

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2011

Presiding: Mayor Glenn W. Dalling
Meeting Convened at 6:40 p.m.
Prayer: Lamont Merrill
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Dalling; Councilmembers Bruce King, Vaun Waddell and Burch Drake; Rachel Snow, *Standard Journal*; and Lauren Johnson, BYU-Idaho. Councilmember Lamont Merrill was excused for the early part of the meeting.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 13, 2011. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to accept said minutes; motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE PASSAGE OF NAMING POLICY: Councilmember King suggested two minor changes in proposed Resolution 2011-7 (naming policy). The changes will be made and the resolution will be on the next agenda for passage.

6:50 p.m. Councilmember Merrill arrived.

FIBER-OPTIC LINES: Councilmember King reported that FairPoint Communications Inc. installed a fiber-optic line around the Sugar City Business Park to serve individual lots when the park was established. Business owners in the business park will have to pay a small installation fee to hook into it. The fiber-optic line is buried in the same trench as the park's other utility lines. The line could expand into the city.

THREE P&Z COMMISSIONERS' TERMS EXPIRING: Councilmember King reported that three P&Z commissioners' terms are expiring on December 31, 2011: Christine (Sam) Lines, Joy Ball, and Jared Luthy. Replacements should be made before January 1.

NO-SOLICITING SIGNS: Councilmember King presented a potential draft letter to Matthew Davison, ITD Traffic Engineer for District 6, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), requesting "No Soliciting" signs on Idaho 33 north, south and west of town. ITD will make and install the signs. The proposed wording on the signs was discussed, and it was felt that the words "Sugar City Ordinance 294" should be included. The mayor will check what other cities in the area put on their no-soliciting signs.

Councilmember King reported that ITD approved the Right-Of-Way Encroachment Permit for the proposed west entrance sign. The mayor said development and installation of the sign are subject to available financing.

STORAGE OF UNUSED VEHICLES FOLLOW-UP: As a follow-up to the information on inoperable vehicles in the October newsletter, which informed citizens of the city's ordinance regarding inoperable vehicles parked outside, the mayor will ask Zane to check throughout the city and report the addresses of those in violation of the ordinance. Bruce accepted the assignment to draft a possible letter to the property owners. It was suggested that the fact that an entry was included in the October newsletter about nonoperating vehicles be included in the personal letters.

INSTALLATION OF PARK SIGN PLAQUES: Councilmember Waddell reported that he sought professional technical advice from Kevin Fogle regarding installation of the park sign plaques. Vaun and Councilmember Drake agreed that the plaques look better on the side of the sign rather than on the top so they can be read comfortably. The signs would fit under the cap and be partly protected from the elements. Mr. Fogle said it would be easier to drill the holes in the brick rather than in the concrete cap. Standard epoxy will hold the screws in place. The signs should be installed within the next couple of days.

BACKHOE REPAIRS – MAJOR: The mayor reported that during cleanup the brakes went out on the backhoe. It will cost between \$4,000 and \$6,000 to repair. The alternative to fixing the backhoe is to lease or buy a new one. No quotes have been sought. The mayor will gather figures for leasing or buying and the matter will be put on the next agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Bruce reported that the state/local agreement on highway maintenance has been signed by the Idaho Transportation Department. Sharon reported that the city received a signed copy.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:

Update on Reservoir Fill Line: Lamont reported that the hookup of Wells #1 and #2 to the big storage tank is completed. It appears to be hooked up and working well. The city opted not to have an automatic valve installed because it would have cost about \$25,000 extra. The system will have to be turned on and off manually. The mayor reported that Hill & Son Excavation is doing a nice job cleaning up.

COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL: Vaun reported that the community library at the high school needs air-conditioning. The mayor reminded the council that the library has a separate administrative board.

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE: Burch reported that the crack sealing for the 2010-2011 year is completed. He is concerned about 3rd South, focusing in on the 900 feet south of the high school to make parking for the school. The mayor suggested that the council drive down and see the area. Mr. Drake and the mayor will talk with Allan Dunn and see if the school would be interested and financially able to assist with this project.

Light poles on 3rd South: Discussion was had on ownership of the light poles. The mayor said most of them are on the individual's property and the power company claims that they have an easement, which they are not able to produce.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

High Country RC&D: The mayor reported that RC&D lost their government funding. We have been giving them \$150 to \$200 a year for cloud seeding. They would like a five-year money commitment so they can keep functioning. The mayor will prepare something for next meeting.

Distinguished Citizen Award – display project and criteria: Discussion was had. The main focus should be on the person's service to the community and on an exemplary life. The City Council will make the final decision on the nominee. Nominations could come from the Tree and Beautification Committee and councilmembers. Citizen nominations should be channeled through one of these groups. The mayor asked the council to notify Sharon by November 8 if they have any recommendations.

Christmas Party, December 1: The annual Christmas party is set for Thursday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m. at the Commons Room of the high school.

Fall cleanup: Fall cleanup is completed and appears to be very successful.

Fire danger odometer: The mayor reported that the fire chief wants to put a fire danger odometer on Center Street close to Railroad Avenue. A scout for his Eagle Scout award has prepared the sign and is now ready to install it. Three proposed locations for the sign were discussed. The preferred location by the council was west of Railroad Avenue between the railroad track and Railroad Avenue. The mayor will advise the fire chief, Cory Childs, and the Eagle Scout, Zack Robinson, of this preferred location.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Signed: _____
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk