Minutes of the meeting of the City Council of West Bountiful City held on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at West Bountiful City Hall, Davis County, Utah

Those in Attendance

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

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Howe (City Manager), Heidi Voordeekers (City Recorder), Ben White (City Engineer), Chief Randy Lloyd, Nathalie Ellingson (secretary).

VISITORS: Alan Malan, Kelly Enquist, Doug Layne.

Called to Order:

Mayor Kenneth Romney called this meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Invocation/Thought: John Baza read a quote from Thomas Edison regarding success.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mark Preece.

1. Accept Agenda

MOTION: Mark Preece moved to accept the Agenda as written.

SECOND: Dave Tovey seconded the Motion.

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

2. Public Comment

No comments

3. Employee of the Month – Craig Howe

Craig Howe presented Heidi Voordeekers as the Employee of the Month for December. She has been responsible for some positive changes in City Hall due to her energy, positive attitude, and thoughtfulness. She is a natural organizer and is persistent in finding better ways to work. It is her nature to give her best every day.
4. Introduction of City Prosecutors

Craig Howe introduced the new city prosecutors, Matthew Johnson and Jason Nelson.

Mr. Johnson is originally from Omaha, Nebraska, did his undergraduate studies at Weber State and received his law degree at Creighton. He lives in South Ogden and has been with Davis County for 4½ years, mostly working on juvenile and gang cases. He has represented Clearfield City.

Mr. Nelson grew up in Warren, Weber County. He did both undergraduate studies and law school at BYU. He lives in West Point and has been with Davis County for two years, working on domestic violence cases. He has represented the cities of Clearfield and Farmington.

Besides the experience that both these gentlemen bring to the position, they both work close to the courthouse and in the same building, which cuts traveling costs, and they have received training from the county, saving the city training costs.

5. Engineers Report.

Ben White –

- He is getting bids for the solar panels to go on City Hall. The contract will need to go to the state for approval before it comes to council, but he hopes to have it for them in two weeks. State approval is required because they are using government funds that are specifically for energy improvements. The panels are expected to save 10% of the electric bill, which could be significant if electricity costs go up.
- The 400 North water line project is out for bid. Ben will have a recommendation to bring to the next council meeting. The project goes from 800 West to Eldridge House, connecting to the pipe currently under the freeway.
- Ben is working on the design of the DSB trail. They are getting an easement around a power tower, and then an environmental consultant will look at the plan, which is required in order to get state funding.
- Work is starting on the fences around two of the ball fields, and bidding has started for work on the irrigation system. Ben has had to increase the budget to add more concrete and move the bleachers.
- The work on Barton Creek is being held off until some concrete work is done.
- There have been some disagreements in the Planning Commission regarding the zoning changes required for Holly Refinery to move forward with their new building project. The city is waiting for more input from Holly.
6. Planning Commission Report

Valerie Shaw – The main subject discussed at the meeting in December was the sign ordinance. They also discussed the definition of family dwellings as it applies to add-ons.

7. Policy Report

Chief Randy Lloyd – The report numbers were very similar for November and December. The number of shoplifts and thefts may have been coded incorrectly because he thought the number should have been higher. There were a large number of car burglaries. The perpetrators broke windows of cars at the theater and took purses and wallets. A notice will go in the newsletter encouraging people to either take valuables with them or lock them in the trunk. There was also an aggravated robbery at Five Little Monkeys. Chief Lloyd believes all those responsible for the thefts may have been caught, and there have been no thefts since Christmas.

8. Finance Report

Heidi Voordecker – A new component was added to the monthly finance report showing fund balances. The total fund balances are up by $943,000. The city is required to have 5% of total revenues in the general fund balance at the end of the year. In reviewing bank balances, there is a significant balance in savings due to the water rate increase.

Sales tax revenue will remain low, a good part owing to the loss of revenue on indirect sales, which amounts to $17,000 to $20,000 per month. Legislation went through in 2008 regarding indirect sales, but took effect in 2010. Craig will ask other city managers how the loss of indirect sales has affected their cities. Craig pointed out it was due to Heidi’s vigilance that they are aware of this impact.

9. Administrative Report

Craig Howe –

- The newsletter is due to come out in the next week. Mayor Romney asked to see a proof before it gets printed.
- Update on the new mechanic – The decision to hire the mechanic was controversial; however there have been significant improvements since he was hired. The lift is working, a new compressor will be wired up tomorrow, and the shops and the equipment have been thoroughly cleaned. The mechanic reviews all work that is going out. He has gone over all the police cars, the mowers, the snowplows, and the small equipment. He will begin servicing the golf
carts in a couple of weeks. Everything will last longer with more frequent servicing. In looking at the budget for vehicles, expenses are high now because of initial repairs. After a year they will have a figure for repair costs on each vehicle over time. They are also working on a fleet replacement schedule.

- There has been discussion about another meeting with UDOT regarding drainage. Roger Barrus said he would find out who the director of Region 1 is, and they will meet with that person at the Capitol. The cities want to meet regarding trail maintenance again. Craig said once drainage issues are solved, West Bountiful can be more flexible in working with the other cities.

- A Utah Transparency Act is being put in place and all public agencies will be required to report all expenditures on a website the state created. It is to be set up and running by May 15th. Craig already received a letter from a for-profit company who say they have an easy method and will take care of this for agencies. West Bountiful will try to comply, but without any additional expenditures. There is no penalty for noncompliance.

- The financial system software has a new version that is stronger and safer. Craig recommends migrating to that system or something that is more hefty. The upgrade would be $25,000 to $30,000. (The new Clarity system has a web port that could accommodate the Transparency website.)

Mayor Romney – Steve Doxey is reviewing options for the Golden West subdivision and meeting with the residents regarding drainage coming from the Strand property east of the subdivision. A ditch had been emptying into the canal for years, but someone filled it in and some basements have been flooded as a result. James Bruhn asked about the status of a federal lawsuit regarding the Strand property. Craig said the city is asking for summary judgment. The next hearing is February 2nd.

Mark Preece – Attended the DUED last month. They went over the successes and failures at the county. He asked council members to give him any ideas they would like them to talk about in the coming year. Historical Committee – a new home is going in at Heritage and the old Bennett home is being worked on. The newsletter is close to being ready to go out.

Valerie Shaw – Referring to the manager minutes about Flatiron, she has to wait for Flatiron trucks to go by every day before she can get out of her subdivision. The owner is under court order to vacate and cease and desist all operations. He has been asked to leave other counties before. Valerie asked if the council thought there was any need to have signs on the trail stating the city does not do winter maintenance. Craig said the Legacy Trail already has signs about that, but the Prospector Rail Trail does not.

James Bruhn – Asked if Mannheim was moving out of their back property. Craig said he hadn’t heard; they have until March to determine if they want to renew with option. Steve Doxey and Craig will prepare a letter to send to them.
John Baza – Attended a Golf Board meeting in December. They talked about how to promote activities at the golf course. Paul Bergantz is going to stay on another year but they need to start looking for someone to take his place, and it would be good if that person could start while Paul is still there. They have also been reviewing security at the golf course. John commented also that Kelly Holmes and others should be recognized for the work they did on the elf tree and turkey trot.

Dave Tovey – The Youth Council is meeting next week to go over by-laws. The building has been scheduled for the Neighborhood Watch meeting next Thursday, January 13th at 7:00 pm. It will be announced on the marquee and the website.

11. Approval of Minutes for December 7th Work Session and City Council Meeting

MOTION: Dave Tovey moved to approve the Minutes of December 7, 2010 Work Session and City Council Meeting.

SECOND: James Bruhn seconded the Motion.

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

12. Consider Approval of Resolution 273-11.

A RESOLUTION OF THE WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE COMBINED TAXING ENTITY COMMITTEE FOR ALL URBAN RENEWAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHIN WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY.

Heidi Voordeckers = there were already two members, the former mayor and Craig Howe. This resolution is to appoint Mayor Kenneth Romney, Mark Preece and Heidi Voordeckers. Heidi will change the wording to state Mark Preece is to serve as an alternate and Heidi Voordeckers is to be appointed Secretary but not a voting member. The mayor is to be the only voting member.

MOTION: Valerie Shaw moved to approve Resolution 273-11 with the change of Mark Preece being an alternate and Heidi Voordeckers being secretary and non-voting.

SECOND: James Bruhn seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting by roll call was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
Heidi Voordecker – there is no actual resolution ready for approval at this meeting. DeVan Pack’s term runs through 2012. To comply with new legislation, they need to officially appoint someone through 2012 and approve another resolution in January 2013 to run the next four years. DeVan gave the Mayor an update on the gnat and mosquito hatch that happened last fall, due to a cold spell followed by a warm spell. The district had not collected data and, by law, without data they are not allowed to spray.

There was discussion as to whether it would be better to have a council member serve on the committee. Valerie Shaw said when a citizen is on a committee, the council does not get regular updates. Mark Preece said he liked having a citizen serve on the committee, but they could schedule him to report at council meetings more often. DeVan is going to be appointed Chairman for the coming year.

Mayor Romney stated he thought it was not necessary to do a resolution for current term; a letter stating the appointment would be sufficient.

Mayor Romney asked to let the record show that council has discussed and confirmed that DeVan Pack was appointed by former Mayor James Behuin in 2008 to serve through 2012 on the Mosquito Abatement District.
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye
Dave Tovey – Aye

MAYOR KENNETH ROMNEY
HEIDI VOORDECKERS (CITY RECORDER)
NATHALIE ELLINGSON (SECRETARY)