



Present: Mayor Adele Justice Council Member Dell Mead
Council Member Wendy Price Council Member Brad Richman

Also Present: Brittany Yeates, Recorder Rick Price, Maintenance Greg Howes
Sid Swasey, Maintenance Sherrie Swasey John Healy
Angela Paskett Wade Paskett Casey Olsen
J.D. Seely Ty Justice Jeff Guymon

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Justice called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 7:00 p.m.
Council Member Richman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
The roll call noted:
Present: Council Members Mead, Price and Richman.
Absent: Council Members Trenergy and Fox.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JANUARY 10, 2019

No corrections needed.

3. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION REQUESTS

- Rental Permission Form – Ben and Mekette Taney/Rose Teets
- Utility Adjustment Form – Ferron Creek Village

Council Member Mead moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Price and Richman all voting aye. Council Members Fox and Trenergy absent from the vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were pulled from the consent agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. DISCUSSION ON CONTRACTING WITH COUNTY FOR ELECTION – JEFF GUYMON

Jeff Guymon, Emery County Zoning Administrator, informed the Council that Emery and Carbon counties are the last in the state to use the voting machines at polling locations. The State has moved to the vote by mail system. The machines previously used throughout the county are old and need to be replaced soon. They need to make the change now or miss out on the funding the state is offering. The county will be going to the vote by mail system in the next Congressional election. The cities are not mandated to make the change. They can do as they have in previous years.

If the city decides to contract with the County, we would have the expense of printing the ballots and the postage of mailing those out. The expense of getting it back to us is up to the voters. There will be ballot boxes at City Hall that they can drop their ballots into City Hall but there will be no polling booths. The County will pick up the ballots and do signature verifications. The counting will be done with their machines. The City would still need to do the preliminary work, but the actual election will be handled by the County. John Healy is afraid of voting fraud happening like he has heard on the news. He is also concerned about the comparing signatures.

Mr. Guymon expressed understanding of his concern. He mentioned that the burden will fall on the County to contact the voter if the signature doesn't match what they have on record. He also shares his opinion that the State has gone to this system because they get a better voter turnout. Emery County has a good turnout as is, but we don't want to be the odd man out. One of the bad things about the new way is that we won't have the results for seven to fourteen days.

The Council decides to think it over until the next meeting.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING DOE ARCHERY HUNT - WADE PASKETT

Wade Paskett, who works with the DWR, is proposing to have doe hunts that would be within the city limit. Probably go with ten at a time. He's thinking it'll be two or three hunts. We already have archery for bucks in town. There are a lot of extra deer in town, especially now that the county removed the Russian olives. He wants to know if there would be support for a hunt like this. The DWR has been getting complaints about the deer and how they're getting into gardens. Not all of the deer will be killed. He informs the Council that he had previously brought up the idea but there was a split vote. Then they had issued deprivation permits. The ball got dropped.

He's recommending to do a draw for two doe permits. There would be designated hunts around August and September. He wants to remove the deer who live in the valley all year and not the migrating ones.

Mr. Healy wanted to know if they can go on private property and Mr. Paskett responded that the hunter will still need to get written permission.

Mayor Justice wants to know if this has been done in other towns. She was informed that Monticello, Green River and the Price River Corridor have.

Council Member Price wondered if there would be an age limit. All of the normal hunting requirements would be the same.

Mr. Paskett lets the Council know that the hunt will be publicly known. We will not be able to keep it to just locals.

Mr. Healy jokingly enquires if he can put a flag out on his mail box or something to let the hunters know he has deer on his property. Mr. Paskett informs him that there will be a contact list on the website.

Casey Olsen, also with the DWR, gave information about the collared deer seen around town. Certain collars with GPS are for a current study, but most are for a past one that would trap and relocate deer. They are no longer relocating them because of spreading disease. Also, majority of the deer would come back.

Mr. Olsen suggests an alternate plan for the deer problem called the Urban Deer Program. The City would need to have ordinances in place that say that hunters could hunt within city limits. There would be no recreational feeding of elk or deer allowed. We cannot have any attractants. The city also needs to be covered by a million-dollar bond. We should already have a balloon coverage in place if we are like most cities. Then the city would need to establish how many deer we need removed. We could have contractors to hunt or have volunteer groups, like an archery club, to target the problem deer. These individuals would need to go through an ethics and proficiency course. This would give us more control over who is hunting, unlike a draw. The hunted deer are donated to people in need.

Council Member Richman asked if this would be for next fall. Mr. Olsen replied that we need to submit a recommendation within the next month. It may take a year to get this up and going.

The Citizens who attended the meeting seemed to lean toward using locals instead of the draw. They liked the idea of locals helping locals and being able to use select contractors.

Mr. Paskett informed the Council that Price or Green River do the draw so we could contact them with any questions. Doing the draw would be the quickest way. We could do one hunt while working on putting together our Urban Deer Program. The Council will investigate it more and decide at the next meeting.

8. DISCUSSION OF ARBOR DAY AND TREES IN CEMETERY – JOHN HEALY

John Healy reports that five years ago, the big spruce was a big concern. Recently, Natalie Collins and Daniel Allen came and inspected the trees. They found that the bark beetle never did get into the valley. It was also found that the trees are a good size and healthy. They checked for rot. All but three have a healthy root system. It is guesstimated that most of the trees are 150 years old. They could live another couple hundred years. Mr. Healy recommends that we stop selling plots within 30 feet of those trees. They're in their prime right now. He also recommends that the crew doesn't over water because the winds can tip them over if the soil is too wet and soft.

He is thinking for the Spring Project we should put filters in the drip system. It might cost around 100 dollars apiece.

Arbor day this year is April 27th. We will be doing the poster contest again. He wants to put mulch around the trees in the cemetery. We have the mulch, just need the volunteers. He would also like to clean up the cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. He suggests that we transform the old concrete slab at the fairgrounds into a parking area.

He wants the city to organize a clean-up at the reservoir along the high-water line. Preferably this should happen before the water rises.

Council Member Price mentioned that we needed to come up with a theme for Arbor Day.

9. DISCUSSION OF NEW WELCOME SIGNS FOR FERRON CITY - KAELYNN WINN, KATHY PERKINS, AND SUZANNE LARSEN

The ladies were unable to attend tonight and request to be moved to next month's agenda.

10. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DONATION FOR EMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY THEATRE - TASHA JEWKES

Angela Paskett represented the Community Theatre in Tasha Jewkes stead. She explained that they ask for donations so they can keep their ticket prices low. She says they put on high-quality shows for a low-ticket price. They have added a fall show. They will do the Spring musical again. They have a youth summer theater program for ages six through thirteen to learn the whole gambit of theatre who then put on a production. It gives an opportunity for the kids to be involved and learn to love theatre and be involved in the arts. They are making the rounds to ask for a donation again.

The Mayor remarks that she thinks the money is well spent. There is \$250 in the budget for them.

Council Member Richman moved to donate \$250 to the Emery County Community Theatre. The motion is seconded by Council Member Price. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Price and Richman voting aye in a roll call vote. Council Members Fox and Treney are absent from the vote.

11. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DONATION FOR UTAH COUNCIL OF THE BLIND COMMUNITY PROJECTS - TYRELL JUSTICE AND J.D. SEELY

Tyrell Justice showed an example of the boxes of wood kindling that they donate to those in need. J.D. Seely explained that they are hoping to teach the blind skills to be self-sufficient such as canning, gardening and welding. Mr. Seely said that they will be using his property just off State Street to help with the wood boxes and more. Mr. Justice is basically self-sufficient in doing the wood boxes since he got his chain saw. Last year they gave 10 chords of wood to people and a lot of boxes. This year Mr. Justice is going

to get a small log splitter. The donation they received for the city last year was used solely for fuel. This year they want to teach the visually impaired to do sculpturing. They need a donation to get the welders. Mr. Seely expresses his gratitude for the city's support. He doesn't want a check currently. He needs to get it approved and maybe have the city buy the welder directly.

The Mayor suggested that when doing the budget in the future to add them as a budget line. She said there is about \$500 in special needs.

Council Member Mead made the motion to donate \$500 to the Utah Council of the Blind. Council Member Richman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Price and Richman all voting aye in a roll call vote. Council Member Fox and Trenergy were absent from the vote.

12. DISCUSSION OF HAVING A CHAINSAW CARVING COMPETITION DURING PEACH DAYS - GREG HOWES

Greg Howes proposed to have a chainsaw carving competition on Manzanares' property. There would be tools there to have people try. He said that we could bring in out of town and local carvers to have a carving competition. He requested a committee to help. May we could burn field and level it. We could use logs harvested from mountain.

The Mayor doesn't know if we can use city equipment to help out since its going on private property. We also need to check into insurance liability.

The Council requests more information. They recommended that Mr. Howes put together a committee that could help him plan it out and then bring back to a council meeting.

Mr. Howes would like to have both a professional and an amateur competition. He already has interested carvers. He wants to know if the city would require an entrance fee to cover expenses. The Council agrees that the city doesn't need to get anything out of it. They like the idea of having another draw to Peach Days. Mr. Howes suggests that it might be a draw for mud bog also since a lot of the carving community likes to participate in mud bogs. It was also mentioned that the carvings can be sold. Mr. Healy recommends holding a raffle for a carving.

Mr. Seely recommended talking to Rick of Big Mountain to be on the committee.

13. DISCUSSION OF PEACH DAYS

Council Member Richman enquires about the award banners for the parade. He says some of them are nice and others aren't so much. It has more of a hodge-podge look. He would like to standardize the banners, so it looks better for the parade. He is informed by a couple members on the council that some of them were hand made locally. Trent Jackson had some of them made. The Vinyl ones are recent. Council Member Richman will check into the history of them and see what he can do.

Sid Swasey said that we need more pole banners. Every year we have a couple go missing. We need both Peach days and Christmas banners. It is recommended that the Recorder look into prices for new banners.

14. DISCUSSION ON BUILDING INSPECTOR AND BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

The Mayor pointed out that what we are being charged by Sunrise Engineering is not being covered by our current fee schedule. She has been asking multiple places for their fee schedules but has not received anything yet. The Recorder had asked the County for their fee schedule and was informed that they send it to Sunrise and let them dictate how much. The Mayor has heard that the County is looking to have someone local become their inspector. All the Council agreed that we need to find something that doesn't charge the citizens so much. For now, the Council decides to do as the County does and check with Sunrise. This way the city won't be going in the hole.

15. DISCUSSION OF WHETHER TO CONTRACT OUT LAWN TREATMENT

It is discussed how we have contracted out in the past but found it was pretty expensive. We'll continue to have the maintenance crew handle it.

16. DISCUSSION ON ENFORCING PARKING VIOLATIONS

The Mayor mentions that this is a good night to discuss this since the plow had issues with the current storm. Now that the parking fees resolution has gone through, we need to enforce it. Council Member Richman states that we need to give the public warning before we enforce it. The Recorder informs him that it is posted in City Hall and at the Post Office. It was also printed in the city newsletter. The Council agrees that is enough. We need to give the offenders a letter. It needs to be polite with the ordinance included. The Recorder is tasked with creating that letter and the Mayor will help if needed. The Recorder asks if it needs to be a certified letter to be sure they get it. The Council says we should have it hand delivered. Council Member Price volunteers to deliver the letter since she is over beautification. Council Member Mead also offers to deliver them.

REPORTS

17. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

When it was Council Member Price's turn to report, Mr. Healy brought up the restroom near the reservoir. He would like to have it replaced. The Mayor thinks that our agreement over that has been terminated. We'll need to research that. Mayor Justice mentioned that she has had another complaint about the dog on 200 North and 100 West. It howls and keeps the neighbors up at night. It might have pups. It has been heard for the past four days. Mr. Swasey and Mr. Price need to follow up. Council Member Fox needs to be made aware of it and follow up also. The Citizen is frustrated because the dog keeps coming back.

18. MAINTENANCE AND GOLF COURSE REPORTS

Sid Swasey and Rick Price report that they've been trying to keep up with the snow. They're still having issues with cars being parked on the road and making it problematic when plowing. The Dam project is behind schedule. The golf course bridge probably won't happen this season. The Mayor informs the Council that she was able to talk to the BLM. She found out that the agreement with Good Life will not be happening.

19. (IF NEEDED), CONSIDERATION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL, PENDING OR REASONABLE IMMINENT LITIGATION, AND THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE SECTION 52-4-205

There was no need for a closed session.

20. BUDGET REPORT

The Mayor wants to discuss some line items with the Recorder. She also recommends the Council Members be thinking of their budgets for next year.

21. APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Council Member Richman moved to approve and pay the warrants as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mead. The motion carried with Council Members Mead, Price and Richman voting aye in a roll call vote. Council Members Fox and Trenerly are absent from the vote.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mead moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Mayor Adele Justice

Brittany Yeates
Ferron City Recorder