Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council of West Bountiful City held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at West Bountiful City Hall, Davis County, Utah

Those in Attendance

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

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Howe (City Administrator), Heidi Voordeckers (City Recorder), Ben White (City Engineer), Steve Doxey (City Attorney), Interim Chief John Rasmussen, Nathalie Ellingson (secretary).

VISITORS: Terry Olsen, Kelly Enquist, Brady Tracy, Fran Wilby, Ron Griffith, Austin Gerber, Miles Evans, Blair Perles, Mark Mc Cleery, Payson Shields, Jake Ferlin, David Call, Mike Call, Laura Chachenko, T.J. DeCarlo, Andrew Smith, Gary Jacketta.

Mayor Kenneth Romney called this meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Invocation/Thought – Troop 1039 Boy Scouts – Austin Gerber gave the Scout Oath and Blair Perkes gave the Scout Law.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jake Ferlin.

1. Accept Agenda

MOTION: Mark Preece moved to approve the agenda as written.

SECOND: James Bruhn seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:

Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye

2. Public Comment

Fran Wilby lives at 505 North 600 West. She moved to West Bountiful so she could keep horses, and she is on the equestrian committee. Her neighbor has complained to the city that she has too many horses on her property. She was told by city staff that she was within guidelines. Fran stated that her horses are very well trained, and she took them in the West bountiful Parade this year. The horses did fine until the fire engine blew their horn. She feels that because the city has a desire to keep a rural atmosphere, it is important they support horse owners. (revisions to minutes approved 10/18/11)

Terry Olsen had an incident when two of his ponies got out of their pasture. When the animal control people came, they did nothing to help him get the ponies back in, and they only seemed interested in issuing a citation. He would like to know what residents should expect from animal control, and would like council to revisit animal control issues.
3. Employee of the Month

Officer John Rasmussen – Jesse Whitear was dispatched to Lowe’s for suspicious activity. An employee had seen a girl he suspected of shoplifting running away from the store. The officers found the girl in a gas station restroom, where she gave false identification. Officer Whitear persisted and found she was actually a wanted felon with numerous agencies after her. This call occurred at the end of Officer Whitear’s shift, but he stayed late so they could catch a jump on the investigation. They recovered 157 items which all had to be catalogued and the owners located. Because of his dedication, Officer Rasmussen nominated Officer Whitear for Employee of the Month.

4. Discussion on Curbside Recycling Fee and Rate Adjustment per Prior Resolution 259-10

Heidi Voordeckers – the city has reached the target of over 80% usage of recycling service, and as was agreed to in Resolution 259-10, wishes to reduce the rate from $5.00 to $4.50 per can. There may be another drop in the future.

MOTION: John Baza moved to accept the recycling fee and rate adjustment from $5.00 to $4.50 per can.

SECOND: James Bruhn seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting by roll call was as follows:

Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye
Dave Tovey – absent

5. Consider Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services, etc.

Craig – in 2009, West Bountiful signed an agreement with Davis County Animal Control that runs until 2014. Each year the fees are renewed. Craig received the new fee schedule in January, and he was concerned about the increase in rates. According to the details provided, the increase was due to an increase in service calls. However, the city was charged for calls outside city limits, some addresses had multiple events within 24 hours, and some of the calls were dispatched by Animal Control, not the city or a resident. There have been other service issues regarding dog licenses. Craig spoke with the new director, Clint Thacker, about these concerns. Mr. Thacker said he understood about the city’s budget issues and explained that they have fixed their maps so out-of-city calls should no longer be charged to West Bountiful. There was discussion about other ways to reduce the number of calls, such as calling the police first when there is a problem, and citizens helping each other when horses get out. They will continue the discussion in the next equestrian meeting.
MOTION: Mark Preece moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services.

SECOND: Valerie Shaw seconded the Motion.

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


Ben White – A couple of streets at the north end of the city are at the point where they need to be overlaid now. Ben is requesting $93,225 for Staker Parson Companies. There is a distribution from fuel tax, and the city gets a small amount that helps pay for street repairs. All planned repairs for this year will use up the distribution to West Bountiful.

MOTION: Valerie Shaw moved to award the overlay contract in the amount of $93,225 to Staker Parson Companies.

SECOND: James Bruhn seconded the Motion.

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


Ben White – In their last meeting, the Planning Commission went over an application for a home occupation business and an application for an accessory dwelling unit. They need to work out a few bugs in the accessory dwelling unit ordinance. They approved conditional use permits on both applications.

8. Engineers Report

Ben White –

- The intersection at 400 North and 800 West has been closed and will be closing again tomorrow starting at 6:00 or 6:30 am. Tests of the water system are done and lines can be connected. This should take only one day. They will probably not do the paving that same day. The pressure and bacteria tests are time consuming in that they take 24 hours. Ben said he expects the intersection to be open and ready by the starting of school.
- There was a water leak on 500 South and service had to be shut down to one building. The staff has ongoing concerns about the
services that were moved to 500 South, and have discussed the issue with UDOT.

- Ben received a bid for drainage improvements to Golden West subdivision of $7,000 for materials and labor. He has compared it with the cost of having city employees do the improvements.

9. Administrative Report

Craig Howe –

- The Trinity tour will be at 3:30 pm tomorrow. They will meet at Trinity’s office.
- Craig reminded those present that the Truth in Taxation public hearing is August 11, 2011, a week from this Thursday.
- As of December 2012, the financial software will not be upgraded. Next year they will need to budget for a new system.
- The newsletter is expected to be out by next week.
- On August 31st, the “earthquake lady” is giving a presentation on preparedness.
- Wayne Bradfield gave his two weeks notice.

10. Mayor/Council Reports

John Baza – nothing to report.

James Bruhn – nothing to report.

Valerie Shaw – has mentioned to Mayor Romney that there is a problem where a tree is covering a stop sign at 640 West going south. Several other similar problems were briefly discussed and are being addressed.

Mark Preece – Expect the newsletter to be in mailboxes by Thursday or Friday. He will attend a DUAD meeting next week. They will be going on a tour starting at 8:30 am.

Mayor Romney – nothing to report.

11. Approval of Minutes for the July 19, 2011 Work Session and City Council Meeting

MOTION: Mark moved to approve minutes for both meetings.

SECOND: James Bruhn seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:

- Mark Preece – Aye
- Valerie Shaw – Aye
- James Bruhn – Aye
- John Baza – Aye

12. Closed Meeting.

if necessary, for reasons allowed by state law.
13. Possible action following closed meeting, including appointment to boards and commissions.

Not applicable.

14. 8:35 pm – Adjourn to Work Session

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to adjourn to a work session.

SECOND: John Baza seconded the Motion.

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

Work Session called to order at 8:40 pm.

15. Adjourn Council Meeting

(9:20 pm).

MOTION: Mark Preece moved to adjourn.

SECOND: James Bruhn seconded the Motion.

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

MAYOR KENNETH ROMNEY
HEIDI VOORDECKERS (CITY RECORDER)

NATHALIE ELLINGSON (SECRETARY)