

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

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

Present: Mayor Glenn W. Dalling; Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin; Councilmen Bruce King, Lamont Merrill, Vaun Waddell, and Burch Drake.

The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 11, 2014. Each councilman had a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilman Merrill and seconded by Councilman Drake to accept the minutes; motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION: No report.

PROPOSED IMPACT AREA AGREEMENT ORDINANCE – SUGGESTED CHANGES:

The council accepted changes to the proposed Impact Area Agreement Ordinance to clarify which Madison County Ordinance procedures would be used to implement and administer the agreement and how the ordinance would be enforced. The ordinance was first presented to the council by the Planning & Zoning Commission September 11, 2014, for acceptance, but it will not be adopted until clarification and notification procedures are completed. Councilman Waddell read the title only to the ordinance for the first reading. The council suggested that City Attorney Bill Forsberg review the latest proposed changes and provide a brief summary to be included in the next utility billing that will go out the first of part of October. The extra notification was adopted by the city council as a precaution to help avoid passing an ordinance without full community awareness and citizen input, if desired.

PROPOSED LARGE VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE – SUGGESTED CHANGES:

Councilman Waddell led the discussion, which centered on three main points of change brought up in the September 11 meeting.

- Defining restricted large vehicles by width instead of weight – the council discussed how both measures may be needed
- Striking the “two-hour lunch” provision – enforcement would be difficult; instead list streets/zones where parking is permissible
- Listing streets for route access – promote access routes vs. prohibiting streets – three streets are engineered for heavier traffic:
 1. Idaho Highway 33 (Front and Center streets)
 2. Third North
 3. Railroad Avenue

RV Parking for visitors not longer than 14 days cumulative in a year, and not longer than 7 days in one trip, and 20 feet from driveway.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE #304 COMMENTS: The council discussed ways in which to proceed with the animal ordinance now that public comments have been heard and recorded. The recordings will be digitized for easier access during council review.

RIVER BEND RANCH: A new subdivision north of the old Toscano development is planned to break ground sometime next spring. A map of the proposed subdivision was presented at a meeting at city hall attended by River Bend Ranch's CEO, engineer, and Terry Mortensen their local representative. Others attending by invitation were Dave Walrath, Dave Ogden, Zane Baler, Dick Dyer, and Mayor Dalling. In the near future, River Bend Ranch will be presenting their plans to the city planning and zoning commission.

AT&T EXPANSION: Councilman Merrill reported on AT&T's desire to enlarge the existing pump house next to the old water tower on 6 North Teton Avenue in order to house additional equipment. The expansion will add an additional 6 feet onto the west end of the building. AT&T will re-roof the entire structure and install new soffit and fascia, so that the building will look new. The shut-off line will need to be moved to the outside of the building. Mont believes AT&T will also help with this construction.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman Waddell and seconded by Councilman Drake to authorize increasing the size of the existing building as described by Councilman Merrill and to negotiate a contract for a 6'x16' building expansion. Motion carried.

RECYCLE WASTE MATERIALS: Councilman King reported that other cities in Eastern Idaho practice co-mingled waste recycling, which is becoming popular and can significantly reduce landfill costs. Co-mingled waste recycling is dumping everything except glass, styrofoam, plastic bags, and wet garbage (food scraps, grass clippings) into one 95-gallon can that is provided separately from the regular garbage can. The can is dumped every two weeks at a cost of \$5 per month to each participating household. Approximately 75% of Pocatello residents currently participate in this program, which saves the city on landfill costs, mineral resources, energy, and landfill space. Currently, Sugar City spends about \$25,000 annually on landfill costs. According to national EPA estimates, our waste stream contains 58% potentially recyclable materials. An official of Western Recycling in Idaho Falls said the company may be willing to provide service to Sugar City if 100 residents sign up to participate. The national participation average for household recycling is 33%. (See attachment).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN MERRILL: Councilman Merrill reported that the brick work for the new front façade of city hall is complete, with electrical lights, metal cap, and patching roof membrane remaining to finish the project.

COUNCILMAN WADDELL: Councilman Waddell reported the Parks and Recreation Committee held their first meeting September 12 at 3 p.m. The need for portable goals, playing fields, and practice fields was discussed. The consensus of the council was that Smith Park is the best-suited city facility for team practice and play. City officials agreed that the city should not discourage use of Heritage Park by neighborhood children, and Neibaur Park could also be used by young children. Councilmen recommended the purchase or acquisition of two or three sets of portable goals for the use of soccer players. Practice and games need to be scheduled with city

hall. Fees will be discussed. Heritage Park pavillion will be scheduled separately from the park's soccer field. A new form will be provided so that customers know what facilities they are reserving.

COUNCILMAN KING: See waste-recycling report above.

COUNCILMAN DRAKE: Councilman Drake showed pictures of the office sign, which will be completed within the next two weeks. It will mirror park signs for color and size. The city hall parking lot is scheduled to be re-paved the first part of October, with the start of the city's new fiscal year.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Shop With a Cop – Mayor Dalling asked the council if they would like the city to donate to the annual “Shop With a Cop” event, where needy children are given an opportunity to go shopping with a cop and purchase items for their family. Although the event is a worthy cause, the council was cautioned about using public funds for charitable events.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman Drake and seconded by Councilman Waddell to contribute \$250 to the Shop With a Cop program. Motion carried.

Island Park Mayors' Meeting – The mayor reported on the mayors' meeting in Island Park in August. Executive Director of the Association of Idaho Cities, Ken Harwood, was not able to attend because of poor health. Jerry Mason, AIC attorney, attended in his place. Items discussed included the increasing costs of road maintenance on limited budgets due to failure of the legislature at the federal and state levels to increase motor fuel (gasoline, diesel, and gasohol) taxes to accommodate increases in the cost of road construction and maintenance. And, as always, every city has problems with dogs.

Christmas Party Date Approval – The annual Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 3, or Friday, December 5, depending on when the Commons (cafeteria room) at Sugar-Salem High School is available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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

Attested: Wendy McLaughlin
Wendy McLaughlin, Clerk-Treasurer

Section 1: Why Should Pocatello Have a Curbside Recycling Program?

Diverting recyclable materials from the landfill saves energy, mineral resources, landfill space, and money.

Our waste stream contains 58% potentially recyclable materials, according to EPA national estimates. These wasted materials have a current market value of nearly \$300,000¹, and Pocatello pays the Bannock County Landfill over \$330,000 to dispose of those recyclable materials². Furthermore, the potential energy saving from recycling those materials is very large. If we recycled the entire 58% of our annual waste stream in Pocatello, we would save the equivalent of nearly 1.5 million gallons of gasoline every year.³ Pocatello's current residential recycling rate is 2.8%⁴. The proposed curbside recycling program aims to raise this rate significantly in order to take advantage of the huge monetary and energy potential of recyclable materials that we throw away.



Section 2: Program Goals and Milestones

The ultimate goal of the curbside recycling program is to increase Pocatello's household recycling rate to the national average of 33%⁵, or higher, by 2012.

A curbside recycling program has the greatest potential to produce a large volume of recyclable commodities, thereby making the program less expensive to run and more effective in conserving resources. It is the most effective option because it makes recycling simple and convenient. It is the most efficient option because it parallels the existing garbage collection service, and it collects the greatest amount of recyclable material per mile driven.

¹ 58% of the 20,372 tons of residential solid waste disposed of by the Sanitation Department in 2007, worth \$295,393 at a current estimated value of \$25/ton for intermixed recyclables (estimated value from Western Recycling)

² 58% of the 20,372 tons of solid waste disposed of in 2007, at a disposal cost of \$28/ton, is \$330,841.

³ EPA's Waste Reduction Model (WARM), adjusted for Pocatello's location, shipping distances, and waste stream yields and energy savings equivalent to 1.47 million gallons of gasoline per year

⁴ Pocatello Sanitation Department estimates from drop-off program yields

⁵ Environmental Protection Agency estimates