

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL OF
GARDEN CITY, UTAH**

The Garden City Town Council held their regularly scheduled meeting on October 13, 2011 at the Garden City Office, located at 69 N. Paradise Parkway, Bldg C. Mayor Spuhler opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

John Spuhler, Mayor
Brian House
Mike Leonhardt
Bess Huefner
Pat Argyle

Others Present:

Kathy Hislop
Jason Linford
Kathy Anderson
Nadene Sprouse
Joan Akre

ROLL CALL

Mayor Spuhler welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a roll call of the Council Members present; Mayor Spuhler, Council Member Leonhardt, Council Member House, Council Member Huefner, and Council Member Argyle.

Council Member Huefner lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Huefner then offered the prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on September 8, 2011

Council Member Huefner made the motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2011 meeting as written. Council Member Leonhardt seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Minutes of the Executive Session held on September 8, 2011

Council Member Huefner made the motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2011 meeting as written. Council Member Argyle seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORT

Treatment Plant

Mr. Jason Linford updated on the Council on the treatment plant. They are making good progress and things are working well with what they have been testing. They have been filling the tank and running it through to test how things are working. Mr. Patrick Hayes is working on some program issues and getting them fixed. Pall Company will be here next week to continue to testing the plant.

Letter from the State

The State Drinking Water was here checking on the plant and may be sending a letter explaining their concerns that the treatment plant has been offline for this long. Mr. Jason Linford said that they might not be issuing that letter because the treatment plant was never accepted and it appears that it may have just been a lack of communication within their own departments. We did contact the state and let them know that our plant was offline.

Sweetwater Connection

Mr. Linford explained that they have the plans for the Sweetwater connection and we have all agreed that it is a good plan. Mr. Linford will send the plan to the state for their approval, which he thinks they will sign off on. The plan is to have a valve and a couple of blow off valves so we can use the other systems water, but it will only be used for emergency situations. We should be able to get this connection done soon.

GPS

Mr. Linford said that they can bring their guy up at no cost to the city for an update on our GPS system. Mayor Spuhler explained that they are looking at a software that is written by JUB and will probably be the direction that we want to go. We will be able to use the equipment that we already have with their software. He thinks it is a very user friendly system. Mayor Spuhler said that we won't need any more training etc. from Sunrise on the GPS system.

Monthly Meter Reading Data

Mr. Jason Linford went over the spread sheet that he drafted, which explains all the meter reading information and revenues we should be getting, with a projection for the future. He is also working on a cash flow spread sheet, which should be ready for review soon.

Turbidity Meters

Council Member House suggested that we get a portable turbidity meter if we have enough funds to purchase one.

Turn Lane

Mr. Linford said that he doesn't think the 3rd west turn lane is done completely. The state won't stripe it until next year. There is also a drainage catch basin that they still need to install. Council Member Huefner said that she asked Mr. Doug Madsen to make a list of everything that has been done to date and include the costs.

Subdivision by the Treatment Plant

Mr. Linford Mr. George Peart and Mr. George Frazier, both from the county, looked over the Swan Creek Spring Subdivision project and said it looks good. We still need to have Mr. Jim Petersen and Mr. Doug Johnson approve the subdivision so that we can get the contractor paid and also get the property deeded over to us.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Spuhler explained that Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Argyle are working on a leak so they won't be here at the meeting. The council discussed the changes to the standards book outlining the requirements for a bulk meter. This change is to make new subdivision install a bulk meter if they want to keep the roads private. If the roads are private we don't want to go into the subdivision to fix water lines along private roads.

Council Member House said that he talked to Mr. Mecham regarding the water use at the Lodge. He is requesting a break on his water bill if they shut down part of the motel units for the winter. The Council all agreed that the water is available to them all winter and we can't treat him any different than other businesses, or residents. There are a lot of places in town that shut down for the winter and continue to pay their water all year.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Mr. George Peart is not in attendance at this meeting. Mayor Spuhler said that there are 2 new homes being built in the Cottages Development.

BUILDING ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Jon Nichol is not in attendance at this meeting.

BUSINESS LICENSE DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Delmas Equipment

Council Member Leonhardt explained that this business license request is after the fact. Delmas thought that they were okay to go through the Travel Land RV Park's business license. So this is for last summer and they will have to re-apply for next year.

Council Member Leonhardt talked with Delmas Equipment and they understand that this is just a formality and after the fact for last summer. Mayor Spuhler said it makes sense to approve them this year because it is after the fact, and they have been doing it all summer. They will have to re-apply next year and go through the process to be approved by the Council next year.

Council Member Huefner made the motion to give the approval for the past performance of the license for renting the 4-wheelers for Delmas. Council Member Leonhardt seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

DECLARE GARDEN CITY AS A TREE CITY

Council Member Huefner explained that we need to declare Garden City a tree city in order for us to be eligible for a \$1000 grant, which is an annual available grant. We are not eligible until we are a tree city. Our obligation for the grant is that we will commit \$2.00 per resident in our budget, which is about \$400 per year. We would spend that much planting the trees.

Council Member Huefner made the motion that Garden City be named as a Tree City, USA. Council Member House seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

ORDINANCE DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Discuss ordinance #11C-800, Recreational Vehicles

Mayor Spuhler said that he wants to discuss this ordinance again because we are not enforcing this ordinance. We have had situations in town that should be looked into and we need to treat everyone the same. There are recreational vehicles all through town. Mayor Spuhler said that we may want to check into changing the ordinance to reflect the size of property and the number of vehicles. We may even need to change the length of time we allow them to stay on the property.

If we want to keep the ordinance the way it is we need to make sure and enforce it. If we want to change the ordinance it should be written so it is enforceable. The Council agreed that we should keep the ordinance as it is and try to do a better job enforce it.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Special Event Cooperation with Bear Lake Regional Commission, Mitch Poulson

Mr. Mitch Poulson explained that Rich County and Bear Lake County have followed Garden City and has started to pursue special events such as bike races and marathons. He coordinates the special event permits for Rich County and Bear Lake County and he would like to offer his services to coordinate the special event permits for Garden City. He said that would make it easier for everyone concerned.

Mayor Spuhler said that we have a lot more events than the other entities and he feels that we should still have option of what we want to do with the events. He wants to be able to be flexible and have control with the special events. We don't have to make a decision tonight it is just an option if we want to have Mr. Poulson help. Mayor Spuhler said that he really wants to know what events are coming to town. We really need to work together and keep everyone informed about the events but we need know what is going on and keep the focal point here for a while since this is a new permit program.

The Council decided to keep the special event permit applications in house for at least one more year and we can review it after the summer season to see if we want to change the way we handle them in the future.

Arts Council Conference

Ms. Melissa Spuhler said that she has been working on the Rich Legends and Melodies and she feels that she has a good program. It will be held on December 3rd at 6:30.

Ms. Spuhler said that she has been invited to attend the Change Leaders Conference, which will be in Moab, the middle of November. She would just like the Council to approve her to go and pay her mileage. The state Arts Council will pay for her hotel stay and the registration fee so she just needs the town to pay for mileage. If she can go to this conference she can become certified as a Change Leader, which will plug her into the state Arts Council and help her get grants. The Council agreed for her to go and we will pay her mileage for the conference.

Farmers market

Ms. Spuhler would like to start a farmers market next year. She thinks Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, the end of June through mid August. It will be up for discussion so they will be ready for next summer.

Local Artists and Teachers

Ms. Spuhler said that she would like to find a space for local artists to use, at a reduced fee or free, so they can come and teach members of the community. It should be a place

that they can use without having to move out each time they use it. She just needs a place for local artists to come and teach, such as a painter to teach painting classes, etc.

Appoint Election Counting Judges

The Council discussed names for Counting Judges: Susann House, Deenna Tolentino, Joan Akre; Alternatives could be Shanna Spuhler and Sue Lutz.

Council Member House made the motion to appoint the election counting judges as discussed. Council Member Leonhardt seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Elevator Maintenance Bid

The bid is for a quarterly elevator maintenance, the Council suggested that we have them come 2 times a year. The Council agreed that we can sign the agreement for 2 maintenance visits for the elevator per year.

Christmas parties

The Council agreed to have the community Christmas Party on December 3rd at 11:00. We will coordinate to have Santa there around 11:00, with lunch and a candy bag for the kids.

Employee Christmas party for employees and Board Members will be held on January 11th, 2012. We will schedule that party at Café Sabor.

JUB Bid

Mr. Riley Argyle said that the sewer department seems to be willing to go in with us on the new program with JUB. It seems to be a great program and will help jump start our GIS program. We can still use the equipment that we already have.

Council Member House made the motion to purchase the GIS software from JUB. Council Member Huefner seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Argyle said that the Library will have their kids Christmas Party on December 21st. We will dry clean the Santa suit. There are also 2 Library Board vacancies.

Council Member Argyle said that she suggested that they have a reading program after school to help students that are struggling with their reading. She said that we could probably get grants to help with this program.

Council Member Argyle said that the Library Board is going to start doing an event calendar and have it at the post office so people will know what is going on in the community.

Council Member Argyle is working on getting a swimming program going on, maybe through the school.

Council Member Argyle would like to work on a big community Christmas event that will bring a lot of people to the area. We should have it be an amazing event with beautiful costumes, etc. She said that it may draw a lot of people.

Council Member Huefner talked to Mr. Scott Calder and he is willing to donate property for 1st west and 3rd west. We will send him the letter and he will have it notarized and return it to our office.

We are still waiting for the lawyers response on the land swap with the Sprouses. We have also been waiting for Hickman to draft the deeds. We will get after the attorney to get this thing finished.

Willow Valley did a great job on the bike trails.

Mayor Spuhler talked to Mr. Mark Stringham on the pond and he will start digging it any day now.

The Council agreed to send Ms. Hislop to get all the signatures on the Mylar for the 3rd west property owners.

Mayor Spuhler said that if we want an ordinance for pit bulls in town it should be for any dogs, not specific to one type. Council Member Huefner will look at writing an ordinance. Mayor Spuhler said that the problem is with the owners, not the dog.

Council Member House made the motion to have the Public Works Department find a conference table and the prices for the table. They will bring the prices to the Council next month.

Council Member House said that we may be close to reaching an agreement on the O'Neill cabin, except he wants to use it for 2 weeks each year. We can't allow them to use it at all because it isn't safe. We sent a letter to his attorney, so we will see what happens from that letter.

We will pay \$200 for Council Member House to re-certify as a water operator for Garden City.

Council Member Leonhardt said that he feels it would be extremely important to stripe the bike path in certain sections to separate the bike path from the streets.

Mayor Spuhler asked if we really want to have the ice rink this year. He said that we really didn't have much use last year and it costs a lot of time and money. Do we really have enough participation to make it worth our time and money. He also said that it is a huge liability issue. The Council said that they will discuss it next month. If it is a value to the community then we should keep it.

Mayor Spuhler explained that he and Council Member House had a meeting with Senator Hillyard about turning the Bear Lake Mariana over to a private entity such as Garden City. They presented a proposal for us to take it over with specific requests. Senator Hillyard is going to take it to other members to see if anyone is interested in allowing this proposal.

PAYMENT VOUCHERS

The Council reviewed the bills.

Council Member House made the motion to pay the vouchers as presented. Council Member Leonhardt seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member House made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55. Council Member Leonhardt seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL:

John Spuhler, Mayor

Attest:

Kathy Hislop, Town Clerk