

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2005

Presiding: Glenn W. Dalling
Meeting Convened at 8 p.m.
Prayer: Walter Deitz

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Marcie A. Smith, Treasurer; Council members Tim Kershaw, Brent Barrus, Walter Deitz and Harold Harris; Angela Gingerich, Standard Journal; Jan Gallup; Rayo Budge; and Don Rydalch.

TREE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE DECISION ON SOUTH ENTRANCE:

Rayo Budge addressed the Council. They went to a meeting last week on grants in Idaho Falls. Rayo presented a design for and discussed the area by the triangle on the south entrance of town.

They want to put trees around it, put in a rock sign, and plant vines on the fence. We are going to apply for a grant for up to \$15,000; \$4,000 of which can cover any woody type plant around the fence; and 20% can go toward the rock sign curbing and some of those things. Anything to do with the trees can be included in the grant, including water lines. The Mayor said when the plan for trees is totally designed, we will have to get our state engineers to take a look at that and make sure it won't cause a problem with safety. Mr. Budge explained the grant is due September 16 and will be announced the first of December. He said he has a very good committee and they are doing a good job. He said all the time the committee puts in is a credit of \$10 an hour for the time they spend toward our \$2 per capita which the City has to spend to be a Tree City USA, which will be an advantage in getting the grant. He said everyone involved should keep track of the hours they spend on this matter. Mr. Budge discussed the test plot of wild flowers they would like to plant and the method for doing it. They need to be planted in the fall so they come up in the spring.

MOTION: It was moved by Council member Barrus and seconded by Council member Harris that we support and accept the Tree & Beautification Committee's design to enhance the south entrance as well as plant wild flowers from Center Street north as far as they can go; motion carried.

Don Rydalch said he is applying for a grant, which is due August 26th to CHC Foundation in Idaho Falls. He said we are trying to get some money for the sweeper. The requested figure is going to be 60% of the cost of the sweeper, which is around \$31,000. He said we may not get it, but we won't if we don't try. The Mayor thanked Mr. Budge and Mr. Rydalch.

DISCUSS TENTATIVE BUDGET: Marcie said in June the population numbers came out and they had us down 477 people, making our population approximately 700 in the city. Our highway users revenue was then dropped to 63%, as was our state liquor fund. We are waiting for the forms to come to challenge the census estimate. She is optimistic that we can get it changed back

and get the money, because there is no reason for them to do that. She presented a preliminary annual budget for the year 2005-2006. Most of the items on said budget were discussed.

Council member Deitz discussed his budget for water and sewer. He said we need to clean part of the town annually and every three to four years we need to clean the whole town. He explained problems caused by a power outage two weeks ago that blew up two of our VFDs that it blew up last year. It blew out Utah Power's meter at the side of the building; and blew the surge protection out. He said it would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 to get the damage fixed. We need to file a claim with our insurance company and have them try to get Utah Power to pay. Walter would like to go through the whole water system and check every component out, every piece of equipment; and if we can't put it all in this year's budget, we will put it in next year's budget. Sewer – he said there would be significant repairs on the 3rd North lift station. Walter said Rexburg is going to raise their sewer treatment rate on October 1st from \$1.24 to \$1.33 for us, which is 7.3%. There was a consensus of the Council to raise our sewer rate.

Council member Barrus discussed his budget for parks. The Mayor said we would need to get a grant to fix the tennis courts and help from the school district. Brent said the sprinkler system in Heritage Park needs a lot of work. He feels we should start a program to work on upgrading one of them each year. A discussion was had on the retaining wall at Smith Park. Council member Harris will get some information on the costs, etc.

Council member Kershaw discussed his budget for garbage and sanitation. There is a question on the financial effect of twice-a-year pickup.

Council member Harris discussed his budget for streets.

Marcie discussed the general fund and the utility fund. The Mayor requested all the personnel items wait to be discussed until the next meeting. After discussion, it was found that we would not have a quorum present at our regularly scheduled City Council meeting on August 11th. In lieu of that, a special City Council meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, August 9th, at 6:30 p.m., to adopt the tentative budget. The Mayor said our budget would be more firm and ready for our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Signed: Glenn W. Dalling
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: Sharon L. Bell
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk