

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Presiding: Mayor Glenn W. Dalling
Meeting Convened at 6:30 p.m.
Prayer: Vaun Waddell
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Jessica McFadden, Assistant; Councilmembers Bruce King, Lamont Merrill, Vaun Waddell and Burch Drake; Steve Hawkes, Planning & Zoning Commission; Emmilie Buchanan, Standard Journal; Dale Pickering and David Davis, Madison Fire Department; and Harold Harris. In the absence of Treasurer Marcie A. Smith, Assistant Jessica McFadden presented the reconciliation reports and payment approval report.

The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 26, 2012. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Drake and seconded by Councilmember King to accept said minutes; motion carried.

Jessica presented the January reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Drake to accept the January reconciliation reports for the General fund; motion carried. Jessica presented the January reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Merrill and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept the January reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund; motion carried.

Jessica presented the current bills in the amount of \$35,720.69. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to pay the current bills, together with all regular February bills that have not yet been received; motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: P&Z Chairman Steve Hawkes addressed the council.

Harold Harris sign request information: Steve reported that Harold Harris is interested in installing another sign for his restaurant (Ole's). Harold will come to city hall for a permit application.

Sign ordinance work continuing: Commissioners are continuing to work on the sign ordinance, and are almost finished with the definitions section.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2009 EDITION: Madison Fire Department Inspector Dale Pickering and David Davis met with the council, reporting that the City of Rexburg and Madison County have both adopted the International Fire Code, 2009 Edition. They request that Sugar City also adopt it. The fire code concerns public safety issues pertaining mostly to commercial buildings. Mr. Pickering said that the 2009 International Building Code, which the city has adopted, contains Chapter 9, Fire Protection Systems, and Chapter 10, Means of Egress, of this International Fire Code. The council was presented with copies of a draft ordinance adopting the

International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, for discussion at the next meeting. The mayor assigned Councilmember Merrill to recommend whether to adopt the proposed ordinance.

OPEN HOUSE EVALUATION: Councilmember Drake reported that 33 people attended the open house. He commended the mayor and council for attending for the whole time and for helping out. There were two handouts available. One showed the costs of the renovation to city hall and where the money came from, and the other was the State of the City message. Burch thanked Harold Harris for attending and relating history of the city. The mayor thanked Burch for his fine work, saying the event was very worthwhile.

ADDITIONAL SIGNS TO ACCESS NORTHBOUND LANES OF U.S. HIGHWAY 20:

Councilmember King was unable to give any further report due to the fact that the traffic engineer at the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) changed jobs, vacating the position. When this vacancy is filled, he will talk to the new engineer and see how many directional signs ITD could install along Idaho Highway 33 to guide motorists through Sugar City back to northbound lanes of U.S. 20.

THIRD SOUTH/ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER: Harold Harris addressed the council. He is concerned about Rocky Mountain Power cutting down and trimming trees under its power lines on 3rd South. He advised the council that the power line on 3rd South is located in the city street easement. He said that the power company has advised him that because of its franchise agreement with the city, company crews may place poles in that city easement. Harold would like the city to request a legal opinion on exactly what rights the power company has in the city property. No action was taken.

AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION: Councilmember Waddell stated that he hasn't come to a recommendation on what audio/visual equipment to purchase because he doesn't have preferences. Bruce reported that ITD has a projector system, which the city could see. It was decided that the mayor and any available councilmembers will travel to Rigby and view this system.

WATER RIGHT DIRECTION: Councilmember Merrill reported that he and the mayor had visited with Dale Swensen of the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District, obtaining the extent of surface water rights and storage water rights belonging to the city from Old Farm Estates, Toscano and River Bend Ranch (Calaway) annexations. It is apparent these water rights may enable the city to request additional ground water rights for development of these properties. As part of its water study in behalf of the city, Forsgren Associates has applied for a water right of 6 cfs (cubic feet per second) for these developments. This water right request is on hold due to protests from the surface water users in the Twin Falls area.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

Cemeteries: Bruce reported that he sent an e-mail note to Attorney Forsberg regarding reasons why it might be wise for Sugar City to prohibit burying family members or other humans on their private property. He proposed that Sugar City consider adopting such a policy. Bruce asked the council to review potential changes to the Sugar City Code that would not allow private cemeteries. He said he talked with County Commissioner Kimber Ricks, who

reported that Madison County just approved an ordinance to permit private cemeteries in the county. The mayor thanked Bruce for the good efforts on his part, and asked that the matter be put on the next agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:

LEPC report: Lamont said that a company called Integrated Solutions had been hired by the county to review the emergency preparedness procedures. They are taking the hard copy of the emergency preparedness manual and making it available electronically, and they can enter maps, pictures, charts, etc. A committee would review the changes. Anything that has to do with emergency preparedness would come through the mayor to the council.

COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL: No report.

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE:

Meeting with Superintendent Alan Dunn (Digger Drive grant): Burch reported that he and the mayor had met with Superintendent Alan Dunn to request input from the school district regarding the use of the \$100,000 Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) grant for improvement on Digger Drive.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Toscano: The mayor reported that Dwayne Seiter is optimistic about moving forward with this project.

Business Park:

Sofa Source: At this time it is apparent that this company is moving forward with plans to build a business in the Business Park.

County Centennial: The mayor encouraged the council to be supportive of the county centennial celebration with a financial donation and the creation of a nice float for the 2013 4th of July parade.

Planning meeting February 23rd: The mayor asked the council to think about their department assignments and things they would like to accomplish during the current year. They were asked to report their ideas at our next meeting in two weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Signed: _____
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk