

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

2 **June 14, 2011**

3 **Providence City Office Building**

4 **15 South Main Providence, UT**

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6 Call to Order: Mayor Liechty
7 Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Liechty
8 Attendance: D Astle, B Bagley, D Low, J Russell, D Calderwood
9 Excused:
10 Pledge of Allegiance:
11 Motivational Thought: Dale Astle

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13 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

14 The Providence City Council will approve the minutes from May 24, 2011.
15 **Motion to approve the minutes with the following changes: D Astle, B Bagley second**
16 Page 1 – Line 33 – City Historian, would she be a part of the Historic Commission?
17 Page 3 – Line 20 – you had as a kid to go to Mountain Crest.
18 **Vote: Yea: B Bagley, D Low, D Astle, D Calderwood, J Russell**
19 **Nay: None**
20 **Abstain: None**
21 **Excused: None**

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23 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

24 Bracken Atkinson from Stevens-Henagar College talked to the Council about the Mayor’s Scholarship that is offered every
25 year. This is not something that is advertised. It is up to the Mayor/Council how to get the word out to the citizens. He
26 handed out packets to each Councilman and Mayor. The main requirement is a high school diploma or GED. There is one
27 scholarship for each community. This is an opportunity to help someone in your community. The application deadline is
28 August 15th.

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30 **PUBLIC HEARING:** The Providence City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed
31 budget for fiscal year 2012 for the following funds: General, Capital Project, Water, Sewer and Storm Water.

32 **Motion to open the Public Hearing: J Russell, D Calderwood second**

33 **Vote: Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood, D Low, J Russell**
34 **Nay: None**
35 **Abstain: None**
36 **Excused: None**

37 S Bankhead told the Council that the budget in front of them is based on the discussions that have been done recently.
38 Water rates will be increased by \$3 a month. The sewer rates will increase by \$6 a month.
39 R Eck asked if the sewer sinking fund could be used to pay for the sewer system to be camerade.
40 S Bankhead said it can.
41 D Calderwood asked about raising the excess water rates.
42 S Bankhead said there isn’t a lot of excess water right now. Excess water is not a guarantee.
43 D Astle said excess water rates are like adding frosting to your cake.
44 S Bankhead said there will be a separate resolution for excess water rates.
45 D Calderwood said he needs to be convinced to raise the sewer rates.
46 S Bankhead said Logan City will increase us at least \$6 a connection.
47 D Astle said the sinking funds are monies to be used down the road. Our sinking funds are growing and growing without
48 being spent. He would feel better if the monies were identified for certain projects. How do you justify having money in the
49 sinking fund if it’s not identified for capital projects?
50 The Council talked about the sewer system and the possibilities of working with commercial development.
51 S Bankhead said that excess monies will be for Logan right now. We can’t bond or save for the money. Their estimating 20
52 million will be the cost of the project.
53 R Liechty said let’s earmark 20 thousand of the sewer fund for the cameraing of the sewer.
54 R Eck asked if he can hire a part time employee to clean the sewer system so we can camera.
55 J Russell said there needs to be a plan for the money. If a situation arises we can move the money to take care of the problem.

1 The Council talked about cameraing the sewer and keeping it clean while it's being done. They discussed why the City needs
2 to keep the extra money in the fund.
3 J Russell said are we comfortable with the extra money that we have.
4 D Astle said the money needs to be earmarked.
5 D Calderwood said R Eck wants 3 million to do his projects this next year. Maybe we should give him extra money to take
6 care of things.
7 S Bankhead said ask for a property tax increase and let the people know what we're doing with the money.
8 D Calderwood talked about having to justify an increase to the citizens.
9 B Bagley asked if the reserve could be tied to the contingent fund.
10 D Low said maybe our citizens will be happy about the decision to keep the extra money. We should be looking at what is
11 the right thing to do for the City in the years to come.
12 S Bankhead asked if the Council is ok with hiring enough people to run the camera for the sewer system.
13 D Astle said right now our budget is bare bones.
14 J Russell said he is in support of the \$6 sewer increase. He recommends taking the 88 thousand dollars and having someone
15 else camera the sewer system.
16 The Council talked about hiring someone to camera the sewer lines or buying a camera and doing it ourselves. Which is more
17 feasible?
18 S Bankhead said you would be spending \$90,000 to purchase the camera and the help needed to run it for 4 months.
19 The Council is in favor of spending \$100,000 to purchase the camera and the help needed to run it for 4 months and fuel and
20 maintenance.
21 **Motion to close the public hearing: B Bagley, D Calderwood second**
22 **Vote: Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood, D Low, J Russell**
23 **Nay: None**
24 **Abstain: None**
25 **Excused: None**
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27 **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

28 **Item No. 1.** The Providence City Council will consider the proposed tax rate.

29 **Motion to approve: D Astle, D Low second**

30 S Bankhead said the budget is figured on the current tax rate. She talked to the County Auditor and the City's average value
31 of a house is \$225,000. The Providence City portion of tax will increase \$34 a year. You ask for what you need. The Council
32 has to establish the certified tax rate. If you seriously want to consider raising taxes then we will take the necessary steps to
33 do this.

34 D Astle wants to know how much surplus monies we have on hand that we could put into capital project funds. He doesn't
35 want to raise taxes if the money is already there.

36 S Bankhead said the City has cut back considerably on things. If it isn't absolutely necessary it is put on the shelf. We don't
37 have the man power to do everything that needs to be done. There are a lot of roads that need to be redone. There are certain
38 policies that if we don't have them in place it could cost us millions of dollars.

39 The Council talked about the roads in the City.

40 D Low asked what kind of City we want. He doesn't want to live in a City that has no future. It takes money to live in a nice
41 City. He believes we are living so lean that if we don't raise property taxes, in a few years we will be in trouble. He would be
42 willing to raise taxes \$6 a month. He wants to be pro-active with the taxes.

43 J Russell said the City isn't moving forward. It has been 17 years since the last tax increase.

44 R Liechty believes the money needs to be earmarked for projects as it comes in.

45 J Russell talked about the City's wish list.

46 D Low said there are so many things that need to be fixed and maintained that we're falling behind.

47 D Astle asked why we need more money when we have extra money. He wants a list of projects that need to be done.

48 R Liechty said staff has given them the budget for next year without raising taxes.

49 The Council wants to know what the projects are for next year that needs to be done.

50 S Bankhead asked what we need to ask for. We have to have a temporary budget to get started in July. Projects for roads
51 can't be done until we know how much money there is. The tax revenue can be raised tonight to approve the budget for July.
52 If staff knows we have the money and we're going to use it we can contract out the money. There isn't enough surplus to
53 make a dent in the few things that have to be done right now.

54 R Eck said he will spend what ever amount of money he is given.

55 S Bankhead said the Council has to tell us what they want us to do. Do you want us to spend the excess money on the road
56 projects? There is about 400 thousand in the excess surplus, about 300 thousand above the 18%. Can R Eck spend 400
57 thousand on roads this year?

58 R Eck said definitely.

1 J Russell asked if we wanted to keep working with the 18%.
2 S Bankhead said there is 500 thousand to use for chip seal.
3 R Eck said he was given 204 thousand last year to take care of the roads.
4 S Bankhead asked if the Council wants to do the round-a-bout without the Class C Road Funds. If so there goes the 500
5 thousand. Do we do the round-a-bout in 2012?
6 D Low said the City needs more money.
7 D Astle asked when the ¼ percent sales tax has to be applied for.
8 S Bankhead said she believes the 1st of August.
9 J Russell asked if we want to rely on the sales tax to do the round-a-bout.
10 D Astle said he thinks we need to decide if we want the round-a-bout.
11 D Low asked how much it will cost to keep the roads maintained where they are right now.
12 R Eck said 225 thousand will maintain the roads that are worth maintaining. In order to maintain more roads it will cost
13 more.
14 S Bankhead said the 500 thousand was saved for the Gateway Drive project. Do we want to use it for the round-a-bout?
15 R Eck said the City will apply for the ¼ cent sales tax for the round-a-bout.
16 R Liechty said he doesn't think that the City will get the ¼ cent sales tax. Everyone City wants money for their projects.
17 D Calderwood said he will not vote for a tax increase until he sees where the money goes.
18 J Russell said move forward on the round-a-bout and does a tax increase as presented and mark it for roads.
19 D Low wants a tax increase to be able to run a City that he is proud of. He will ask for 200 thousand more a year.
20 D Astle wants to know what the money is used for and what the extra money in the bank accounts is being saved for. Where
21 will we spend the money?
22 S Bankhead said she doesn't know why there is extra money. She was told not to put a property tax increase in the budget.
23 She was told to put the round-a-bout as a top priority. That will cost 500 thousand.
24 R Eck said he has never had a Council that doesn't like a savings account. He has never been accused of hoarding money.
25 D Calderwood said times are not good. We need to be very careful before we do a tax increase. If the money is there we need
26 to look at it and decide where it will be spent.
27 D Low said a tax rate increase would give you money forever. Taking money that you already have is very shortsighted.
28 S Bankhead said the extra money is there because we haven't been able to spend the money yet. Some of that money is for
29 bond payments. That money has to carry us through until January when we get the big money coming in for property taxes.
30 To believe you have a lot of excess money sitting there is not very smart. She explained how the different accounts work. The
31 bulk of the money that hits the Bank of Utah is not General Fund money.
32 B Bagley asked if we can proceed with the round-a-bout and do road maintenance without a tax increase.
33 S Bankhead said that is what this budget is doing right now. That will drain your Class C Road Funds.
34 D Astle said we can fund the budget without a property tax increase.
35 S Bankhead said that is not keeping up on the extra stuff that we don't have the employees or the time to take care of. We add
36 to the maintenance workload but we don't add to the maintenance expenses.
37 D Low said we need more money.
38 B Bagley asked if the Council agreed to the tax increase what the money would be used for.
39 S Bankhead said Public Works and Administration would probably hire a new employee. If we know we have the people
40 there are certainly places that we can spend the money. There could be some salary adjustment increases that need to be done.
41 D Low said this doesn't maintain the roads.
42 B Bagley asked what the next step is. He thinks we need to maintain and make some progress in the City.
43 D Astle said a budget is a proposal. He feels like its staffs responsibility to ask for what they want then it's the Councils
44 responsibility to decide where the money is coming from.
45 S Bankhead said tonight a budget has to be passed with a fairly good idea of the amount of money that is wanted. You have
46 until August to decide if you want a tax increase. You need a proposed tax rate.
47 R Liechty said R Eck and S Bankhead will bring back to the Council a list of projects that the City will be able to do this
48 year.
49 The Council talked about increasing the taxes by \$95,000.
50 D Low asked for \$200,000. He wants a progressive beautiful City. He believes the City is just barely hanging on.
51 **Motion to raise the tax rate to \$600,000: D Low, no second**
52 **Motion to increase the tax rate to \$500,000: J Russell, B Bagley second**
53 **Vote: Yea: B Bagley, D Low, J Russell**
54 **Nay: D Astle, D Calderwood**
55 **Abstain: None**
56 **Excused: None**
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1 **Item No. 2. Resolution No. 11-014:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution approving the
2 budget for fiscal year 2012 for the following funds: General, Capital Project, Water, Sewer and Storm Water.

3 **Motion to approve: J Russell, B Bagley second**

4 **Vote: Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood, D Low, J Russell**

5 **Nay: None**

6 **Abstain: None**

7 **Excused: None**

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9 **Item No. 3. Resolution 11-013:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution approving the
10 Providence City Protection of Athletes with Head Injuries Concussion and Head Injury Policy.

11 **Motion to approve: D Low, D Astle second**

12 The Council made a couple of spelling corrections.

13 **Vote: Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood, D Low, J Russell**

14 **Nay: None**

15 **Abstain: None**

16 **Excused: None**

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18 **Item No. 4. Ordinance No. 005-2011:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption an ordinance amending
19 Providence City Code Title 7 Public Ways and Property by adding Chapter 11 Disposal of Public Property.

20 **Motion to approve: D Calderwood, D Astle second**

21 B Bagley asked that the definition of surplus be inserted into the definitions. He went through some spelling and verbiage
22 corrections.

23 **Vote: Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood, D Low, J Russell**

24 **Nay: None**

25 **Abstain: None**

26 **Excused: None**

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28 **STAFF REPORTS:**

29 S Bankhead talked about meeting with Carol Nyman and Brenda Nelson with the Historic Preservation Commission. The
30 City Celebration went very well. She reminded the Council of the Concert in the Park. Fun in the Sun is going along. Brent
31 Jensen from Hyrum City came and looked at the Splash Pad. People are enjoying summer in the City. She's waiting for Brian
32 Olsen to bring some information on the deer. The Providence Canyon Trail is being worked on. She told the Council about
33 the decision to let the Checketts keep their business license. She told the Council that the Gardner's Market will start on July
34 9th.

35 R Eck talked about the flooding situation. There has been some asphaltting done this week. They are putting Bark Maple trees
36 on Main Street. Stop signs are up on Gateway Drive. D Low suggested putting a sign in Vons Park to remind people of the
37 water situation.

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39 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

40 B Bagley talked about the tax revenue for May. He talked about the new Chase Bank coming in.

41 D Astle reemphasized getting a better idea of where the budget is going.

42 D Low apologized if he hurt any feelings at the meeting tonight. He thanked Skarlet Bankhead and Beth Munson for their
43 help with the Gardner's Market.

44 D Calderwood reported on the deer situation. He is looking for a place that the DWR would be able to cull the deer.

45 J Russell thanked Public Works for all the things that they do. He would like to start meeting with the citizens again once a
46 month.

47 R Liechty talked about the CERT training. There is 27 CERT trained citizens now. One Thursday night a month they would
48 like to have extra training. He would like for the City to pay for one more training session in October. The City Celebration
49 was phenomenal, the best year yet. He thanked the Council for the time and effort they put in to their positions.

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51 **Motion to adjourn: D Low, D Calderwood second**

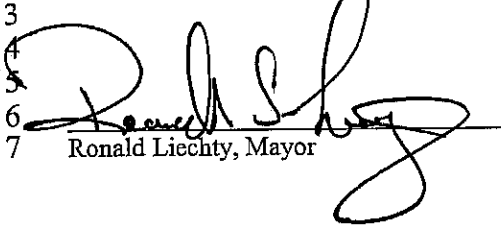
52 **Vote: Yea: B Bagley, D Low, D Astle, J Russell, D Calderwood**

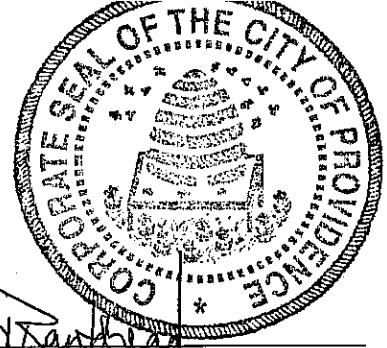
53 **Nay: None**

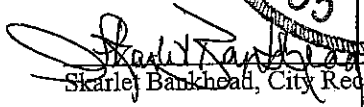
54 **Abstain: None**

55 **Excused: None**

1 Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.
2 Minutes taken and prepared by Terri Lewis

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Ronald Liechty, Mayor




Skarley Bankhead, City Recorder

City Council Meeting

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Please Sign In

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