

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019

Presiding: Mayor Dave Ogden  
Meeting Convened at 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer: Mayor Ogden  
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor David D. Ogden; Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin; Councilors Brent Barrus, Sid Purser, Connie Fogle, and Steve Davis; Planning and Zoning Chair Dave Thompson; Forsgren and Associates Project Manager Randy Johnson; Citizens Kristin Galbraith, Jana Goff, Bert McLaughlin, and Quinton Owens.

**RATIFICATION OF NEW COUNCILMAN:** Mayor Ogden introduced Steve Davis to the council. He recommended Steve Davis as one who would work and fit well with the council. Steve is also a long-time local resident familiar with the area and desires of the community.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilman Barrus and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle to ratify the appointment of Steve Davis to the Sugar City Council filling Joy Moss's council seat; motion carried.

**SWEARING IN OF STEVE DAVIS:** Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin gave the oath of office to Steve Davis to fill the last vacant council seat who then joined the council. Mayor Ogden reminded the council of the importance of their oath in serving the city as councilors and that it was good to review it.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Councilman Sid Purser recommended Councilman Brent Barrus as council president.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilman Purser and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle to elect Councilman Barrus as council president; motion carried.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilman Barrus and seconded by Councilman Purser to elect Councilwoman Fogle as council vice-president; motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Mayor Ogden asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday, June 27, 2019. Each councilmember had a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilwoman Fogle and seconded by Councilman Purser to accept the minutes; motion carried.

**RECONCILIATION REPORTS:** The council asked general questions to clarify items on the bank statements and financial reports.

Wendy presented the June reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilman Barrus and seconded by Councilman Davis to accept the June reconciliation reports for the General Fund; motion carried.

Wendy presented the June reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilman Barrus and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle to accept the June reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund; motion carried.

Wendy presented the current bills in the amount of \$343,448.74. It was moved by Councilman Purser and seconded by Councilman Davis to pay the current bills, together with all regular July bills; motion carried.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:** No report

**BRADSHAW SPECIAL USE PERMIT & ZONE CHANGE FINDINGS OF FACT:** No report. Mayor Ogden explained to the council that the city is still waiting on the legal descriptions for the Findings of Fact.

**ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES:** The council adopted the standard international or national building codes for buildings, residences, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical. The city would then be able to enforce standards that may be overlooked or ignored.

Ordinance No. 342\_2019 was introduced by title only by Councilman Barrus entitled:

**“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AS ITS BUILDING CODE THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL OR NATIONAL BUILDING CODES FOR BUILDINGS, RESIDENCES, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND MECHANICAL.”**

It was moved by Councilman Barrus and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle to waive reading of the ordinance on three different days and to place it upon its final passage. Thereupon the clerk called roll upon the motion.

Those voting aye: Councilors Barrus, Purser, Fogle, and Davis  
Those voting nay: None

Thereupon, the mayor declared that the motion, having been passed by not less than two-thirds of the council, had been duly carried. It was moved by Councilman Barrus and seconded by Councilman Davis to adopt this ordinance. Thereupon, the clerk called roll upon the motion.

Those voting aye: Councilors Barrus, Purser, Fogle, and Davis  
Those voting nay: None

Ordinance No. 342\_2019 was thereupon declared by the mayor to have been duly passed by not less than two-thirds of the council. The clerk will publish Ordinance No 342\_2019 in summary or full immediately in at least one issue of the *Standard Journal*, a newspaper published in the city of Rexburg, Madison County, Idaho.

**SUGAR SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR NEW WATER BASE FEE SCHEDULE:** The council granted the school district’s request for a new water base fee schedule. The current base schedule used building capacity, this base schedule will use meter size capacity. The school will save about \$15,000 annually and the city will still be able to meet their replacement cost requirements because of the economies of scale. The council asked several questions of both Forsgren and Associates Engineer Randy Johnson and City Engineer Dick Dyer. The council pointed out that the decision must be based on water usage and not the water user since the school district and city benefit from each other.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilman Barrus and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle

to change the water base schedule to meter capacity instead of building capacity effective immediately. Thereupon, the clerk called roll upon the motion.

Those voting aye: Councilors Barrus, Purser, Fogle, and Davis

Those voting nay: None

Thereupon the mayor declared the motion passed.

**FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT:** The council agreed to go ahead with the flood plain mitigation project. Mayor Ogden gave a brief history of the flood plain and revisions made by STARR and mapping agency that used outdated data that put Sugar City and Rexburg back in the flood zone increasing it ten times what it was before. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has since agreed to use data from a 2010 flood incident in the Rexburg Sugar City area to create a new model. The total cost to Madison County, Rexburg, and Sugar City will be about \$19,000 of which about \$5,000 will be Sugar City's part. The council felt it was well worth the effort and expense. The current map impacts the city in two ways:

- Flood insurance costs to each homeowner could add additional costs of approximately \$500 - \$1000 per year per household
- The higher costs for insurance would stunt Sugar City's growth indefinitely.

**COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS:** The mayor met with each councilmember individually, discussed council assignments, and received feedback on what they would like to be involved with. Attached are the council assignments (see Attachment #1).

**MIKE STEARS VARIANCE REQUEST:** The council tabled the variance request until a resolution could be prepared for Mike Stears. He would like to divide property he just purchased to separate the house and shop on two different lots. He will sell the house to his daughter and keep the shop for his personal use. City code says a lot must have a 100 feet frontage. His lot for the shop has only a 75 feet frontage.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORTS:**

**Budget Work Meeting:** Tomorrow at 4:00 pm at City Hall the council will meet to discuss the budget. The public is invited.

**General Election Forms:** Forms can be picked up at the city office. Monday, August 26, 2019 is the first day for filing declarations of candidacy and Friday, September 6, 2019 is the last day for filing declarations of candidacy until 5:00 p.m. Forms must be filed with the Sugar City Clerk.

**Pioneer Day Celebration:** Food vendors, volunteers, and sponsors are still needed. Councilmen Purser Barrus are in charge and will coordinate with Stone's Town & Country who sponsors and cooks the breakfast. Last year it was estimated that about 750 people attended the breakfast.

**Idaho Department of Transportation (ITD) Hwy 33 Proposal:** ITD would like to abandon the stretch of Hwy 33 that runs through Rexburg and Sugar City. Rexburg would have about 4 miles, Sugar City about 2.2 miles, and Madison County about .31 miles. The state would pay each entity a sum of money to take over the maintenance.

**Well #5 Report:** The Department of Environmental Quality has accepted Well #5. The well puts out about 2,500 gallons/minute – the city needed 1,500 gallons of water per minute. The sand content is almost nonexistent compared to the city's other wells. The mayor is pleased

with the well and feels it will serve the city for many years.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMAN BARRUS:**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:** The council enjoyed participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and look forward to participating again next year. They rode in the back of a new truck from Woody Smith Ford, wore funny sunglasses, threw candy, and squirted water on parade goers.

**City Water Shares:** Councilman Barrus stressed the need to use the city water shares possibly in a second irrigation system. If they are not used the city could risk losing them to someone else.

**COUNCILMAN PURSER:** No report.

**COUNCILWOMAN FOGLE:** No report

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Dave Ogden

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy McLaughlin, Clerk-Treasurer

**CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS  
TO HELP WITH ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS**

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**Brent Barrus**

**Planning & Zoning Commission Liaison**

**Easter Egg Hunt – Teton Dam Marathon**

**Connie Fogle**

**Public Works Department Liaison**

**Local Emergency Planning Committee Representative**

**Sid Purser**

**Design Review Board Liaison**

**Parks and Recreation Department – Sugar Days – Community Breakfast**

**Steve Davis**

**Tree & Beautification Committee Liaison**

**Arbor Day – Christmas Tree Lighting**