Minutes of the meeting of the City Council of West Bountiful City held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at West Bountiful City Hall, Davis County, Utah

Those in Attendance

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kenneth Romney, George Biada, John Baza, James Bruhn, Valerie Shaw, Mark Preece.

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Howe (City Administrator), Heidi Voordecker (City Recorder), Michael Egget (Planning and Zoning), Randy Lloyd (Chief of Police), Nathalie Ellingson (secretary).

VISITORS: William Arbuckle, Alan Malan, Sandi Smith, Jason Meservy, Christine Harker, James Ahlstrom, Debbie McKean.

Called to Order:

Mayor Kenneth Romney of West Bountiful City called this meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

Invocation/Thought: Scout Oath given by Scout Jared Whiting.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scout Brigham Pett.

1. Accept Agenda

Mayor Romney suggested moving Item 5 to follow Item 2.

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to accept the agenda, moving Item 5 to Item 2a.

SECOND: George Biada seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye
George Biada – Aye

2. Public Comment

No comments from the public, but George Biada thanked Mayor Romney for being responsive to citizen concerns about potholes, and getting the contractor out to repair them. George encouraged the public to bring any concerns to the council’s attention, because they will get results.
2a. Youth Council Report

Debbie McKean presented the report. They were not able to secure a spot in the youth conference convening this weekend, but they will act early enough next year. In place of the conference, they would like to consider an activity where youth can shadow a council member for a half day or so, or attend a board meeting. The Easter egg hunt will be April 3rd at 10:00 am in the bowery behind City Hall. Debbie suggested the youth council report every other month rather than monthly. Heidi will look at the schedule of events and talk with Debbie later. They are still looking at means of getting some money to subsidize their budget.

3. Consider Approval of Contract with Zimmerman Well Service, LLC, awarded February 2, 2010

Craig Howe – this contract was awarded and presented to Council in February, but was not approved by Council because they needed specific bond and insurance documents. That information has been provided.

MOTION: George Biada moved to approve the contract with Zimmerman Well Service, LLC, with the total bid of $74,850.

SECOND: James Bruhn seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye
George Biada – Aye

4. Consider Adoption of Ordinance 318-10 Amending Chapter 13.04.090 of the West Bountiful City Municipal Code

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04, SECTION 090, BILLING FOR UTILITY SERVICES, OF THE WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY MUNICIPAL CODE BY INCLUDING LANGUAGE THAT CLARIFIES THE COLLECTION PROCESS OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND ESTABLISHES A PROCESS FOR EXPENSING UNCOLLECTABLE BALANCES.

Mayor Romney – The auditors had looked at the ordinance and found the existing provisions to be vague. Some suggestions from the staff have been incorporated into the language.
Craig Howe – The current practice of waiting four months before notice is too lenient. The new language states that a bill not paid within the first 30 days will be considered delinquent, and on the 15th of the following month, a notice will go out. The customer has the following 15 days to contact the City and arrange payment. If no contact is made, a shutoff order will go out. A door hanger will notify the customer 24 hours before shutoff. A reinstatement fee will be charged to restore service, along with all past due payments.

Valerie Shaw suggested reminding customers they can use express bill pay. Reminders could go in the bill, on the website, and in the newsletter.

MOTION: George Biada moved to adopt Ordinance 318-10 amending Chapter 13.04.090, Billing for Utility Services, of the West Bountiful City Municipal Code.

SECONDED: Mark Preece seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye
George Biada – Aye

5. Youth Council Report

Moved to 2a.

6. Police Report

Chief Randy Lloyd referred to the monthly statistics and invited anyone with questions to talk to him. The statistics show that the officers are very busy.

They have a new reserve officer who has eight years experience on the highway patrol. He has a great personality and they should see an increase in productivity. The other two reserve officers are almost done with their training.

Chief Lloyd commented that one day he walked on the trail as a private citizen, and that in seven minutes, he counted 35 people using the trail. There were cars parked at all the trailheads. He wanted Council to know how popular the trail is, and they should do everything they can to keep in up.
Heidi Voordecker’s – Statistics for the month of February showed the sales tax (which were from the Christmas season) showed for the first time to be higher than the prior year. She is optimistic there may not be as big a shortfall as was expected. Some other areas are not showing as much revenue as expected, the spending freeze is still on, and the budget shortfall needs to be addressed before the end of the fiscal year. However, franchise taxes were also up over last year, and she expects property tax to be more. She will not know until May, and suggests opening the budget after she gets those figures.

Mayor Romney mentioned the parade committee received some donations for fireworks from Holly Oil, and they will be soliciting other donations. They are working on a shoestring budget, but plans are going well.

James Ahlstrom said things are quiet for the Planning Commission now as there have been no requests lately. They will not hold a meeting next Tuesday because of the caucus meetings.

James Bruhn asked the commission to assess the north end of the city and see what possibilities there are.

Craig Howe had several items.
- He reminded Council of the joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 30th at 7:00 pm. They will discuss recent companies which have shown interest in the area, and visit about architectural firms that do master planning.
- Lynn Kedington from Holly Oil wants to provide Council with a tour of the refinery. Craig will follow up as to whether such a meeting needs to be open to the public.
- The Elks requested they recommend someone for Outstanding Youth of the Year. He suggested the Youth Council could to this.
- At the last Council Meeting, they adopted a resolution to recognize Arbor Day. West Bountiful has become a Tree City USA. There will be an awards banquet and training on how to get grants on Tuesday April 13th from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.
City administrators met with the County and mayors regarding the Legacy Trail. Craig stated his position was that our City Council was reluctant to take responsibility away from UDOT. Centerville supported the agreement subject to UDOT resolving the major deficiencies and entering into a maintenance agreement. Craig says the cities should not have responsibility over the irrigation system because it would take two full time people to maintain it, and some of the irrigation is for the highway itself. He said the cities would only take care of trash pickup, weed control, and potential replacement of walking bridges, etc. He estimates costs to be about $9,000 for the entire season. For $1,100, the county’s crews and equipment can cut the weeds.

George Biada suggested that after UDOT has met their obligations, it would make sense for the County to perform maintenance. They have the equipment, and repairs and maintenance should be unified, since the trail goes through several cities. The cities could fund the work. Craig said the managers all agreed it should be a unified effort and there should be a supervisor/foreman during the season. They have also considered having the Recreation District take it over, or have it go under state parks.

Valerie Shaw stated she is not interested in entering into an agreement with UDOT at this time.

There will be another meeting with mayors, the County Commission, and city managers on March 29th. Craig stated the other managers are very understanding of the particular problems on the West Bountiful portion of the trail.

10. Mayor /City Council Reports

Mark Preece – There was a parade committee meeting last week. Mark confirmed they are soliciting donations, and they have made a good start. The Historical Committee met two weeks ago, and they want to work with Carr’s Publishing on scanning a book.

Valerie Shaw – She was unable to attend the Planning Commission meeting because she had a school meeting to attend. George went in her place. There will be a finance meeting on Friday, March 26th.

James Bruhn – The Arts Council is working with the parade committee in planning the Independence Day celebration. There was a concert last Friday night which drew a good crowd. He encouraged Council members to attend these concerts whenever they can.

John Baza – Nothing to report this week.

George Biada – He attended a Public Works meeting on Monday for Ben White, who is out of town. They spent a large portion of the meeting discussing fee structure; the discussion was very productive and will result in a new fee structure. George has spoken with Mike Bicker at the golf course. February was a good month financially, (a report was included in the Council’s binders).
They are going to hold a meeting this week to plan a seminar for
golf employees regarding professionalism and good customer
relations. They are looking forward to holding a tournament, and
are looking for corporate sponsors. Mike had asked George
regarding security cameras. Craig has done some research, and
George can install them.

Mayor Romney – He attended a Recreation Board meeting, and
reports the Rec Center is doing well. Enrollment is up, though
season passes are down. The Fire District Board discussed capital
improvement programs at their meeting. The Mayor would like
road repair to be addressed this year.
George Biada, Valerie Shaw, and James Bruhn noted errors on Page 5, lines 16, 24, 35, and 43.

MOTION: Valerie Shaw moved to approve minutes for the Work Session and City Council Meeting held March 2, 2010, with corrections.

SECOND: James Bruhn seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
- Mark Preece – Aye
- Valerie Shaw – Aye
- James Bruhn – Aye
- John Baza – Aye
- George Biada – Aye

MOTION: Valerie Shaw moved to adjourn to the RDA Meeting.

SECOND: Mark Preece seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
- Mark Preece – Aye
- Valerie Shaw – Aye
- James Bruhn – Aye
- John Baza – Aye
- George Biada – Aye

MOTION: James moved to adjourn the RDA Meeting and reconvene to the City Council Meeting.

SECOND: George Biada seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
- Mark Preece – Aye
- Valerie Shaw – Aye
- James Bruhn – Aye
- John Baza – Aye
- George Biada – Aye

Adjournment
MOTION: James Bruhn moved to adjourn the City Council meeting

SECOND: George Biada seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye
George Biada – Aye

MAYOR KENNETH ROMNEY

HEIDI VOORDECKERS (CITY RECORDER)

NATHALIE ELLINGSON (SECRETARY)