

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013

Presiding: Council President Lamont Merrill
Meeting Convened at 6:30 p.m.
Prayer: Vaun Waddell
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Council President Lamont Merrill; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Marcie A. Smith, Treasurer; Councilmembers Bruce King, Vaun Waddell and Burch Drake; Steve Hawkes of Planning & Zoning Commission; Jason Adams of Keller Associates; Joe Law, Standard Journal; Cathy Nelson, Sugar Salem High School; and Sawyer Miller, Sugar Salem High School.

The council president asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 28, 2013. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to accept said minutes; motion carried.

Marcie presented the February reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept the February reconciliation reports for the General Fund; motion carried. Marcie presented the February reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to accept the February reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund, with the understanding that Marcie will double check the payment to Century Link for the telephone; motion carried.

Marcie presented the current bills in the amount of \$43,605.70. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember King to pay the current bills, together with all regular March bills that have not yet been received; motion carried.

Toscano's water assessment: Marcie reported that the city paid Toscano's Fremont Madison Irrigation District past due water assessment of \$1,946.43, with the understanding that Toscano will reimburse the city. She started a file on it so we can track the payments we make. This payment covered the period 2010 through 2012.

RESOLUTION 2013-1 (Fair Housing): Councilmember Waddell read Resolution 2013-1 in its entirety to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to approve Resolution 2013-1. Thereupon, the clerk called roll upon said motion.

Those voting aye: Councilmembers King, Merrill, Waddell and Drake

Those voting nay: None

Thereupon, the council president declared the motion passed. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto marked "Attachment 1."

EAST PARKWAY CORRIDOR: Jason Adams, of Keller Associates, addressed the council. He reviewed the East Parkway Corridor Plan – Final Report dated March 6, 2013. Per the city’s request, page 29 of the document was revised to include an excerpt from the November 13, 2012, Madison County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes approving the proposed East Parkway Corridor alignment. It reads as follows:

“Commissioner Smith made a motion that the corridor continue north to the T shown on the attached map approximately ½ mile north of Moody Road by the canal, hence west to 1000 East or east to Digger Drive, with the recommendation that it be revisited in the future considering growth patterns at that time. Included in the file for consideration at that time will be the City of Sugar City and Sugar Salem School Board recommendation of Alternate E. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.”

This concludes Keller Associates’ work on this project under the grant. Mr. Adams reported that LHTAC (Local Highway Technical Assistance Council) would be visiting the county on March 25, 2013, to discuss this plan and possibilities for funding. Council President Merrill thanked Mr. Adams for coming and for his fine presentation.

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

Report on impact area zoning meeting: Steve reported that P&Z commissioners received some good information from the meeting. There were some who didn’t want any changes at all, and some were very supportive. He said that our impact area belongs to the county. He would like three from Madison County Planning and Zoning Commission, and three from Rexburg’s Planning and Zoning Commission to come to the next meeting to discuss the matter. They will sit down and review what everyone’s comments were, make a decision of what to recommend and then set a public hearing. From the public hearing, three from Sugar City’s Planning and Zoning Commission and three county P&Z commissioners and three from Rexburg’s Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing. After the public hearing, P&Z Chairman Steve Hawkes will make the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to the county commissioners for approval or disapproval. If it is approved, an ordinance will be drafted.

Steve stated that he had problems with the audio/visual equipment and needs someone to teach P&Z commissioners how to use the equipment. He would like to use it at the public hearing. Councilmember Waddell advised Steve to contact Gary Abbott, AV technician at BYU-Idaho.

AT&T and the city water tower: Steve said a representative of AT&T approached him about putting a dish on the water tower along with the antennas. The company already has two dishes on the water tower, and no one knows when company officials were given permission to install them. Steve will notify the man to draw up a proposal on what they would like to do and to present it to the mayor.

PRESENTATION ON RECYCLING: Sawyer Brown addressed the council. She is a junior at Sugar Salem High School and is doing a project on recycling. The high school has three dumpsters for recycling – one each for paper, cardboard and plastic. She requests that the city use its influence to get more people to recycle. By recycling, we reduce the amount of waste taken to the dump. Council President Merrill thanked her for coming and said that we would prepare a newsletter message encouraging recycling.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Bruce is continuing to work on redesign of the city Web site.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:

Emergency response plan: Lamont presented copies of the Sugar City Idaho Stake Emergency Response Plan dated May 2011.

LEPC: There is a lot of preparedness training happening around the country.

COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL:

Easter egg hunt: The Easter egg hunt is in two weeks, March 30 at 10 a.m. at Smith Park.

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE:

Four-way stop at Cutler and 3rd South: Burch had visited with Public Works Director Zane Baler and they would like to possibly eliminate the east and west stop signs at the intersection of 3rd South and Cutler Avenue by the LDS stake center. Discussion was had. Maybe the four-way stop is needed to control traffic from the stake center and the stake president should be involved in the decision. Mr. Drake should contact the stake president and see how stake officials feel about the stop signs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Signed: _____
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk

RESOLUTION 2013-1

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR CITY, IDAHO, THAT:

WHEREAS, April 2013 marks the 45th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Human Rights Commission Act has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1969; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all – regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin – is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and city; and

WHEREAS, equal access to housing is an important component of this goal – as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability; and

WHEREAS, housing choice impacts our children's access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our exposure to crime and drugs, and the quality of health care we receive in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the laws of this nation and our state seek to ensure such equality of choice for all transactions involving housing; and

WHEREAS, ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principles, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

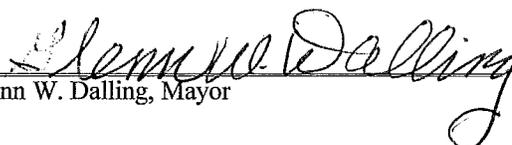
WHEREAS, only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor of the City of Sugar City, do hereby proclaim April 2013 to be

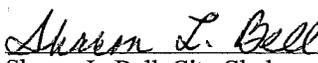
FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the City of Sugar City, Madison County, State of Idaho.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH 2013.


Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon L. Bell, City Clerk

(SEAL)