

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014

Presiding: Mayor Glenn W. Dalling
Meeting Convened at 6:35 p.m.
Prayer: Lamont Merrill
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Glenn W. Dalling; Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin; Councilmen Bruce King, Lamont Merrill, Vaun Waddell, and Burch Drake; and Citizen Bruce Arnell.

The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 13, 2014. Each councilman had a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. The council amended the minutes to the third motion under “DEQ Engineering Services Selection” to include “*that he or the city council considers would conflict*”... into the paragraph. It was moved by Councilman Waddell and seconded by Councilman Merrill to accept the minutes with the corrections; motion carried.

RECONCILIATION REPORTS: Wendy presented the November reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilman Waddell and seconded by Councilman Drake to accept the November reconciliation reports for the General Fund; motion carried. Wendy presented the November reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilman Drake and seconded by Councilman King to accept the November reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund; motion carried.

Wendy presented the current bills in the amount of \$62,910.27. It was moved by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Drake to pay the current bills, together with all regular December bills; motion carried.

MAILBOXES IN SUGAR CITY: Sugar City Postmaster Richard Miller was invited to the meeting but had to cancel because of a schedule conflict. However, he sent a letter that Councilman Bruce King read. The council discussed the issue and voiced concerns about mailbox placement on sidewalks and in city right-of-ways, groupings, snow removal, liability, and challenged the idea of mandating a mail receptacle or pay for a post office box. The council voted to investigate further. Richard will be invited to attend the next meeting to be held January 8, 2015. Councilman Waddell will draft a set of questions for him to be addressed that night.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE PLAN OF APPROACH: The council decided to amend the existing animal ordinance, which has been codified, taking into consideration public comments. Councilman Waddell took the assignment to draft the amendment, which councilmembers will review. A note will be included with the January newsletter to keep the public abreast of the code revision. The attorney suggested that what happens to an impounded animal within the first 72 hours be reinserted back into the code.

DUMPSTER ACCOUNTING: The clerk gave a report on the cost of having a dumpster available to residents to dump large trash items normally picked up with the citywide cleanup

versus not having the dumpster available. Studies show that the dumpster saves the city time and money and that citizens appreciate the disposal option (see Attachment 1).

SYRINGA AGREEMENT: The city will review the Syringa agreement, which has provided 3 phones with insurance for \$24 a month. However, extended phone service was not continued when the phones had to be updated. The phones became useless because coverage was not reliable. The city sewer system alarm (Scada) must have a reliable phone system to work properly. The contract with Syringa was up last year. If Syringa cannot furnish proper phones to work with the system, the city will obtain phones from another carrier. An agreement with Syringa will be updated.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN MERRILL:

LEPC –The next LEPC meeting will be January 7, 2015.

COUNCILMAN WADDELL: No report

Moveable Soccer Goals: Councilman Waddell reported that Clinton Arnold of Agritech Corporation plans to arrange for six moveable goals made out of steel and pole anchors for the next soccer season. A picture of the goal will be available to show the council at the next regular council meeting.

COUNCILMAN DRAKE:

Tree and Beautification Committee - The committee evaluated the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Committee members decided they could use more help to decorate the trees and more lights to light the top of the gazebo in Heritage Park. Apple cider served at the event was too hot, and the sound system wasn't working properly. But the cookies provided were great. Next year, the ceremony could start earlier. One committee member suggested that the committee arrange for a photographer to take pictures of children meeting with Santa.

Arbor Day: The committee will meet again March 11, 2015, to discuss where to plant the next Arbor Day tree.

COUNCILMAN KING:

Website: Serviceable and easy to manage, the city website provides a ready repository of information on town history, plans and policy, making it a vital resource for officials and residents alike. The city could make greater use of the website's natural forum for discussing issues.

Soccer Goals: Councilman King said he opposes removing the fixed soccer goals unless the moveable goals prove successful over time.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Christmas Dinner: Mayor Dalling reported that this year's Christmas dinner was another great success. Food was excellent and the entertainment was great! The council felt that the dinner is an excellent way to foster good relations within the city.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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

Attested: Wendy McLaughlin
Wendy McLaughlin, Clerk-Treasurer

Sugar City - City Wide Clean-up

	2012	2013	2014
Dumpster	344.00	2,219.00	3,510.00
Ardcor	3,490.00	3,745.00	4,200.00
County Landfill	25,814.00	22,640.00	22,683.00
Salaries	6,187.00	4,469.00	4,430.00
Totals	\$ 35,835.00	\$ 33,073.00	\$ 34,823.00

Dump Runs	180	116	106
Days	5	3	2.5