

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

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

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Wendy Walker, Treasurer; Councilmembers Bruce King, Lamont Merrill and Vaun Waddell; David Ogden of Planning & Zoning Commission; Robert Roberts; Carson Roberts; Carly Roberts; Russell Thurston; Jared Thurston; Deputy Braden Bestor; Nathan Christean; and Kaden Malstrom. Councilmember Burch Drake was excused.

The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 27, 2014. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Merrill and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept said minutes; motion carried.

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

Wendy presented the current bills in the amount of \$45,068.51. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to pay the current bills, together with all regular March bills that have not yet been received; motion carried.

**PLANNING & ZONING REPORT:** P&Z Chairman David Ogden attended the meeting.

**Discussion on new Preliminary Short Application for Plat Approval:** Sharon reported that the city attorney said to use the new short form for the pending split of the Galbraith property in the impact area. A family representative will attend the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to receive help with filling out the form.

**P&Z Replacements:** Mayor Dalling appointed Eileen Kershaw to fill the unexpired term of Janet Harris (March 2014-December 2015); Val Bush to fill the unexpired term of Steve Hawkes (March 2014-Dec. 2015); and Hans Redd for a three-year term (March 2014-December 2016).

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember King to confirm the appointments of Hans Redd for a three-year term (March 2014-December 2016); Eileen Kershaw to fill the unexpired term of Janet Harris (March 2014-2015); and Val Bush to fill the unexpired term of Steve Hawkes (March 2014-2015); motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED TRUCK-PARKING ORDINANCE:** Discussion was had on the proposed truck-parking ordinance. Several suggestions were made and Sharon will give them to the city attorney for final preparation of the ordinance. A letter should be written to the people in violation before the ordinance is passed.

**GRAIN SILO UPDATE:** The mayor reported that an insert was included in the February newsletter about removal of the silo and what led up to the decision to remove it. Hopefully it will come down by the end of March. Councilmember King took the assignment to prepare a news release.

**TRANSPORTATION STUDY FINANCIAL REQUEST:** There is a proposed trial run of a bus from Rexburg to Driggs and from there to Island Park or Jackson, Wyoming. The trial run will operate for four weeks and Madison County, Rexburg and area public transit officials have asked Sugar City for a donation of \$500.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilmember Merrill to approve the expenditure of \$500 for this transportation study; **THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

**BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FACILITIES:**

**Softball (Heritage Park):** Councilmember Waddell reported that he met with Jocelyn Kam, who organizes the girls' softball program. She and other program organizers are enthusiastic about home games and the use of Smith Park with its lighted fields. They request permission to play at Heritage Park.

**Baseball (Smith Park):** The city will need to make some changes to the field. One change is to arrange an adult-sized baseball field. They can do it without enlarging the infield. Vaun looked at the shed, and there is plenty of room to store equipment. Matt Hansen, president of Sugar City's summer leagues, asked about the city purchasing some special brooms and rakes. He gave us a price quote for the brooms of \$299 each and the special rake for \$60. He feels he could get the labor done by volunteers. He thought it would be a good idea to cut out the base lines in Heritage Park to accommodate game play. Games will be played from mid-April to late July, which would involve more than 200 young people. Their committee is meeting next Monday, and they will decide how much they could pay for use of the fields, mainly use of the lights. They would also need to do the cleanup after each day's games are completed.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to endorse the summer baseball and softball program as presently organized and to fund preparation of the fields for the year; motion carried.

**INGRESS AND EGRESS AT THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HALF INTERCHANGE:**

Councilmember Merrill said this matter was brought up in the Rural Planning Organization meeting that he attended. The next meeting will be April 9 at 2 p.m. We will discuss it again after that meeting.

**LOCATION OF METERING STATION ON NEW SEWER LINE PROPOSAL:**

Councilmember Merrill said the location is in the planning process and it would be generally situated on the property on the boundary between Rexburg and Sugar City near 2<sup>nd</sup> East in Rexburg. We should have drawings for that early in the summer.

**CITY OF REXBURG URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT:** Councilmember Merrill said that the Sandra Ball property is already annexed into Sugar City; and the Todd Harris property is in our impact area. He and the mayor went to a meeting and asked that the urban renewal district include all of the Ball property and even SunGlo/Dickinson's agricultural property. All planning should be together. The mayor said we need to be involved because some of the land is in our impact area and most significantly part of the property is in our city limits. Discussion was had.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to adopt the proposed resolution on the Urban Renewal District in cooperation with the City of Rexburg, provided that the title of the resolution be revised to include the words "and impact area" after the phrase "within the city limits" and after the phrase "within the corporate boundaries" and the addition of the words "of Sugar City" after the word corporation in the first "whereas"; also provided that the proposed Urban Renewal District include, in addition to the property proposed in the Urban Renewal District map presented to the City of Sugar City by Terry Butikofer of the Development Company on February 27, all of the Sandra Ball property within the corporate boundaries of Sugar City and also the SunGlo/Crapo property, including both impact area and corporate area between U.S. Highway 20 and Idaho Highway 33, extending north to Sugar City's 3<sup>rd</sup> South Street and excluding the developed portions of the SunGlo/Crapo property; motion carried.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

##### **COUNCILMEMBER KING:**

**Schedule of Uses (9-8B-3):** Bruce proposed tightening our restrictions in the impact area to protect the city. He asked the council to review the handout he presented.

**Website:** Bruce reported that Wendy forwarded the tree order form to him, which he included on the website.

##### **COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:**

**LEPC:** Lamont reported that Rexburg has approved a traffic signal at the north Rexburg interchange to manage traffic flow. Officials propose to close one of the signals at the existing Walmart store. Apparently, some other big development is planned west of the existing Walmart store. Area growth may necessitate another airport. Bear World proposed an access back to U.S. 20, but the Idaho Transportation Department nixed it. LEPC meeting is being held bi-monthly. The new director is Alan Brower, who wants to do many things, such as develop a hazard analysis, create an emergency plan, etc.

##### **COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL:**

**Easter egg hunt:** The Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. Vaun requested and received permission to order candy from Broulim's.

**Animal control:** Vaun presented a draft of a proposed animal ordinance. The mayor said that the City Council should immediately consider this ordinance, which covers virtually all relevant creatures other than dogs, including horses and bees. The ordinance would complement the city's dog ordinance.

##### **COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE:**

**Tree and Beautification Committee:** In behalf of Councilmember Drake, members of the Tree and Beautification Committee are starting a drive to fund flowers for Center Street. Burch sent a map for the council to review, which included suggestions for the silo property after the silo is removed and debris is buried. Explosives will topple the silo to the east, and the hole for it will run north and south parallel to Railroad Avenue. The silo will be broken up and buried in the hole. The Tree and Beautification Committee is anxious to have a small hill

that runs parallel to Railroad Avenue. The mayor reported that he had contacted officials of the local health department, who said it is okay to bury the debris.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS:**

**State of the City 2014:** The mayor presented copies of the State of the City for 2014.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

9:25 p.m. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember King pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1)(a), to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The mayor called for a roll call vote:

Those voting aye: Councilmembers King, Merrill and Waddell

Those voting nay: None

Thereupon the mayor declared the motion passed.

9:50 p.m. The executive session ended and the regular council meeting reconvened.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember King to accept Sharon Bell's resignation, effective March 31, and to hire Wendy Walker full-time to fill the duty of city clerk and city treasurer; motion carried.

Each member of the council thanked Sharon for her excellent service over the years. Sharon felt that she needed to step down to better care for her husband.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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

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