f. Spanish Fork Parkway Phase 2 - Change Order 1

Jered Johnson, Engineering Division Manager, explained that this was another MAG project. The City received the funding this year. Dealing with the railroad. The City has been working on this project for years. The City put the project out to bid before having the agreement with the railroad approved with the anticipation that the City would receive the approval. What the City put out to bid was the road work and everything leading up to the road. This change order is for the improvements within the railroad's right-of-way. To construct the actual crossing. Kilgore will construct everything except for the actual track. The railroad will construct the tracks. Completion date is anticipated to be in August of this year.

Mayor Mendenhall commended Jered for moving this project forward. This will significantly help the east side of town.

Councilman Argyle **moved to approve** the Spanish Fork Parkway Phase 2 Change Order 1. Councilman Cardon **seconded** and the motion **passed** with a roll call vote.

Kevin Oyler	absent
Brandon Gordon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Chad Argyle	Yes
Shane Marshall	absent

Seth Perrins, City Manager, said that sometimes change orders have a bad name. He commended Jered and his staff for the creative way that they have kept this project moving forward. This has been a big priority. Access points make the world better. He commended Jered.

g. Expressway Lane Widening at US-6 Change Order 1 Guaranteed Maximum Price Adjustment

Jered Johnson, Engineering Division Manager, explained this project was started on the south side of US-6 extending to widening 800 North and 800 East e 800 when the intersection was constructed. It was all funded by MAG. We had extra funds so the City went back to MAG and asked to widen the other side of the road. They agreed. During the interim Target announced that they were coming so the City immediately expanded the project to include a signal. The change order is because of timing. We need this signal done by spring.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of the signal, timing and change orders.

Councilman Cardon **moved to approve** Expressway Lane Widening at US-6 Change Order 1 Guaranteed Maximum Price Adjustment. Councilwoman Beck **seconded** and the motion **passed** with a roll call vote.

Kevin Oyler	absent
Brandon Gordon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Chad Argyle	Yes
Shane Marshall	absent

h. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Letter of Support for the Conversion of Strawberry Valley Project Water

Seth Perrins, City Manager, explained what staff is asking, with this letter, which is for the council to give the mayor their support as he signs this letter of conversion. The issues surrounding the conversion of water of the Strawberry Valley project (water that comes out of

the Strawberry Reservoir through rivers and pipes into farms and cities) has become very burdensome and confusing. There are different rules and regulations by irrigation companies or by the Bureau that have been interpreted and enforced. Working in conjunction with the strawberry water users association and several other municipalities, as indicated on the letter, we have worked out some arrangements and need some assistance from the federal government. This will ease some of the bureaucratic processes.

Mayor Mendenhall explained why he felt this was a big deal.

Councilwoman Beck **moved** to **approve** the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Letter of Support for the Conversion of Strawberry Valley Project Water. Councilman Cardon **seconded** and the motion **passed** with a roll call vote.

Kevin Oyler	absent
Brandon Gordon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Chad Argyle	Yes
Shane Marshall	absent

i. 1172 S Main Real Estate Purchase Agreement

Tyler Jacobson, Assistant City Manager, explained in the last city council meeting discussion was held regarding a contract to purchase the property located just north of the property to be discussed tonight. A property at 1172 South Main. Staff has contracted to purchase and is seeking the council's approval to solidify the contract. This would give the City the ability to expand the sports park. He explained that demolition would begin on some neighboring properties that the City owns.

Discussion was held regarding demolition of the homes on the properties that the City owns.

Councilman Argyle **moved** to **approve** the 1172 S Main Real Estate Purchase Agreement Councilwoman Beck **seconded** and the motion **passed** with a roll call vote.

Kevin Oyler	absent
Brandon Gordon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Chad Argyle	Yes
Shane Marshall	absent

Discussion was held between Seth Perrins, City Manager; Dave Anderson, Community Development Director and the City Council regarding the inland port authority as follows:

Seth asked the Council for their thoughts regarding their meetings on the inland port. Did they have any concerns that they wanted staff to research? Pros and cons etc. Staff is finished studying it; as far as they can.

Councilman Argyle expressed that it sounds really good. He liked what he saw and heard. The only question that he had was what is the impact to the citizens. Instead of the RDA area we are going to have an inland port authority. Will that go with property taxes of our community or work similar to a RDA? Will we borrow money up front or will taxes be generated but we borrow money up front.

Seth said that it would function in many regards just like an RDA. No new property taxes assessed. No property taxes assessed outside of the property area. As far as property tax there is o impact to anyone outside of the area. There could be something that happens to parcels within the project area depending on the funding used.

Councilman Argyle said that essentially we have already identified the parcels. Our goal would be to get our utilities to their front door.

Seth said that the inland port does have different financing tools so we can leverage their infrastructure bank dollars and use that to back loans rather than property tax of the project area. Doing a Joint venture with the port does allow a few other financing tools we do not have with a RDA.

Councilwoman Beck said that she liked, out of all the things she heard, the financial aspect.

Seth said that taxing entities do not opt in or out with the port; they just are in. The port was able to satisfactorily answer all of the questions that Nebo School District had.

Councilman Argyle asked if there were any other cities using the port. Seth said not in Utah county. Iron County and Cedar City are.

Mayor Mendenhall explained that the area they are discussing is the north part of town where the big industrial buildings are popping up. Not residential areas. The reason they are talking about taxing entities is because we are trying to get services to that area. For our community it means big jobs. Industrial players that compliment the community. Not just for a tax base.

Seth said that the next step would be to accept the port into the City through a resolution and

Discussion was held regarding timing for approval, meetings and public hearings.

Mayor asked about a public hearing. Dave a said that he did not know but he could find out. Seth said that they do have one and it would be held here.

Adjourn

Councilman Argyle made a **Motion to adjourn**. Councilman Cardon **Seconded** the motion **Passed** all in favor at 8:05 pm with a roll call vote.

Kevin Oyler	absent
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Brandon Gordon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Chad Argyle	Yes
Shane Marshall	absent

Attest: March 21, 2023

I, Shelley Hendrickson, Deputy Recorder of Spanish Fork City, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true, accurate and complete record of the meeting held on March 23, 2023. This document constitutes the official minutes of the City Council meeting.

Shelley Hendrickson
SHELLEY HENDRICKSON, DEPUTY RECORDER