

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

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

Present: Mayor Dalling; Councilmembers Bruce King, Lamont Merrill, Vaun Waddell and Burch Drake; Rachel Snow, *Standard Journal*; Bryce Holman; and Lauren Johnson (BYU-Idaho). In the absence of City Clerk Sharon L. Bell and Treasurer Marcie A. Smith, Assistant Jessica McFadden took minutes.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 8, 2011. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to accept said minutes; motion carried.

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA:** It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to amend the agenda, adding an entry under the Mayor's business to discuss the GIS agreement; motion carried.

**STORAGE OF UNUSED VEHICLES:** Councilmember King reported that Ordinance 166 (14 Feb 1990) is in large measure in our code under Section 3-2. Therefore, that ordinance is still active and still applies. His recommendation is a soft approach, to include an entry in the October newsletter, stating "It is a violation of city code to keep 'abandoned, inoperable, discarded or unused' motor vehicles on your property longer than fourteen days, unless enclosed in a building. The city requests that residents remove or enclose such vehicles. We call your attention to the fact that Pacific Recycling (529-4180) will remove old vehicles for free and pay owners up to \$200 for the scrap metal." (See section 3-2.)

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to place an entry in the October Newsletter regarding unused vehicles; motion carried.

**COUNTY BUILDINGS – UTILITY SERVICES:** Councilmember Merrill reported that he spoke with three municipalities, each of which charges its county standard utility fees for county buildings. He recommended we take a softer stance than Rexburg, but he is not inclined to waive fees. He feels it should be on a case-by-case basis.

**DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD:** Councilmember Drake reported that he would like to place a corner desk near the fridge with a nice chair and a plaque on the wall, bearing names of Distinguished Citizens as the years go by OR do a plaque with pictures on them (perhaps similar to LDS missionary plaques). Cost would be about \$360. Mayor asked that a decision be made at the next meeting.

**WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT:** Councilmember Merrill reported and the mayor said that City Engineer Dick Dyer has drawn up plans for the water system improvement, which is estimated to cost about \$20,000.

**REVIEW OF GRANDFATHERING SUMMARY:** Councilmember King reported that land use started before being prohibited is legal as long as it continues, even if land ownership changes hands. This rule applies both in the city and impact area.

**NAMING POLICY:** Councilmember King reported that he tweaked his revision and would give it to Vaun for further review before submitting it to the council.

**PLAQUES ON PARK SIGNS:** The mayor reported that he checked in the county assessor's office and found that the property (Lyle H. Moon Mayors' Park) was owned by Frank and Roy Summers, et al., who donated it to the city. Councilmember Drake reported that the cost for the four metal plaques to be installed on park signs would be \$360 each (\$1,440 total).

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake for the plaques on the park signs to use the wording on the copy dated 9-22-11, with the addition that the land was donated by Frank and Roy Summers, et al. on the plaque by the Lyle H. Moon Mayors' Park; motion carried.

**CRACK SEALING:** Councilmember Drake reported that he and Zane suggest that there is a block and a half on 3<sup>rd</sup> North, west of the railroad tracks, and 1<sup>st</sup> South as far as our finances in the budget will allow, that definitely need crack sealing. This will cost approximately \$9,000 and the mayor suggested that they proceed on the project so that it will be included in the 2010-2011 budget.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER KING:** No report.

**COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:** No report.

**COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL:** No report.

**COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE:** Burch called on Bryce Holman, Chairman of the Tree and Beautification Committee, who reported on their recommendation for the Welcome Sign on eastbound W. Center Street east of the Sugar City-Salem interchange (Exit 338) on U.S. Highway 20. The cost of the sign is estimated to be approximately \$10,000. Discussion was had on the Tree and Beautification Committee's recommendation to put the wording "A Model City" on the sign.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to approve the "Welcome to Sugar City" sign recommended by the Tree and Beautification Committee, with the words "Welcome to Sugar City, Est. 1903" on the front and the words "Come Again" on the back, subject to securing funding; motion carried.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS:**

**Electronic sign update:** The mayor reported that the electronic sign is under construction

and should be completed within a week.

**Rocky Mountain Power grant:** The city applied for and received a \$2,000 grant to help with the remodeling project in city hall and the purchase of some new furniture.

**GIS agreement:** The mayor reported that he had checked with most of the cities north of Pocatello and found that they do not pay any set fee to the GIS department of their county and pay only variable fees on specific requests from their GIS department. He has discussed this with Madison County Commission Chairman Kimber Ricks, who visited with Craig Rindlisbacher, coordinator of the Madison County/City of Rexburg GIS Department, and it was agreed that the city would pay only variable charges for GIS services, rather than a base fee to help finance the department. The GIS department is pleased to provide service for our city. All requests must go through City Clerk Sharon L. Bell.

The mayor entertained a motion to go into executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

8:04 p.m. It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Waddell pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(l)(a), (b) and (d) to move into executive session to consider hiring and personnel issues and to discuss records exempt from public disclosure, as well as a confidential memo from Attorney Forsberg. The mayor called for a roll call vote:

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

Those voting nay: None

Thereupon, the mayor declared the motion passed.

8:43 p.m. The executive session ended and the regular council meeting adjourned.

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

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