

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007

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

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Marcie A. Smith, Treasurer; Councilmembers Harold Harris, Walter Deitz, Bruce King and Brad Orme; Scott Lee, City Attorney; Sharee Palmer, Planning & Zoning Commission; Kyra Davis, Standard Journal; Deputy Cameron Stanford; Peggy Parks; Jan Gallup; Ted Hendricks; Clair Boyle; Kerry Moser; Vaun Waddell; Ganene Harris; and Nicole Malstrom.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held December 28, 2006. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Harris and seconded by Councilmember Deitz to accept said minutes; motion carried.

Marcie presented the December reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Deitz and seconded by Councilmember King to accept the December reconciliation reports for the General fund; motion carried. Marcie presented the December reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Deitz and seconded by Councilmember Orme to accept the December reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund; motion carried.

Marcie presented the current bills in the amount of \$51,840.22. It was moved by Councilmember Deitz and seconded by Councilmember Orme to pay the current bills, together with all regular December bills that have not yet been received; motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT: There was no citizen input.

CAMERON STANFORD, RESIDENT DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Stanford addressed the Council. He reported the Mayor and Councilmember Deitz have been coming to LEPC (local emergency planning) meetings. We have received some homeland security grant money for Sugar City and have installed some surveillance cameras around town. They have updated all the security systems at the schools, and they have also put in a couple of moving cameras at all of the schools.

Overnight Parking: Deputy Stanford said no complaints have been made.

Dog Problem: The Mayor asked Deputy Stanford about a dog catcher having any authority. Even if we had a dog catcher, he doesn't have any authority other than picking up dogs. After discussion, Deputy Stanford said if we ticket one person, we have to ticket everyone. A deputy would have to issue the ticket. The Mayor expressed appreciation to Deputy Stanford

for all he does for the City.

PEGGY PARKS—DOG PROBLEM:

Peggy Parks addressed the Council and presented some pictures showing the condition of pens where people are breeding dogs in the City. She said they are making money off the dogs, but they still will not clean the pens up, and they stink. She said there is also a problem with eight barking dogs in her vicinity, and complained about dogs running loose at the school grounds. Miss Parks suggested the people should be fined; and if they don't pay attention, get rid of their dog.

Attorney Lee read from Ordinance 161 as follows: "Disturbing the Peace: Any person who shall harbor or keep on his premises or in his control any dog which by loud and unusual barking or howling, shall disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or the occupants of adjacent premises, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor." He said the problem we run into legally is what is "unusual." A dog that barks continually—that would be unusual.

Attorney Lee said if we have dogs that are being extraordinarily noisy, we probably should do something about it. A discussion was had. Attorney Lee said we should send a letter to the owners of the dogs. If that doesn't work and someone wants to file an official complaint at the Sheriff's Department, an officer writes a misdemeanor ticket and then it goes through the process at the courthouse. If they are found guilty, they can be fined up to \$100. We need to review the ordinance and make sure it is sound. It was suggested that we put a note in the monthly newsletter.

Councilmember King feels we need to take action now on the dog problem. The Mayor said we would put something together for the January 25th meeting.

Violation of Kennel Ordinance: The Mayor asked P&Z Chairman Sharee Palmer about the kennel ordinance they have been working on. She said P&Z has looked at it, and City Council needs to review it. As the current kennel ordinance states, you cannot have a commercial or non-commercial kennel in a residential area. She said more than two dogs is a kennel; and if people are breeding them for commercial purposes, they cannot do it in R-1 or R-2 zones. The Mayor said we should enforce that for sure. He said we know who the people are who are breeding dogs, and we can talk with them.

JAN GALLUP – DISCUSSION ON LETTER FROM CITY: The Mayor said the only thing we want to discuss in this meeting is Jan's questions on the letter we wrote to her. Jan Gallup referred to the letter dated December 21, 2006, where the City Council requested that she turn over all documents relating to the City that she has generated. She submitted a list of documents she previously submitted to City Council, Planning & Zoning, or the City Clerk. A copy of said list is attached hereto, marked "Attachment 1."

Web Site: Jan said all of the documents listed were sent to the City's Web site server prior to 4-16-06. She was not in charge of the server; she was just in charge of producing the documents. Jan said she sent e-mails to Dave Thompson in August and again in September to find out what was going on with those documents, and he never got back with her. She said she finally discussed it with him, and he said he wasn't sure if he still had those documents or if he had deleted them off his computer. He hasn't contacted her again. Those are all of the ordinances and everything that her contract said she was supposed to work on. Jan was asked if Dave Thompson doesn't have these documents on his computer, would she be able to provide us with copies of them again. Jan said yes, but this is an area that would require negotiation because she has to run her business. Any electronic copies or any additional hard copies would need to be a

negotiated matter.

Overview of Jan Gallup as Planning Consultant: Jan said she came into City Hall and went through all the minutes to make sure that she wasn't missing anything pertaining to her contract and her responsibilities. A copy of said overview is attached hereto, marked "Attachment 2." She said she has turned everything over to the City, either by hard copy or e-mail. She said if there is anything she can do to help the City generate their Web site, she would be happy to do that. She would have to start from scratch and is willing to negotiate a contract with the City to do that and provide City documents so that they can be transmitted electronically on the Web site. Jan feels she has fulfilled her responsibility as a planning consultant to the best of her ability.

Comprehensive Plan: Jan said the final version of the Comprehensive Plan 2005-2006 would have Resolution 2006-2 on the bottom, right-hand corner, which was approved 4-13-06.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: Sharee Palmer addressed the Council.

Anmarie Flitton (Breadhead Bakery) Home Occupation License: P&Z approved a home occupation license application. She will be baking in her home and delivering those items.

Bob Crofoot – Possible Dental Office: Mr. Crofoot generally wanted information about our area. P&Z gave him different ideas about possibilities for having a dental office and people with land in the area who might be interested in it.

Appointments to P&Z: Sharee reported Mike Withers informed them that he is resigning from P&Z. His last meeting will be January 18. They will need a new impact area member to replace him. She said she talked to the County Commissioners, submitted some names, and informed them that Mike is resigning. The Mayor reported the County Commissioners have not made the new appointments yet. He sent them a letter to remind them that they needed to do something and gave them a list of recommended names in alphabetical order. The County reported they would take care of it at their meeting on January 22. A discussion was had on who can submit names to the County. Councilmember King said he and Attorney Lee discovered in State Statute that anyone can submit names.

DISCUSSION ON PLANS FOR 2007: At the last meeting the Mayor asked the Council to come up with some things they would like to accomplish in their departments this year. He said we should do things for the City in an optimistic way. Councilmembers presented their proposed projects. The Mayor expressed appreciation for the work the Council has done getting together the projects for 2007. He would like to have a chance to compile them for discussion at another meeting.

P&Z APPOINTMENT: The Mayor reported to Sharee that on December 28 the Council officially appointed Vaun Waddell to take Keith Nielson's place on P&Z. He talked with Bob Oliphant, who also wants to be replaced. Bob will continue until we have a replacement for him.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS:

Report on Mailboxes: Harold reported he met with the Post Office department to see if it was a postal department requirement to have mailboxes in subdivisions grouped, and it is not. He talked with the rural mail carrier who presented us with some information on a development agreement with Kirby Forbush and the City that says that he would install his multiple mailboxes. Harold will research the development agreement.

Snow Removal on Center Street: Harold talked with Lyle Holden, who didn't think plowing snow to the center of the street would be a problem, but they only have one two-way plow. Mr. Holden said he would check with the Idaho Transportation Department District 6 office in Rigby and get back with Harold. They are only obligated to plow the center 24 feet, and we have to pick it up from the curb and move it. He feels it would be easier for us to just plow to the center of the street with our equipment. Discussion was had.

Damage to Truck: Harold reported a fire in one of our snowplow trucks. The electrical system caught on fire and demolished all the sparkplug wires. We took it to Bauer Pontiac in St. Anthony, because that was the only place we could get it in to immediately. They will try to have it done tomorrow.

COUNCILMEMBER DEITZ: No further report.

COUNCILMEMBER ORME: The Mayor said Councilmember Orme is over animal control, and we need to talk more about it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

Revisions to Title 1: Bruce reported he finished his suggestions to begin the revision of Title 1. He proposed that we consider getting through Title 1 this year and that we do so as it is convenient for us. He showed a master file that was sent to him from Sterling Codifiers. He said our City Code requires that we use a codifier; that is, that we choose some service out there that we send our ordinances to for changes to our City Code and for formatting the text. Sterling has attorneys and editors who review each code revision ordinance we sent them and then format the revisions and send corrected paper copies back to us for our books. Attorney Lee said the review that they are doing is not a review of whether it is wrong. All they are doing is looking at it and deciding where it goes in the Code. Bruce presented his changes to the Council and asked them to study the suggestions for discussion at the next meeting.

Links to Ordinances: Bruce recommended to the Council that we include an entry in the next City newsletter telling citizens that the City Code is now online and giving them the link to the online server.

Web Site: Bruce said that given Jan's offer to work with us on the Web site, he felt it would be better to talk about it in executive session. We need to respond to her offer.

P&Z Feedback: Bruce discussed the feedback from the P&Z meeting on January 4. He said there were some very strong feelings on the part of some of the commissioners. There were three main concerns they wanted to impart to the City Council:

(1) Why do we discuss candidates for Planning & Zoning Commission in closed session? It was pointed out by one of the commissioners that they have always discussed them in open session in the past. Bruce said he felt some pressure that they were trying to get him to divulge the names we had recommended as commissioners and whose names we had submitted to the County Commissioners. Attorney Lee advised him in front of the commission that he shouldn't divulge any names.

(2) There was a strong feeling that Rexburg is more aggressive in trying to seek economic development. We need to be actively promoting ourselves, and it is not happening. We need to have an economic development committee outside the City Council, a special group of citizens charged with actively seeking economic development.

(3) The third thing, he was asked if we had decided on a replacement for Jan Gallup. Do you think that she provided a meaningful service? Do you have a replacement? Bruce said he told them we certainly think she has provided a wonderful service, that she has done a lot of important work in her service to the City, but we don't have a replacement yet.

Attorney Lee said it was a hostile meeting. Bruce feels that in his capacity as the liaison to

the Planning & Zoning Commission, he ought to draft a response. He read the letter he drafted to them which is dated January 11, 2007. A few changes were suggested. A copy of the final letter is attached hereto, marked "Attachment 3."

Vaun Waddell received permission from the Mayor to ask a couple of questions. He asked how he could acquire a definitive list of legitimate communication channels between P&Z people and the City Council. He feels a lot of confusion about the status of the P&Z Commission at this moment in time because of empty seats, because of a new appointee like himself who doesn't have his feet on the ground, and because some seats are still filled by people whose terms have expired. He asked what is the legal status of P&Z. Attorney Lee said local appointees are a little different than at the state level. He believes at the local level that those people continue to act until they are actually replaced. As soon as the Mayor and City Council fill those positions and the County Commissioners do the same, then we will have a full P&Z Commission. Mr. Waddell said he would be in touch with the Mayor about the answer to his first question.

Training for Planning and Zoning: Bruce feels training for Planning and Zoning is important. We need to sit down and not only give our concerns about Title 8, but also provide some overview training. There are going to be so many new commissioners that we actually should give them some brief instruction about what the responsibility entails and what are the reporting relationships and how we all work together, etc. Attorney Lee recommended we do it after everyone is in place on the commission. The Mayor expressed appreciation to Bruce for his good work.

DISCUSSION OF P&Z APPOINTMENTS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Dalling said to get a second opinion about how appointments are made and discussion in executive meetings—we have been so challenged by that—we also contacted Jerry Mason. He read one statement from Mr. Mason's e-mail, as follows: "Many people will not volunteer for public service if they have to face having their reputations assaulted in public." He feels that means that any discussion of people's abilities and what we think they can contribute to Planning & Zoning needs to be done in private in an executive meeting.

Mayor's Remarks: The Mayor expressed disappointment in the apparent negative attitude of P&Z. Until some of that negativism is put aside, we are going to have this contention all the time.

Councilmember Harris' Remarks on Design Review Committee: Harold said he had a meeting with a member of what they termed as the design review committee. He asked specifically how they served and was told she serves on the design review committee. She said, "Why haven't you been doing anything with that?" Harold told her we struggled with it for at least nine months and we've asked for changes to be made. This person said they have never had any changes from the City Council to the design review committee by whoever is supposed to be carrying the word back to suggest the changes. He thinks that is one of the problems we are faced with. Somewhere there is no link between us and whoever takes the information out of this meeting back to their committee to work on these issues. They have never heard from the City Council or anyone about the recommended changes. The design review committee is to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The design review committee is under the assumption they have been officially appointed.

The Mayor said unless someone has something else that needs to be entered into the minutes, he made a proposal to enter an executive meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8:45 p.m. It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Deitz, pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(a), (b) & (f), that we move into executive session to discuss hiring, personnel and litigation matters. The Mayor called for a roll call vote:

Those voting aye: Councilmembers Harris, Deitz, King and Orme

Those voting nay: None

Thereupon, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Discussion during executive session was primarily on personnel.

9:20 p.m. The executive session was cut short upon the arrival of Ted Hendricks and Clair Boyle, and the regular Council meeting reconvened.

TED HENDRICKS – POSSIBLE BUSINESS PARK: Ted Hendricks addressed the Council. He is an economic development planner for ECIPDA. Accompanying him was Clair Boyle from Madison Economic Partners. Mr. Hendricks said they help not only with economic development activities or job creating activities, but they also help most of our communities with infrastructure—sewer, roads, things like that. They also help with community facilities—anything from hospitals, libraries, senior citizens centers, city halls, etc. They help with the financing of it, help develop it, and then they have a sidebar company that also gives loans to businesses through subsidized means.

Possible Business Park: Mr. Hendricks said one of the things he has been working on with Mayor Dalling, Harold Harris, and Clair Boyle is the possibility of establishing a business industrial park, acquiring some land, developing that land by putting infrastructure into it, and then marketing that property to businesses to help bring businesses to the community and create jobs. The people who give grants are in favor of it. Mr. Hendricks said, first of all, he needs the Council's support, commitment and some money to move to the next stage. The Mayor suggested we might be able to come up with \$100,000. Mr. Hendricks feels we have a good opportunity in Sugar City to bring about something like this. It will take a long time to get done.

We would be fortunate to get funded this year and then by the time you design it and hire the people to help do it, you would be fortunate to have construction done by 2008. A question was raised, does this hinge on having a business commitment? Mr. Hendricks said it helps in order to get the grant money. He said the funding agencies are getting more critical on that. He feels if companies knew they could come here and that we have property available, they would come. He said grants are given on a competitive basis, and we have some good, positive things in our favor. Mr. Hendricks said if we take the steps necessary to enact this thing, he feels over the next six or eight months we will be able to find somebody who is willing to partner with us on this. He isn't extremely concerned about the job creation issue. He thinks if we start and move forward, we will be able to find a job creator.

Costs: Mr. Hendricks said there would be some expense for their work. They would enter into a development agreement for \$6,000 to \$15,000 to help develop the project, to help submit all the applications, to obtain funding and get it committed to. At that point, because of the federal monies and the state monies that we bring into it, they always require certified administrators on it to help the municipalities. They do that work as well either under a second phase of that contract, or they do it under a whole new contract. We would also have the soft

costs of an engineer or someone who has to design the business park, the roads, the water, the sewer, the phone, everything. So there would be some costs obligated if the Council wants to move ahead, for the next six or eight months that it takes to develop it. He doesn't believe that would cost over \$8,000 to ECIPDA. Mr. Boyle said the work done by MEP is free, so that is one less thing we would have to worry about.

Acquiring Property: Mr. Hendricks said acquiring the property is pretty critical. The Mayor reported Mr. Hendricks is willing to go with us to meet with Tom Cole at the Idaho Transportation Department next week to see what we could work out. They will see if the state could donate the property on the northeast of the half interchange. It has 21 acres.

The Mayor said we could look at this property acquisition, and by the next Council meeting we could have some positive things to talk about. Mr. Hendricks said the three elements are the financing, the job creator, and the property. They can come in and develop it and just charge the fees that they normally charge to communities, and the City would own it and run it after it was constructed; or, in some cases, they create partnerships with the community where they co-own the facility, they help to run it, to manage it, and do other things. When the excess funds come in from the sale of the lots, then they dedicate those funds to do other economic development activities. That would depend on how the Council wanted to do that. The Mayor expressed appreciation to Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Boyle for coming tonight.

The Mayor suggested we put this matter on the back burner until we get a figure from the State, and we hope to have it by the next meeting. At that time he would like the Council to put together a motion of whether or not to proceed with the project. Then we'll have to determine the amount of money we think we can dedicate to it.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Dog Problem: The Mayor suggested he would be willing to meet with Councilmember Orme to put together some proposal on what to do about the dogs.

Further discussion of P&Z Appointments in Executive Session: The Mayor said, along with the direction of Attorney Lee on how to handle P&Z appointments and so forth, he wanted to enter a statement from Attorney Jerry Mason into the minutes: "The question posed is whether the City Council can discuss possible nominees in executive session prior to the Mayor making an appointment. I believe they can and have advised the cities I regularly work with in that manner over the course of many years."

Annexation Issue: The Mayor reported Rexburg may now be interested in having a meeting with the two City Councils. Councilmember King said he appreciated the way Attorney Lee presented our case before Judge Moss. Attorney Lee said he is working on the brief for the actual petition itself, which is due next Monday. He said as you go through the statute, he identified about 20 requirements that Rexburg has to go through, and there are about nine of them that they have not complied with.

The Mayor entertained a motion to go into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10:05 p.m. It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Deitz, pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(a), (b) & (f), that we move into executive session to discuss hiring matters, personnel issues and litigation. The Mayor called for a roll call vote:

Those voting aye: Councilmembers Harris, Deitz, King and Orme

Those voting nay: None

Thereupon, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Discussions during executive session were on appointments to P&Z Commission, on personnel issues, and pending litigation on annexations.

10:40 p.m. The executive session ended and the regular Council meeting reconvened.

MOTION ON DOG PROBLEM: It was moved by Councilmember Orme and seconded by Councilmember Deitz that we authorize the Mayor to contact the Madison County Sheriff's office to request that they begin enforcing our current dog-related ordinances, including writing citations when necessary; motion carried.

VACANCIES ON P&Z: Councilmember King said it was his understanding the Garry Jeppesen does not want to continue on as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Mayor said, as a result of the newspaper article, he contacted Mike Withers, who said he definitely does not want to serve on the Commission any longer because of a conflict with training for his business. Councilmember King reported the Council gave him input on the letter he drafted to send to Planning & Zoning about filling vacancies. He would like to finish the letter and send it to the Planning & Zoning Commission in response. Councilmember Orme feels because Bruce is the liaison to P&Z, we don't need a motion for him to send the letter.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SENDING OF LETTER TO P&Z: It was moved by Councilmember Harris that we authorize Mr. King to rewrite his original letter that he presented to the City Council and add the corrective notes that have been agreed on by the City Council, and for him to forward that on to P&Z as an explanation of their concerns and our position on why this has taken so long to work through some of these proposed ordinances. **MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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

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

Documents submitted by Jan to city council, planning and zoning or the city clerk:

Title	Chapter	Name	P&Z Public H.	City Council Public H.	Ordinance Date	Ord. #
7	1-5	Water & Sewer	Submitted to city council 11-2004			
9	5	Special Use Permit	3-2-06	4-13-06	4-13-06	261
9	13	Amendments, Reclassification, Annexation	2-16-06	3-23-06	4-13-06	262
9	14	Public Hearing Procedure	3-2-06	4-13-06	4-13-06	263
9	6	Zoning Districts	5-4-06			
9	9 A-C	Impact Area	5-4-06			
9	Map	Sugar City Zoning Map	5-4-06			
9	2	Definitions	5-18-06			
8	1	Building Code	10-05	12-06-06		
8	2	Design Review	10-05	12-06-06		
8	3	Design Standards	10-05	12-06-06		
8	4	Landscape Standards	10-05	12-06-06		
8	5	Sign Regulations	10-05	12-06-06		
8	6	Cell Tower	1-07			
10	1-7	Sugar City Subdivision Ordinance	5-18-06			

Name	P&Z Public H.	City Council Public H.	Resolution Date	Res. #
Comprehensive Plan 2005-2006	3-2-06	4-13-06	4-13-06	2006-2
Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map	2-2-06	3-23-06		
Comprehensive Plan Trails Map	2-2-06	3-23-06		
Comprehensive Plan Transportation Map	2-2-06	4-13-06		

Various city application drafts were submitted to city council and the city clerk on October 13, 2005.

Documents submitted to the city website server:

Name	On or prior to:
homepagehtml	4-16-2006
cityhallhtml	
calendarhtml	
centerstreethtml	
Sugar City Comprehensive Plan	
Various descriptive narratives	

Overview of Jan Gallup as planning consultant:

July 14, 2005: Mayor is given authority to assign an official title and set a monthly commission of \$500.

July 21, 2005: Official title shall be "project consultant" and "her assignment at the present time is pretty much tied to revision of the ordinances to comply with the comprehensive plan."

March 9, 2006: Approval was given by city council for Dave Thompson and Jan Gallup to upgrade the city's website. Dave was responsible for the server and Jan would provide design.

June 8, 2006: Council made a motion to delineate the terms of Jan's contract.

June 22, 2006: Letter forwarded to Jan.

July 13, 2006: Letter revised.

August 10, 2006: Contract approved and signed.

September 28, 2006: Contract renewed for 3 months (October, November & December).

December 14, 2006: Contract approved for renewal for 3 months.

December 21, 2006: City council approved to release Jan from her contract.

January 11, 2007

Dear Planning and Zoning Commission:

Thank you for your suggestions last Thursday. As always, they were helpful. Your insights are appreciated.

In response to your concerns, I have prepared a letter of explanation.

Filling Vacancies

1. Why does the city council discuss candidates for appointed office in executive session?

The reason is that we want to protect these citizens' privacy and good name. Such discussions necessarily cover their ability to serve, given their health, availability, interest, and skills. Generally, these candidates have not volunteered.

We feel that discussing them in public would be unfair.

Moving into closed meeting for such discussions is not meant to be secretive, only respectful. Perhaps that is why Idaho statute allows such sessions.

In my opinion, discussing candidates for appointed office in open meeting is a tradition that should be revisited. Of course, candidates must be appointed and confirmed in open meeting.

2. Why does the council choose just whom it wants?

The reason is simply because that is our duty. Under state statute, the mayor is to appoint citizens to office, and the council is to confirm them. Without question, common courtesy demands that we consult with you on replacements for vacancies on the planning and zoning commission.

Ultimately, however, we must choose who we feel is right for the job at that time and who we think will best meet the needs of the city.

We hope you will welcome, accept, and work with whoever is confirmed.

Promoting Economic Development

1. Why is the council not actively promoting economic development?

In my opinion, we are.

At present, the council is (a) diligently pursuing the annexation of prime commercial property southwest of town, (b) entertaining a serious proposal for a business park on the west side of town, (c) meeting with the director of the Madison Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) and serving on the MEDCO board of directors, (d) working to beautify the city, (e) assisting in the revision of city ordinances, (f) seeking to make ordinances developer-friendly, (g) planning a meaningful Web site, and (h) trying generally to further the vision of the city.

Given our community values, I believe we must proceed carefully when courting new economic development. We need such development, but we must avoid forcing it.

To my way of thinking, systematic growth generally occurs naturally. Of course, it should be planned. But discretion must govern the extent to which we aggressively recruit economic development.

Rexburg is growing because that is the logical place for growth. Sugar City will grow when annexations are finalized and when development proposals meet city requirements.

Certainly, we must follow our comprehensive plan. In that connection, I will recommend to the council that it analyze page 21, which contains this requirement: "Establish and maintain an economic development committee."

Again, the City Council is encouraging economic development through the eight steps enumerated above. Whether we should now expand those efforts—a key part of which is the work of Mayor Dalling and Councilman Orme with MEDCO—by establishing a citizen committee for this purpose is a point for discussion.

Replacing Jan

1. Has the council decided on a replacement for Jan?

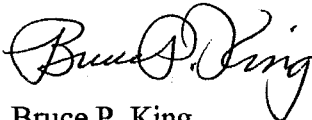
No.

As the council has stated, Jan has provided important services. We had not anticipated her letter of resignation, and, as yet, we haven't decided on a replacement.

If she is replaced, we may not make a decision until the new planning and zoning commission is organized and functioning.

Well, these are my thoughts in reply to your questions, and are submitted in my capacity of liaison to the planning and zoning commission.

Thank you for your thoughtful input,



Bruce P. King
Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission
Sugar City Councilmember