



PRESENT: Mayor Justice Council Member Mead
Council Member Behling Council Member Price
Council Member Fox Council Member Richman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jaime Anderson, Recorder Tami Bennett, Treasurer Randy Nielson
Sidney Swasey, Maintenance Sherrie Swasey Autumn Arrien
Rick Price, Maintenance Joleen Stevens Vicki Anderson
Lindsey Torgerson

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JANUARY 11, 2018
- 3. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION REQUESTS

There was no board of equalization requests.

Council Member Fox moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Behling. The motion carried with Council Member Fox, Richman, Price, Behling, and Mead voting aye in a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council Member Behling motioned to enter a public hearing. Council Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Member Fox, Richman, Price, Behling, and Mead voting aye in a roll call vote.

4. TO CONSIDER INPUT REGARDING OPENING THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Mayor Justice explained what the changes were from the original budget to the revised budget, noting the new transit tax that was not in the original budget. She also reported on some areas that were increased and ones that were decreased to balance out the budget. Mayor Justice reported that there was money added for donations to go to the Special Needs Luau and to the barrel riding club. She also reported the other changes that were made were minor.

Council Member Behling reported what his plans will be for curb, gutter, and some new sidewalks. He discussed where he would like to add sidewalks and suggested that we just level out the ground and use road base to make a usable walking path where we can't do cement yet. He also noted that some street signs in town need to be repaired or replaced. He also made a list of street lights that are out and need to be reported so they can be fixed. Council Member Behling wanted to point out that he added money in the

budget to buy a used work truck for Sid. He noted that the roof at the city shop has been leaking and needs to be repaired or replaced. He has been inspecting the equipment the city owns to see what needs to be fixed or replaced. He would like to see a digital sign on City Hall to display announcements from the city. He has formed a committee to look at the Fairgrounds and has met with the Building Inspector for ideas on how to improve what we have. He is looking into getting the facilities at the fairground ADA compliant and finding out what would have to be done. He has a Peach Days committee already to help him and has been helping with organization and clean up at all the city shops. He has been holding safety meetings with the city employees and finding out what the concerns are around the city and the equipment.

Mayor Justice also added money for Christmas decorations and new wood chips at the playground. The tree grant money was added to the budget, and she put the rest in the Capital Improvements budget. The Water, Sewer, and Secondary water budgets have minor adjustments. The golf course budget was amended to include the insurance reimbursement for the wind damage claim for the equipment shed so it can be re-built. Mayor Justice asked if there were any public comments or questions.

Vicki Anderson reported that she gets a lot of foot traffic along her road and wanted to suggest adding sidewalks there.

Fire Chief Randy Neilson noted that asphalt between the Fire Station and the City Shop is starting to wear out and needs repaired.

Council Member Richman moved to close the public hearing. Council Member Mead seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Member Fox, Richman, Price, Behling, and Mead voting aye in a roll call vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items pulled from the consent agenda.

6. CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARD

Mayor Justice wanted to award Vicki Anderson as the employee recognition for the quarter and that she has been the crossing guard for 20-25 years. She thanked her for all the years of service and for being a great employee. Mayor Justice thanked her for going above and beyond.

Mayor Justice couldn't get ahold of her other nomination, so it will be postponed until the next meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

8. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR A DONATION TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS LUAU AT THE EMERY COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER – AUTUMN ARRIEN AND LINDSEY TORGERSON

Autumn Arrien addressed the city council asking for a donation to go to the Special Needs Luau for Emery County. She explained what the event is and how it helps the community.

Council Member Richman motion to donate \$250.00 for the Special Needs Luau.

Council Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Member Fox, Richman, Price, Behling, and Mead voting aye in a roll call vote.

9. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR A DONATION TO THE BARREL RACING CLUB – JOLEEN STEVENS

Joleen Stevens addressed the city council asking for a donation to go to the local youth barrel racing division to help purchase a new saddle for the contestants. She explained what they do and how it helps the youth in our area.

Council Member Fox motion to donate \$250.00 for the Barrel Racing Club. Council Member Behling seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Member Fox, Richman, Price, Behling, and Mead voting aye in a roll call vote.

10. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO TERMINATE OFFICE LEASE CONTRACT WITH THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL AT THE FIRE STATION

Mayor Justice reported that she received an e-mail from the Utah Highway Patrol asking if the city would allow them to terminate the lease agreement early. It was explained that they haven't used the office for some time and don't see a need for it anymore. It was reported that the city receives \$2,400 dollars a year from the lease agreement.

Fire Chief Randy Nielson noted that he didn't see any reason why we should make them keep the lease agreement if they don't want to. He noted that they have been good to work with and he doesn't see any reason that we shouldn't allow them to terminate the lease early.

Council Member Fox motion to terminate the office lease contract with the Utah Highway Patrol at the Fire Station. Council Member Behling seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Member Fox, Richman, Price, Behling, and Mead voting aye in a roll call vote.

11. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A FERRON CITY SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Kern Behling has been holding a safety meeting with the employees and noted that in the safety manual it states there should be a Safety Committee Chairperson. He noted that he would be willing to be the chairperson. The meetings have been on Tuesday mornings at 8:30am. It was discussed that they will invite all employees to the safety meetings and if any Council Members wanted to attend they could.

Council Member Fox moved to appoint Council Member Behling as the Safety Committee Chairperson. Council Member Richman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Member Fox, Richman, Price, Behling, and Mead voting aye in a roll call vote.

12. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO SEND OUT A RFP FOR THE UPCOMING GARBAGE CONTRACT

Mayor Justice noted an old copy of the last RFP was in the council book to look at and asked if they have had time to review it. The garbage contract is up this September and this timeline will allow us time to avoid some problems that we had in the past. It was discussed if we can follow the same RFP and just change the dates to match this year. It was also discussed if we can just renew the current contract. Mayor Justice noted that the garbage contract has been tough in the past. There are only two companies that provide this service in the county, so it would make if fair if we send the RFP out to both. Council Member Behling would like more time to review the RFP before we send it out.

Council Member Richman moved to send out a RFP for the upcoming garbage contract based off the old form just changing the dates for 2018. Council Member Behling wanted to postpone this until he had more time to look through the RFP and see what the contract said about renewing with the current providers. The motion died for a lack of a second.

13. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE UPDATED BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Mayor Justice reported that in the previous meeting, Tami Bennett was appointed the Business License Administrator. She has made some changes to the business licenses applications to accommodate for some new requirements. She also moved the placement of private information to be on the second page, so the first page can be all the public information. The Council reviewed the new forms and discussed that we will honor other city business licenses for a business like a landscaper, but solicitors that go door to door must have a Ferron City Solicitors Business license.

Council Member Behling moved to approve the updated Ferron City Business license applications. Council Member Richman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Member Fox, Richman, Price, Behling, and Mead voting aye in a roll call vote.

14. DISCUSSION OF EMT APPRECIATION DINNER

Mayor Justice has decided to hold an appreciation dinner for the EMT's. Her plan is to have it on the last Friday of February. She noted that a scout may be wanting to do it as a scout project. It would be a soup dinner at the Fairgrounds in the metal building. It was discussed how underappreciated the EMT's are until they are needed. They play a big part in the lives they have helped, and we need to show them some appreciation. They are very important to our community and they do go unappreciated. Mayor Justice would like all citizens to get involved to show them how much we do appreciate them. Mayor Justice also read a Thank You card to the city from Allen and Bonnie Christensen.

15. PEACH DAYS DISCUSSION

Mayor Justice wanted to discuss the gate and ticket issues the city has during Peach Days. She noted the city needs to make a plan now if we are going to change it so we are not doing it at the last minute. It was discussed that the problem is with the way we have been taking tickets at the entrances of the Fairgrounds. The biggest complaint the city gets are from the people who want to go to the vendors and not have to pay to get into the Fairgrounds. It was discussed that the city used to have a fence separating the two that seemed to work well in the past but has been torn out. Mayor Justice would like to see a plan on how to add a ticket gate for the horse races and the demolition derby separating it from the vendors allowing everyone in to enjoy the vendors. It was also discussed that it must be safe and how to figure out the best way to do it.

Council Member Behling reported he wanted the dinner to be free again. He noted that it is a way to give back to the citizens. He has also been looking into getting the fairgrounds building updated and improved. He would also like to use some leftover materials from another project to build something at the fairgrounds.

Council Member Price would like Peach Days to be bigger and better this year. She reported that the tires for the Demolition Derby was a huge issue last year and it needs to have a committee over it with lots of help setting them out.

RESOLUTIONS

16. RESOLUTION 2018-1 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Council Member Fox motion to adopt resolution 2018-1 amending the 2017-18 fiscal year budget. Council Member Mead seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Member Fox, Richman, Price, Behling, and Mead voting aye in a roll call vote.

REPORTS

17. MAINTENANCE AND GOLF COURSE REPORTS

Rick Price reported that they have been getting some gas tanks ready to install at the city shop. He has been cleaning and organizing the shops and acquiring more tools to have on hand.

Sid Swasey reported that he has been raking at the cemetery and that squirrels have been making piles of pinecones around the cemetery that he has been cleaning up.

Mayor Justice reported that she would like to hire someone to clean up the Molen cemetery before Memorial Day. She has also been approached by some volunteers that may be willing to help with it.

18. (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

A closed session was not needed.

19. BUDGET REPORT

It was discussed that the budget report the City Council has in their book is the newly adjusted one and they will be working on a new budget that will start in July.

20. APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS

Council Member Fox moved to approve the payment of warrants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Behling. The motion carried with Council Member Fox, Richman, Price, Behling, and Mead voting aye in a roll call vote.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Richman. The motion carried with Council Member Fox, Richman, Price, Behling, and Mead voting aye in a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

ATTEST:

Mayor Justice

Jaime Anderson
Ferron City Recorder