

Ferron City Public Hearing and Council Meeting Minutes 06/10/2020 Council Chambers – Ferron City Hall 20 East Main Street, Ferron Utah Phone - (435) 384-2350 Fax - (435) 384-2557 Web - ferroncity.org

Present:

Mayor Adele Justice Council Member Troy Winter Council Member Chris Winn Council Member Dell Mead Council Member Wendy Price Council Member Shala Hunsaker

Also Present:

Brittany Yeates, Recorder Jacqueline Wilde, Treasurer Rick Price, Maintenance Sid Swasey, Maintenance Ellen Wingate Jeff Harbertson James Clark Brandon Wilde Joanne Behling Sherrrie Swasey Stewart Behling Jean Morlan J.D. Seely Joanne Crawford Lorena Jensen Rayola Pfinster Kasey Edgehouse

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

Mayor Justice welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Mead led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call showed that Council Members Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn were all present.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED MAY 13, 2020

Council Member Winter made the motion to approve the May 13th minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hunsaker. Motion carried.

Council Member Winter motioned to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mead. The motion carried with Council Member Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn all voting aye in a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. TO CONSIDER INPUT REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR

Mayor Justice informed the group that this budget is similar to last year's. We are not making any changes to the Peach Days budget since we are unclear what all changes will need to be made because of the pandemic. The income shows higher than usual because we were awarded two grants. One for \$153,000 for the Fairgrounds restroom and another for \$80,000 for the play area at the Fairgrounds. There were no public comments.

4. TO CONSIDER INPUT REGARDING OPENING THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

At the moment, it looks like we'll be transferring \$30,000 over to the Golf Course Fund from the General Fund. That is close to the amount transferred last year. It is guessed that we will be able to transfer a little over \$100,000 to the Capital Projects Fund from the General Fund. All the other Funds are the same as last year.

5. TO CONSIDER INPUT ON APPLYING FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (CIB) Ferron is hoping to one day have a trail system for its citizens to enjoy. It would allow mainly walking, jogging, and biking. To get approved for grants, Ferron needs a plan. Jones & Demille will do almost all the leg work including having public meetings. Ferron has applied for a CIB match grant of \$20,000. There was no public comment.

6. TO CONSIDER INPUT ON ADDING RECREATION VEHICLE COURTS AS A PERMITTED USE TO ZONE R-2-7500

Mayor Justice said that Ferron has multiple trailer courts/mobile home parks. They are not as in demand as they once were. Most of them allow short term rentals to RVs. Ferron's code currently does not allow RVs anywhere other than in RV Courts which is not permitted in the R-2-7500 zone. Adding RV Courts as a permitted use will help these business owners to have options with mobile homes dwindling and also benefit the City financially.

J.D. Seely expressed that he is all for adding this. Recently he drove by one of our mobile home parks and noticed a lot of empty spaces. He believes it would be a good thing and there is a need for KOAs.

Kasey Edgehouse mentioned that the Millsite State Park is reserved for months in advance. He thinks there is a definite need for more options when it comes to RVs. Joanne Behling said that these would need to be advertised.

Council Member Mead motioned to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting at 7:18 p.m. Council Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Member Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn all voting aye in a roll call vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandon Wilde expressed appreciation to the council and maintenance team for cleaning up the trees along Molen road. He was also thankful for them preparing the fields at the fairgrounds. He said that the planters and new sign look good.

8. CITIZEN RECOGNITION – COUNCIL MEMBER HUNSAKER

Council Member Hunsaker chose to recognize James Clark as Ferron's outstanding citizen. She said he always volunteers and is involved in pretty much every event during Peach Days. He is even involved with the Youth Council.

9. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF DONATION TO UTAH COUNCIL OF THE BLIND – J.D. SEELY

J.D. Seely thanked the council for the donation of \$500 for the past four years. He is requesting a donation of \$500 again. The council asked him questions of where previous fund have gone and where this year's donation will be applied. He replied that in the past they have donated trees to individuals and done a community garden. They cannot do the garden this year so most of the money will go toward helping with travel reimbursement and giving grants to individuals.

Council Member Winter made the motion to donate \$300 to the Utah Council of the Blind. Council Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn all voting aye in a roll call vote.

10. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE OF MILLSITE GOLF COURSE – JEFF HARBERTSON

Jeff Harbertson with Great Life wanted to speak with the council about how they wish to

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proceed. He understands that we need to wait until the BLM actually follows through with their process before we can do anything officially with Great Life but he would like to get things together and ready so when the time comes there will be no delay. The council was in favor of doing a long-term lease. They also agreed that it would be okay if the Mayor worked things out with Mr. Harbertson then came to them for final approval.

11. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF CITY HALL FURNACE REPLACEMENT BIDS

The Recorder found that Snow's Heating and Air Conditioning's bid did not include the rebate of \$300 per furnace. This confirmed that his was the lower bid.

Council Member Winter made the motion to contract with Snow's Heating and Air Conditioning for the lower bid on the 96% efficiency furnaces for City Hall. Council Member Winn seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn all voting aye in a roll call vote.

12. DISCUSSION OF CEMETERY GUIDELINES

Council Member Winter started out by apologizing for the cemetery not being ready for Memorial Day. The City received multiple complaints and he takes full responsibility for how it looked.

He visited multiple city cemeteries and took notice of posted rules that made it easier for them to care for the cemetery grounds. One of which was Holden City where there cannot be anything in the grass area during watering season. There will be a deep clean done after June 15th and everything needs to be removed. There have been many complaints about this, but the ordinance says that items can be removed after 10 days. Council Member Winter agreed that he will not remove everything from the headstones, but those won't get cleaned like all the others will.

There were comments from those in attendance that there needs to be more weed eating, better watering, and they believe half of the trees should be removed.

13. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION TO USE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONEY ON CORNER SIGN – COUNCIL MEMBER HUNSAKER

Council Member Hunsaker said there is a \$1,000 put into economic development every year but it has never been used as far as she is aware. She would like to give it to the Conovers to help pay for a corner sign. They have agreed to have all the businesses on that block put on the sign.

Council Member Hunsaker then explained that in the future, she would like businesses to come to her and request funds to help with economic development, like signs. It would be a match program. It would not be offered to the home businesses, just the ones in the commercial zone.

Council Member Hunsaker made the motion to grant the Conovers the \$1,000 economic development money. The motion was seconded by Council Member Winter. The motion carried with Council Members Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn all voting aye in a roll call vote.

14. DISCUSSION OF PEACH DAYS

There will need to be changes to Peach Days this year. It has been heard that even when Emery County has been approved to go green, the gatherings can't be over 100 people. The fireworks will still be done. The Bike Ride can become more of a poker run with people submitting pictures of checkpoints. Could do a virtual kid rodeo. Field of Flags can continue as usual with the exception of the bleachers. Sidewalk Picasso can continue. May need to change pageants to not having an audience.

The council agreed that the larger events will probably need to be cancelled. They will take this month to decide which events should be included in this year's Peach Days.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

15. RESOLUTION 2020-6: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REAL AND PERSONAL TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

Council Member Hunsaker made the motion to adopt Resolution 2020-6: a resolution to adopt the real and personal tax rate for the fiscal year 2020-1. Council Member Winter seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn all voting aye in a roll call vote.

16. ORDINANCE 2020-2: AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A DEFINITION OF LITTERING AND ADD A REGULATION CONCERNING THE CITY DUMPSTERS.

Council Member Winn made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-2. Council Member Hunsaker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn all voting aye in a roll call vote.

17. ORDINANCE 2020-3: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FERRON CITY CODE 10-6D-2 PERMITTED USES IN R-2-7500 RESIDENTIAL ZONE

This ordinance was moved to next month's meeting. The Planning Commission needs to have a public hearing before this can be adopted.

REPORTS

18. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Hunsaker reported that the Livestock show is scheduled for July 17-18. There will be some changes to how they do it. It will only involve Emery and Carbon counties

Council Member Mead said that he would like everyone to know how animal control calls will be handled. The first time a dog is picked up, the owners will not be charged if the dog is licensed and the owners can be found. If the dog is not licensed, then it will be taken to the animal shelter and the owners will need to pay the fees whether it's the first time or not.

He also said that he needs help defining what is 'after hours' when it comes to animal control. The guys' workday ends at 3:30 p.m. but the office is still open. If the office gets a call, they have the citizen's call animal control, but they do not always answer if it's not the Sheriff's office. This needs to be discussed more.

Council Member Price said the office will only be sending out the 48-hour notices instead of the 48 and 24 hour notices. They will also be stricter about enforcing them.

Council Member Hunsaker wanted to thank Beau of BK Gardens for donating six baskets and 3 flats of flowers to the City.

She said that she now has a beautification committee and they have decided to focus on revitalizing Main street.

She has talked to the County's tourism department and they recommend looking at ordinances to be ready for the influx of tourism that is expected to hit Ferron. We don't want to turn out like Moab.

She has also had people using service hours to clean up along State street.

Council Member Winn reported that Mike Riley has started on the concrete works we needed. They have done at the park and are starting on the sidewalk on 400 West. This project should be done by the end of the summer.

He asked if the Firefighters can be allowed to golf for free like the city employees can. The Mayor said that has come up in the past and was told that where they are

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volunteers, if they are given one benefit then they will be eligible for all of them.

Mayor Justice told the Maintenance employees that the trees on Cemetery road needed to be trimmed.

She asked the council about applying to the State for financial help because of the impact the construction on the dam has had on the golf course. She didn't know if now was a good time with the State making so many cuts because of the pandemic. The council advised to do it now and if we are turned down, could apply again later.

19. GOLF COURSE AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS AND WORK ORDER REVIEW

Kasey Edgehouse reported that the construction is still going on. He is hoping to lay the new sod next year. He believes that if the trend continues, the golf course can make up quite a bit of that \$30,000 so not as much will need to be transferred. He asked the council for money for equipment, mainly mowers. They do not need to be new, just newer. The council will see what they can do.

The Mayor said that Mr. Harbertson is always telling her how he loves Ferron. She found out that the holes that were to be replaced because of the construction will not be replace this year like expected, but should be done in 2021.

Sid Swasey said he is just trying to get ahead of all the weeds.

20. (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

Council Member Winter moved to enter a closed session to discuss the character and professional competence of an individual at 9:43 p.m. Council Member Winn seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn all voting aye in a roll call vote.

Council Member Hunsaker moved to reenter the regular public meeting at 10:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Price. The motion carried with Council Members Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn all voting aye in a roll call vote.

21. BUDGET REPORT

Council Member Hunsaker motioned to give authority to balance the 2019-20 budget to the Recorder. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mead. The motion carried with Council Members Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn all voting aye in a roll call vote.

The resolution to adopt the new budget somehow got deleted from the agenda before posting. There needs to be another meeting to adopt this before June 22. A ZOOM meeting was scheduled for Wednesday the 17th at 7:30 p.m.

22. APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Council Member Winter made the motion to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hunsaker. The motion carried with Council Members Winter, Mead, Price, Hunsaker, and Winn all voting aye in a roll call vote.

23. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn at 10:29 p.m. was made by Council Member Hunsaker. Council Member Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Adele Justice

Brittany Yeates Ferron City Recorder