

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014

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

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Wendy Walker, Treasurer; and Councilmembers Lamont Merrill, Vaun Waddell and Burch Drake. David Ogden of Planning & Zoning Commission; Ben Meyer; Desiree Moeller; Daniel Hidalgo of the Idaho Art Lab; Kara Hidalgo; Logan Weaver; and Bryon Parker. Councilmember Bruce King was excused.

The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 13, 2014. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. Councilmember Merrill asked for 3 changes to the printed minutes of 3/13/14 to clarify the location of the proposed sewer line metering station and our working relationship with the Rexburg Urban Renewal District. It was moved by Councilmember Merrill and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept the amended minutes; motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1 – FAIR HOUSING: City Clerk Sharon L. Bell read Resolution 2014-1 in its entirety to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to approve Resolution 2014-1. Thereupon, the clerk called roll upon said motion.

Those voting aye: Councilmembers Merrill, Waddell and Drake

Those voting nay: None

Thereupon, the mayor declared the motion passed. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto marked "Attachment 1."

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: P&Z Chairman David Ogden addressed the council. On March 20, 2014, three new P&Z Commissioners were sworn in by City Clerk Sharon L. Bell. The new commissioners are Eileen Kershaw, Dr. Hans Redd and Val Bush. They are a welcome addition to the commission, filling three vacancies. Councilman Bruce King proposed land use changes to protect the impact area. These recommendations will be discussed in the next P&Z meeting in April.

Application for Zone Change – Tucker Adamson: Tucker Adamson has applied for a zone change from R2 – Medium Density Residential to R3 – High Density Residential. He wants to add additional rental units.

Review of Proposed Home – Clyde Haacke: Clyde Haacke addressed the Commission on building a new home on his lot. The lot measures about 75 feet across, which is too short for the 100-foot lot frontage requirement for residential homes. Councilmember Waddell noted from Code 9-3-8-C (4) that if a smaller lot is a separate parcel which existed before the zoning change then a home can be built as long as setbacks are met.

GRAIN SILO UPDATE: The silo is on schedule to come down this Saturday, March 29, 2014,

at 9 am. Ideas were discussed about what to do with the area once the silo is demolished. The Tree & Beautification Committee would like to see a small hill formed from the debris, no bigger than 8'-10' high, and the area made into a park.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to bury as much debris as possible from the demolition of the grain silo in a soil and grass covered hill no larger than 8 – 10 feet high; motion carried.

IDAHO ART LAB – DANIEL HIDALGO: Daniel Hidalgo, Co-Founder and Director of the Idaho Art Lab, addressed the council along with his wife, Kara, and Desiree Moeller a recent citizen of Sugar City and mural artist. They represented the Idaho Art Lab, a non-profit community art center and local artists gallery out of St. Anthony. Daniel stressed the importance that visual arts play in our lives. “Creativity is nurtured through the visual arts and includes people of all ages,” Daniel Hidalgo said. Art is also a great way for positive expression and community involvement. For example, the Idaho Art Lab recently involved area youth in designing and painting park murals on cement retaining walls where graffiti was a problem. The Idaho Art Lab nurtures all kinds of artistic expression in several different mediums, i.e., ceramics, lapidary, crafts, woodworking and etc. It is a place for families, youth, and adults of all ages to come and learn and teach skills and inspire talents. “We need more places for the visual arts and the support of our civic leaders in our surrounding area,” Hidalgo said. He quoted Albert Einstein: “Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.” Daniel was asked how we could support the Idaho Art Lab. He asked that we mention the Art Lab and class schedules in our newsletters.

REXBURG URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT: The mayor sent a letter and a map to Terry Butikofer and the committee for Rexburg Urban Renewal District, explaining Sugar City’s desire to include all of Sandra Ball’s property and SunGlo/Dickinson agricultural property adjacent to the proposed district. Rexburg’s proposed renewal district included only a partial part of Sandra’s property. The committee is hesitant to accommodate Sugar’s desires and was surprised at the city’s insistence on this property being included in the proposed district. Sugar City officials feel that this area needs to be developed jointly with the City of Rexburg, as previously agreed.

An urban renewal district requires the approval of the landowners involved. Cost of improvements such as roads, water and sewer have no direct cost to the landowner. They are paid for by bond funds utilizing city and county taxes. Todd Harris and Sandra Ball agree with Sugar City officials that their land should be part of the district. The properties lie within Sugar City’s impact area and the council feels that access to improvements need to include Sugar City as well for future development. The council desires to know if an urban renewal district could include two cities.

PSI RATE INCREASE: PSI Environmental Services, with whom we contract to collect and dispose of our garbage, has asked for a 4% cost-of-living rate increase for the coming year. Last year they asked for a 5% increase, which was approved by the council. Sugar City increased the garbage rates 5% for Sugar City residents last fall. The council wanted more information on the reason for the increase before they approved the rate increase.

PROPOSED ANIMAL ORDINANCE – VAUN WADDELL: Councilmember Waddell made some small changes to the animal ordinance to clarify wording and meaning. The changes included Councilmember King’s suggestions as well. The council added that bees be kept back at least 15 feet from property lines stemming from a problem with angry bees kept in an alley way. The changes to the ordinance are in draft form and are not in effect yet.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No report.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL: No report.

COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL: The baseball and softball fields are being developed as planned. Teams are scheduled for home games during the next couple of months. The cement parking barriers need to be finished along Smith Park’s parking area. The city is covered for any liability to the ball players, which was detailed in an email sent to the city clerk.

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE: The Tree and Beautification Committee would like to put up three poles, one in each corner, of the triangular lot next to the Sugar-Salem High School crossroad to help give the area some interest and beauty. The poles representing Art, Academics and Athletics would have different pennants on them representing the different categories in each. The council has a number of concerns including who owns the property, the city or the school; would a sign permit be needed; would it impede safety; and who would maintain it. These issues will be discussed at a later time.

MAYOR’S BUSINESS: The mayor addressed the council on Eagle Rock Blasting’s liability insurance. He said they are well insured. Doors are to remain closed within the blasting zone, and Eagle Rock is using their own flaggers to control traffic. Police officers will be present but have no specific duties.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Signed: _____
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk

RESOLUTION 2014-1

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR CITY, IDAHO, THAT:

WHEREAS, April 2014 marks the 46th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Human Rights Commission Act has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1969; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all-regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin-is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and city; and

WHEREAS, equal access to housing is an important component of this goal-as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability and

WHEREAS, housing choice impacts our children's access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our exposure to crime and drugs, and the quality of health care we receive in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the laws of this nation and our state seek to ensure such equality of choice for all transactions involving housing; and

WHEREAS, ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principles, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

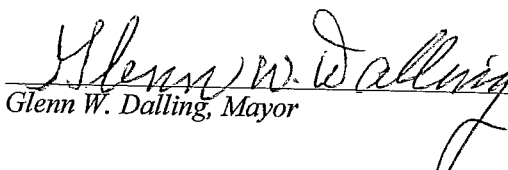
WHEREAS, only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed;

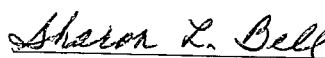
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor of the City of Sugar City, do hereby proclaim April 2014 to be

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In the City of Sugar City, Madison County, State of Idaho.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2014.


Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor


Sharon L. Bell, City Clerk

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