

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY  
COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

**MARCH 6, 2014; 5:36 P.M.**

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR BOB STEVENSON, JOYCE BROWN,  
TOM DAY, JORY FRANCIS, SCOTT FREITAG  
AND JOY PETRO**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**ALEX JENSEN, GARY CRANE, DAVE THOMAS,  
DAVE PRICE, JIM MASON, AND THIEDA  
WELLMAN**

**The meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Layton City Center.**

Mayor Stevenson opened the meeting and turned the time over to Staff.

**AGENDA:**

**UTAH RISK MANAGEMENT MUTUAL ASSOCIATION (URMMA) – INTRODUCTIONS,  
MISSION STATEMENT AND COUNCIL TRAINING**

Dean Steele, representing URMMA, introduced Carl Parker and Paul Johnson, and gave a brief history of the formation of URMMA and the City's involvement with URMMA.

**Councilmember Day arrived at 5:38 p.m.**

Mr. Steele explained their involvement in risk management to help reduce claims and make cities safer. He said URMMA was a self funded plan with reinsurance to cover large claims. Mr. Steele said in 28 years they had had only one claim that had reached reinsurance. He said premiums were fairly stable over the 28 year period.

Carl Parker presented information about risk management and their inspection process and training programs. Mr. Parker said most things could be prevented with property training and identifying risk.

Paul Johnson said Layton City did an incredible job with training and risk management. He said Jim Mason did a wonderful job for the City, and the City Attorney's office was the best in the State. Mr. Johnson explained his involvement with claims that advanced to lawsuits. He said the City was very involved in determining whether a lawsuit was settled or taken to trial.

Councilmember Petro asked if there were additional costs for training.

Mr. Johnson said no; that was part of the premium the City paid.

Councilmember Francis said the City paid a premium that covered training, administrative costs and reinsurance.

Mr. Steele explained the services covered by the City's premium.

Councilmember Petro asked how many cities were involved.

Mr. Steele said there were 19 cities involved in URMMA. He explained how URMMA had changed over the years.

Mr. Steele presented a dividend check of \$22,891 to the Mayor Stevenson.

**PRESENTATION – MR. BILL FRANCIS – DAVIS CHANNEL 17**

Mayor Stevenson introduced Mr. Bill Francis with Channel 17.

Mr. Francis said he had worked in the past with Mayor Curtis. He gave a brief history of Channel 17. Mr. Francis explained a program for cable users to pay an additional \$1.20 per year to fund a channel for Layton City. The funds would be used to purchase equipment and fund the cost of running the station. Mr. Francis explained how the station could be used to promote the City. He explained things he had done in the past for other cities, including Ogden City.

Councilmember Petro asked how much air time the City would get.

Mr. Francis said there was basically no limit on the amount of time but there would be extra fees for certain things, such as filming Council meetings.

Mayor Stevenson asked if high school plays could be filmed.

Mr. Francis said they could if there were not copyright issues.

Mayor Stevenson asked about things at the amphitheater being filmed.

Dave Thomas, Recreation Supervisor, said that had been done in the past.

Mayor Stevenson asked about grand openings of local businesses being filmed.

Mr. Francis said yes; he explained things that would not be allowed.

Mayor Stevenson asked if a Council meeting could be broadcast.

Mr. Francis said that they could, but it would be limited to Comcast clients. He said he would help the City put the broadcast of Council meetings on the City's website as well.

Mayor Stevenson asked how UTOPIA would play into this.

Council and Staff discussed the importance of using and promoting UTOPIA.

Gary Crane, City Attorney, said UTOPIA was just a provider of fiber; the service provided would set the stations that would be broadcast. He said this was a public station and should be available through the internet.

Alex Jensen, City Manager, explained how the money would be collected through the fee.

Gary explained how franchise fees were paid and collected.

Mayor Stevenson asked Staff if they felt the City could utilize this service.

Dave Thomas said yes; there were several things that could be promoted in the City. He said Family Recreation could utilize the service; it would be a huge boon to what was already being done.

Council and Staff discussed things that could be promoted on the station.

Mr. Francis explained the ability to put things on demand.

Gary said he thought that every service provider would have to impose the 10 cent per month fee.

Mr. Francis said he thought that it would only be Comcast because the channel was only available on Comcast.

Gary explained how public channels were available on the internet.

Mr. Francis explained some other things he was working on.

Mayor Stevenson asked how the Council felt about the idea.

Councilmember Brown said she would want more information about who would be paying the fee and how it would affect UTOPIA.

Councilmember Petro said she was concerned with nickel and diming the public.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Mayor Stevenson gave a brief update on Senate Bill 190 and its impacts on UTOPIA.

Gary said the bill had been pulled back to the Rules Committee and would probably die.

Gary said there was a bill relative to the 911 system that would impact private providers such as UTOPIA.

Council and Staff discussed other bills being considered that would impact the City.

Councilmember Day asked if there had been any decision about redoing the Council chambers.

Alex said Staff was working to get firm costs.

Councilmember Brown indicated that in two weeks the republican caucus would be held on Thursday, March 20th, which was a regular Council meeting night. She asked how many items were on the agenda; should the meeting be cancelled or held at an earlier time.

Alex said there were just a couple of things on the agenda. He said the Council could cancel the regular meeting and hold the work meeting if they chose to do that.

Councilmember Brown suggested having Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. and the work meeting earlier in the day.

Mayor Stevenson asked if the Council would like access to a file drawer in the Mayor's office for their use that could be locked.

Consensus was that they didn't need access to a file drawer.

There was discussion about holding the next budget meeting on March 27th, which was a Strategic Planning meeting night.

Mayor Stevenson reminded the Council that this was the funding period for budget items if there was something the Council wanted included in the budget for next year.

Alex said the sooner Staff could receive budget information from the Council the better it would be.

Alex said on March 20th Staff wanted to update the Council on the FEMA issue. He said there would be an open house on the 26th that would be hosted by the State where the Council could raise questions.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

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Thieda Wellman, City Recorder