

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010

Presiding: Council President Harold Harris  
Meeting Convened at 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer: Vaun Waddell  
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Marcie A. Smith, Treasurer; Councilmembers Harold Harris, Bruce King, Lamont Merrill and Vaun Waddell; Brian Hawkes and Jesse Brown, Planning & Zoning Commission; Michael Rhoton; Steven Kunzler; Adam Maughan; Isaac Maughan; Bryce Maughan; and Tracy Maughan. Mayor Glenn W. Dalling was excused.

**MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA:** Discussion was had on amending the agenda to include a letter submitted by Councilmember Waddell to our federal representatives having to do with deficit spending and asking them to be a little more aggressive in opposing runaway spending. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Harris to amend tonight's agenda by adding to it an item entitled, "Letter to Congressional Delegation," the reason is because the issue is linked in time with Election Day and the question first arose only this morning; motion carried.

In the mayor's absence, Council President Harris asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 14, 2010. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to accept said minutes, with one minor correction; motion carried.

**PLANNING & ZONING REPORT:** P&Z Chairman Brian Hawkes addressed the council.

**Title 9 chapter on home business:** Brian reported that a public hearing has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2010, for the title 9 chapter on home business.

**DISCUSSION ON P&Z REIMBURSEMENTS:** Marcie reported that she was asked to find out if the city could put the Planning and Zoning Commissioners on a salary. After discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to place the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission on the payroll, effective for the month of October, 2010; motion carried.

**MADISON COUNTY'S UPCOMING EAST PARKWAY CORRIDOR PUBLIC HEARING:** Councilmember King said the city received notice of a public hearing on November 8, 2010, at 5 p.m. in the Madison County Commissioners' room for the purpose of

hearing public comments and possibly making a decision on the East Parkway Corridor. Commissioners want to gather more public input and anticipate potentially making a decision after that hearing. Bruce said that Engineer Todd Tuckett of Keller Associates (a consulting firm) thinks the commissioners generally agree on the corridor route proposed by Keller up to Barney Dairy Road from Rexburg, but no further north yet. They acknowledged that Sugar City has made a decision and formalized it in a recommendation to the county and Rexburg. He suggested that officials of Sugar City attend the public hearing prepared to reiterate their recommendation, but be flexible. Bruce emphasized that, with the need for federal aid, the federal funding entities will make the final decision as to where the parkway and beltway are finally located. Bruce read from the city's corridor recommendation posted on the "Statements" page of the city Web site. The council was in agreement to be supportive of Bruce's presentation of the city's recommendation, but no final decision has been made as to the final location of the beltway.

**LETTER TO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION:** Councilmember Waddell read a one-page letter to the Sugar City Council regarding deficit spending by the U.S. Congress, to which was attached a sample letter to our state delegation, suggesting it be signed by the mayor, city councilmembers and interested residents.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to approve Vaun Waddell's proposed letter to Idaho's congressional delegates that encourages more effective opposition to ongoing runaway deficit spending by the federal government; motion carried. The city attorney will be asked to review this letter before it is sent.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

##### **COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS:**

**Update on street work:** Harold reported they just completed crack sealing and Klingler Asphalt prepared a map of the streets they worked on. They will add to the map as other street work is done.

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

**Authority of Idaho Port of Entry rovers:** Bruce learned that Port of Entry rovers may not divert trucks to city streets without city permission. Sugar City streets belong to the city not the state, even though federal money may have been used to construct them.

**Ordinance on spice:** Bruce reported that Attorney Forsberg confirmed the city need not adopt an ordinance banning the dangerous new drug spice, since the state has now banned it.

**Hens (chickens):** Bruce will call Idaho Falls for a copy of their new hen ordinance.

**Street name signs:** Bruce reported that the federal government now requires communities around the country to change street name signs from all capital letters to a combination of capital and lowercase letters, since it makes them easier to read and thus improves traffic safety. In a related matter, under Federal Highway Administration regulations, communities have until 2015 to improve the nighttime visibility of roadside signs such as stop, yield and railroad crossing signs. The issue here is how well a sign redirects light from an automobile's headlights back toward the vehicle. Signs that fail to meet minimum standards must be replaced.

**COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:** No report.

**COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL:** Vaun reported that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3, in Heritage Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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

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