

## **SPRING CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, June 1, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

**In Person Attendance:** Whit Allred, Mike Black, Chad Huff, Jackson Lambie, Marty McCain, Robert Buckner, Jhan Miller, Moroni Taylor, Cory Madsen, Kristen Mortensen, Alison Anderson, Dave Oxman, Jesse Ralphs, Mike Nelson, James Baker, Jane Hawkes, Cami Christensen, Jason Brimhall, Linda Olson, Ruth Ann McCain; Recorder.

**Zoom Attendance:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chris Anderson

**Expression of Choice:** Moroni Taylor

**Roll Call:** Craig Clark, Tim Clark, Nancy Allred, Chris Anderson, Courtney Syme, Paul Penrod

### **Mayor and Council Member Department Reports**

**Council Member Craig Clark** stated that the cemetery sign is fixed and the sign for the pioneer cemetery is installed. He thanked everyone who helped to get this completed.

**Council Member Tim Clark** stated that the power department has been changing poles on Crawford loop in preparation for a power upgrade. He believes that there will be only one more power upgrade to do in the city after this one.

**Council Member Nancy Allred** stated that Heritage Days drew in a big crowd this year. The DUP would like to put in a trail from the DUP building to the Old Jail. This would help those who have a hard time walking. Mayor Anderson stated that perhaps volunteers could help put in a gravel trail. Council Member Craig Clark stated that road base would be better to walk on. Council Member Nancy Allred stated that the DUP can come up with a plan, figure out materials, and see if there are volunteers that can help. Mayor Anderson would like them to work with Cory on the design.

**Council Member Courtney Syme** stated that he appreciated all that was done over Heritage Days.

**Council Member Paul Penrod** stated that right now there is a lot of water. The springs are so full water has been turned out. Mayor Anderson asked if there has been contamination in the springs because of the runoff. Cory stated that he hoped there would not be. He will know more next week when a water sample will be taken. Council Member Paul Penrod stated that the senior citizens are having a good turnout at their monthly dinners. The fire department have completed the pack test and they are ready for wildland fires.

**Mayor Chris Anderson** shared upcoming events. This coming Saturday there is a Beatles tribute band playing. The Saturday after that is the car show. July 1<sup>st</sup> there is a band from South America playing Peruvian music. The Utah Symphony is coming on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Anderson asked Jane Hawkes if Cert could help usher that evening.

### **Public Comments**

Jane Hawkes stated that Tamara Tanner won first place for the people's choice award in the quilt show on Scandinavian Days. Thanked the City for the use of the ballroom for the Constitution Party. Mayor Anderson stated that the Constitution Party sent the City a thank you card with a donation in it. That was appreciated.

### **Planning and Zoning Report**

Council Member Nancy Allred gave the following report for licenses and permits approved this last month. Joe McGriff was approved for a home business license. Juniper Hill Counseling was approved for a commercial business license. Jeff Lytle was approved for a home business license. Rand Christiansen was approved for a zoning permit to build a new storage unit next to his existing units. Craig Kaelin was approved for a zoning permit to build a new barn/shed on his property. Robert Durfee applied for a zoning permit for a detached garage. Craig Paulsen is working with Robert and has not been approved yet. Ralph Porter and Kristen Mortensen have applied for a solar array. They will be presented at tonight's council. Scott Drew has applied for a zoning permit for a small, detached garage.

### **Solar Application for Ralph Porter**

Ralph Porter explained that he would like to install solar panels on his back property line. Council Member Tim Clark stated that Kent will not accept the application until a line diagram of power is submitted. Ralph was given an example of the line diagram needed. Mayor Anderson stated that safety is a concern and asked Ralph to work with Kent to get the schematics together. He also stated that he needed to check with Craig Paulsen to make sure the setbacks are met as well.

**Council Member Craig Clark motioned to table the permit for Ralph Porter until the rest of the issues are resolved. Motion seconded by Council Member Tim Clark.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes/Table
Tim Clark	Yes/Table
Nancy Allred	Yes/Table
Courtney Syme	Yes/Table
Paul Penrod	Yes/Table

### **Solar Application for Kristen Mortensen**

Council Member Nancy Allred asked Kristen Mortensen to talk about her solar. Kristen stated that she went through the website to make sure that she met the requirements. She has talked to Kent twice and has done the class with Jim Phillips. She also presented her diagram. Kristen stated that after meeting with Kent she realized the importance of solar projects being permitted and inspected by the county for the safety of the power workers. She stated that Craig Paulsen has signed off on the setbacks and that she will have a 4.8 kW system with 11 panels and an appropriate inverter. She will also purchase the bidirectional meter through Kent. Kristen stated that she has done a study of Utah cities who do bidirectional metering so they can buy solar power back from their citizens. She found that a limit of 5 kW has a marginal payback from a system and most cities allow 8 to 25 kW and that only three cities allow 5 kW. She is hopeful

that the power board can consider ways that we can boost the power stability of our city and allow more solar capability. Council Member Tim Clark stated that Kent has approved the application and bought the meter. Kristen will need to have the building inspector come after the panels are installed. Planning and zoning will also need to verify the location to make sure setbacks are observed.

**Council Member Courtney Syme motioned to approve Kristen Mortensen's application contingent on meeting Kent's stipulations. Motion seconded by Council Member Nancy Allred.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **Linda Olsen Trailer on Property While Building Home**

Mayor Chris Anderson asked Linda Olson to come and tell the council what she would like them to consider. Linda stated that she needs a permit for the trailer she is living in while she is building her home. Mayor Anderson stated that he has a copy of the original permit, and it was issued in July of 2020. The permit is good for two years and has provisions about not having any construction materials out in the city right-of-way. Linda stated that arrangements have been made to remove the materials from the city right-of-way next week. She stated that there have been some challenges with her builder, and she is looking for a new builder. Linda stated that she thinks that a good portion, if not all, of the house will be built by the middle of September. Mayor Anderson stated that the building permit will need to be renewed. She will also need to renew or reactivate her permit with the county. Council Member Nancy Allred stated that Linda needs to come back next month with the proper paperwork. Council Member Paul Penrod stated that the road on second south needs to be repaired. Linda stated that she paid the previous contractor for that repair. Cory Madsen stated that he called the contractor about the street repair and was told that by the first of June he would be working on it.

**Council Member Tim Clark motioned to defer this issue until next month. Motion seconded by Council Member Craig Clark.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Defer
Tim Clark	Defer
Nancy Allred	Defer
Courtney Syme	Defer
Paul Penrod	Defer

#### **Craig Paulsen Project Manager for Recreation Center Building Upgrade**

Mayor Chris Anderson stated that restoration of the old junior high school has begun. The restoration will not be complete like this building, but we are wanting to make it functional, safe, and usable. The biggest problem is the corner of the building where it is subsiding. That has been exposed and some work is in progress. The bathrooms need to be redone to make them ADA compliant. Craig Paulsen has been helping with this project. Council Member Nancy Allred

stated they should formally make him the project manager. Mayor Anderson stated that Craig is doing this as a volunteer and with the Council assigning him as the project manager it would give him authority over the project. We do have a permit from the county and some funding from grants.

**Council Member Nancy Allred motioned to put Craig Paulsen in charge as project manager for the Rec Center/Spring City Activity Center building remodel. Motion seconded by Council Member Paul Penrod.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **Power Utility Rate Resolution 2023-04**

Council Member Tim Clark stated that with the Hunter Power Plant closing we have had to buy power outside of that system. Kent said in December that we spent \$90,000 to buy power. The cost was 14 or 15 cents a kWh. We are selling it to our citizens at 8 cents a kWh. The City can't run in the red. With the power plant down rates are higher and so we need to raise our rates. Council Member Clark then read Resolution 2023-04 in full which sets forth the new power utility rates for Spring City.

**Council Member Nancy Allred motioned to approve the power rate. Motion seconded by Council Member Courtney Syme.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **Sewer Utility Rate Resolution 2023-05**

Council Member Tim Clark read in full Resolution 2023-05 setting forth the new sewer utility rates for Spring City.

**Council Member Craig Clark motioned to approve the resolution for the sewer rates. Motion seconded by Council Member Paul Penrod.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **Water Utility Rate Resolution 2023-06**

Council Member Paul Penrod read in full Resolution 2023-06 setting forth the new water utility rates for Spring City.

**Council Member Nancy Allred motioned to approve the water rate adjustment for Spring City. Motion seconded by Council Member Tim Clark.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **2023-2024 Original Budget – Resolution 2023-07**

Council Member Craig Clark read Resolution 2023-07 adopting the original budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

**Council Member Tim Clark motioned to approve the budget for 2023-2024. Motion seconded by Council Member Courtney Syme.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **Water Project Options – Sunrise Engineering**

Council Member Paul Penrod asked Jesse Ralphs from Sunrise Engineering to explain the water project options and the culinary water project services. Mayor Chris Anderson stated that instead of drilling a well the city is looking to build a new tank. According to the state we don't have enough water based on projected growth and need more capacity. Spring City is looking to fulfill that requirement. Some people are saying that it costs a lot to drill a well that may run dry. We will first exhaust the possibility of finding another spring that we can get the rights to and bring the water down. Any spring will be further east, and our water pressure on the east isn't good. We have problems with our current tank in the city yard because of circulation and with it being old. Because of these issues we are looking at building a new tank further east. We are looking at pipelines and cost right now. Jesse will give the details now. Jesse stated that he and Mayor Anderson attended the Drinking Water Board Meeting a few weeks ago and the total amount funded for the water project is \$6,198,000. 30% of that is grant, 70% of that is loan, and the city has a self-participation amount of \$100,000. This is a 1% loan over 40 years. The options for the project include a tank, a distribution system and improvements, a SCADA system, and then some tank transmission lines to help boost the capacity into the system. The tank location is still under consideration. The city owns property a mile out of the east side of town. There are pros and cons with this location. A feasibility analysis can be done with Mike, Cory, and anyone on the committee and they can report back to the Council. There are additional costs associated with going further east as this is shown in the services agreement. Jesse summarized the engineering service agreement. (Look at the handouts). Jesse stated that capturing additional springs is not part of this agreement and the city would need to consider an additional source improvement project. Jesse recommended putting together a water committee that would help with the design. He stated that if we start soon that the construction season would be 2024.

### **Sunrise Engineering Culinary Water Project Services Agreement**

Please look at the above comments and the handouts.

**Council Member Paul Penrod motioned to approve the water project services agreement.**

**Motion seconded by Council Member Nancy Allred.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

### **Culinary Water Project Funding with the Division of Drinking Water**

Mayor Chris Anderson stated that the contract has not come in yet, but approval is needed for the culinary water project funding with the Division of Drinking Water.

**Council Member Paul Penrod motioned to approve the culinary water project funding with the Division of Drinking Water. Motion seconded by Council Member Craig Clark.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

### **Approval of the Sewer Design Advance Authorization Letter**

Mayor Chris Anderson stated that the contract from the Division of Drinking Water for the design advance for our sewer project has been received. Jesse stated that most of the funding for the project is from USDA Rural Development, but Mayor Anderson requested a \$289,000 design advance to cover the costs from the beginning until the other funding is received. This money has been authorized as a design advancement hardship grant. It is not guaranteed as a grant but it was indicated that we can ask the Water Quality Board to forgive the repayment and they may turn it into a grant.

**Council Member Nancy Allred motioned to approve the sewer design advance authorization letter. Motion seconded by Council Member Tim Clark.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

### **Payment for Grates**

Mayor Chris Anderson stated that in the public hearing there was some discussion on the construction of grates. These were built for protection from large debris coming from the east canyons and possible flooding. Thanks to volunteer labor the cost was only \$23,000. The Irrigation Company has paid half of the cost and it is proposed that the city pays the other half of the cost. There was confirmation yesterday that there may be some FEMA money to help with

mitigation costs and we are looking into that.

**Council Member Nancy Allred motioned to pay for the grates. Motion seconded by Council Member Paul Penrod.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **Fraud Risk Assessment**

Mayor Chris Anderson stated that the state has asked for a Fraud Risk Assessment to be completed. That was completed and needs to be approved by the Council.

**Council Member Craig Clark motioned to accept the Fraud Risk Assessment. Motion seconded by Council Member Nancy Allred.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **Public Hearing and Special Council Meeting for Amending the 2022-2023 Budget**

Mayor Chris Anderson stated that a public hearing and special council meeting will be needed to amend the 2022-2023 Budget. Mayor Anderson asked for dates that would be good for those. It was decided to have the public hearing on June 29, 2023, at 6:30 pm. The special council meeting will follow the public hearing.

#### **Financial Report for May 2023**

**Council Member Nancy Allred motioned to approve the financial report for May 2023. Motion seconded by Council Member Tim Clark.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

#### **Payment of Bills**

**Council Member Craig Clark motioned to approve the payment of the bills. Motion seconded by Council Member Tim Clark.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes

Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

**Approve Minutes for April 19, 2023, Joint Work Meeting**

**Council Member Nancy Allred** motioned to approve the minutes for the April 19<sup>th</sup> Joint Work Meeting. **Motion seconded by Council Craig Clark.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

**Approve Minutes for May 4, 2023, City Council Meeting**

**Council Member Nancy Allred** motioned to approve the minutes for the May 4<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. **Motion seconded by Council Tim Clark.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

**Approve Minutes for May 17, 2023, Joint**

**Council Member Tim Clark** motioned to approve the minutes for the May 4<sup>th</sup> Joint Work Meeting. **Motion seconded by Council Member Nancy Allred.**

Vote:

Craig Clark	Yes
Tim Clark	Yes
Nancy Allred	Yes
Courtney Syme	Yes
Paul Penrod	Yes

**Council Member Nancy Allred** motioned to adjourn.

**Adjournment:** 8:04

**APPROVED**

