

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014

Presiding: Mayor Glenn W. Dalling  
Meeting Convened at 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer: Lamont Merrill  
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Wendy Walker, Treasurer; Councilmembers Lamont Merrill, Vaun Waddell and Burch Drake; David Ogden of Planning & Zoning Commission; Melvin Eckman; Donna Eckman, Chris Eckman and Nicholas Eckman. Councilmember Bruce King was excused.

The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 23, 2014. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Drake and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to accept said minutes; motion carried.

Wendy presented the January reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Merrill and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept the January reconciliation reports for the General Fund; motion carried. Wendy presented the January reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to accept the January reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund; motion carried.

Wendy presented the current bills in the amount of \$57,400.17. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to pay the current bills, together with all regular February bills that have not yet been received; motion carried.

**PLANNING & ZONING REPORT:** P&Z Chairman David Ogden addressed the council.

**Election of new secretary:** David reported that Tom Fleming was elected to be the new secretary of P&Z.

**Approval of Sign Permit for Brad Orme (Berry Oil Exxon):** David reported that a representative from the sign company came to P&Z with a sign permit for Brad Orme's service station. Since there was no significant change to the existing sign, no sign permit was required. P&Z went ahead and approved the sign permit anyway. Sharon reported that the fee was returned to Lytle Signs, Inc.

**Preliminary discussion on the split of the Galbraith property (impact area):** CarolLyn Larson met with P&Z for a preliminary discussion on the split of the Galbraith family's 12-acre parcel in the impact area. They would like to divide it into four lots, which would require an application. Qualifications for this type of split falls within the code section of a short plat application, and we only have the regular application for plat. (See discussion below.) After discussion, Dave said that P&Z is now ready to meet with the landowners and help them fill out

the regular application form and then act on it.

**New Preliminary Short Application for Plat Approval:** According to the requirements of section 10-4-2, Dave prepared a form for a short application for the council to review.

**Continued discussion of title 10:** Dave reported that P&Z is continuing to review title 10 in anticipation for the Calaway application for subdivision.

**DISCUSSION ON NEW PRELIMINARY SHORT APPLICATION FOR PLAT**

**APPROVAL:** Councilmember Waddell said when this section of the code was drafted a regular application for subdivision and a schedule of fees were created. A short application for a subdivision of up to four lots was not created. We have two options: (1) create a form for a short application; or (2) reword the section where it says short application to say that the regular application would be used and to mark what is applicable and what is not.

**DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED TRUCK-PARKING ORDINANCE:** The mayor reported that the proposed truck-parking ordinance has not been received from the city attorney.

**SMITH PARK BALL DIAMONDS:** Councilmember Waddell reported that the first planning meeting for softball and baseball is tonight. Matt Hanson from Teton is the president of the ball players' association. Jocelyn Kam is over the girls' teams. For several years they have been playing their games in St. Anthony. This does not include tee-ball and the older boys play at the high school. St. Anthony has a nice facility with a concession stand, and each team pays an amount each year to cover expenses.

**GRAIN SILO:** The mayor said there is no update except that we did get another bid for cleanup of the silo for \$56,000 from Tom Salas of Advance Cleaning & Restoration. We inserted a letter in the February newsletter about removal of the silo and have had little response. We will finalize the matter in the next meeting.

**SCOTT JOHNSON:** The mayor said he cancelled having Scott Johnson attend tonight because of lack of preparation time and subject matter. After visiting with Scott Johnson regarding the subjects we want him to cover, he felt he would need an hour to present what we requested. He will come to the next meeting on February 27.

The mayor reported that the county is proposing a detailed study on transportation on the north part of the county due to the WalMart location, which would include widening of 2<sup>nd</sup> East, Moody Road work, Highway 33 intersection with Moody, and a number of other things. They are asking Sugar City's participation in financing the study. Scott Johnson will discuss this matter with us in the next meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER KING:** No report.

**COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:** No report.

**COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL:** No report.

**COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE:** No report.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS:**

**Letter from Todd Harris:** The mayor reported that he received a letter from Todd Harris regarding his property in our impact area. He invited the council to review the letter if interested.

**2014 Legislative Session:** The mayor called the council's attention to a handout regarding fuel tax. Most of our revenue for road construction and upkeep comes from proceeds of federal and state taxation of motor fuel, which rates for the most part have not been increased for 20 years. In the mid 1990s, \$1 of road repair expense would equate to \$8 to \$10 today. Also, state legislators are discussing a possible 1% sales tax for counties that could be used for specific projects, with the tax to end when projects are complete.

The mayor and Burch Drake attended the Association of Idaho Cities mayors/council meeting with the legislators in Boise. They reported that Senator Brent Hill said there is a wide group of legislators who have signed an agreement not to raise taxes. It has become a real stumbling block for the Legislature.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk