

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

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

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Marcie A. Smith, Treasurer; Councilmembers Bruce King, Lamont Merrill, Vaun Waddell and Burch Drake; Christine (Sam) Lines, Planning & Zoning Commission; Joe Law, Standard Journal; Deputy Cameron Stanford; Dewey Furness; Sue Drake; Tracen Hamblin; Hans Redd; Ace Christensen; Jeff Christensen; Jarom Christensen; Kevin James; Simon Pingry; and Jaren Merrill.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 15, 2011. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Merrill and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept said minutes; motion carried.

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

Marcie presented the current bills in the amount of \$47,017.99. It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Drake to pay the current bills, together with all regular January bills that have not yet been received; motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION: After concluding the fiscal matters of the preceding year, City Clerk Sharon L. Bell performed the swearing in of the newly elected officers as follows: Mayor Glenn W. Dalling for a term of four years; and Councilmembers W. Lamont Merrill and Burch Drake for a term of four years each. The Mayor and Councilmembers signed the Oaths of Office, were presented with Certificates of Election, and took their places at the council table.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: P&Z Chairman Christine (Sam) Lines addressed the council.

Code Correlation:

Sign Regulations: Sam reported that P&Z is making progress on updating the sign code. They are trying to educate themselves on the International Code for the safety of signs.

P&Z appointments: The mayor reported that the city is in the process of getting

three new Planning and Zoning commissioners. Sam has accepted reappointment for three years. Mayor Dalling said the three would be appointed by the next meeting.

WASTEWATER DISCUSSION: The mayor reported that Teton Mayor Phil Sutherin cancelled because he didn't have enough information to present at this time. Basically, the city of Teton is interested in installing a membrane system for the wastewater that can be done by small cities. Newdale is interested in joining Teton in the project.

SECURITY SYSTEM: Deputy Cameron Stanford addressed the council.

Updating the City Hall camera and server: Deputy Stanford reported that only two cameras are working at city hall. The recording goes for one week and then it overlaps and is gone. He feels the city should update and get a new system. A Security Labs DVR recorder with two terabytes of hard drive will save over one month of recordings (\$1,000), 4x Vandal-Infrared cameras \$300 each (\$1,200), and the installation would be \$200, for a total of approximately \$2,400.

Portable radio for Sugar City: Deputy Stanford presented some options. "(1) Current fire and sheriff systems are going to 700 MHz radios, which are \$3,200 each. (2) 450 radios – sheriff's office has and will keep even after we go to 700 MHz. You can get them for about \$400-\$900. (3) 450 – the sheriff's office may have a few extra 450 radios to give to Sugar City, but it would be a few months and probably only two to three radios. We also have a current radio car-to-car channel set aside for 450 and 700 – not repeated. (4) 150 that the fire department uses. They may have a couple of radios they may donate. The Sugar City bus shop radios are on this frequency. At one time, I was told that Sugar City owned the radio frequency but Sugar-Salem School District is keeping the repeater up and working and paying fees." Sugar City owns the radio frequency and has allowed the Sugar-Salem School District to use it for operating its transportation system. However, Sugar-Salem School District has been keeping the repeater up and working and paying the fees.

The mayor said no decision regarding money would be made at this time and we appreciate Deputy Stanford for coming in. The council needs to review the city's radio needs before a decision is made.

Emergency drills: Deputy Stanford reported there would be emergency drills in February. In April there will be an evacuation drill involving the gray church in Sugar City. On May 2 there will be something planned in Sugar City with the school district. Councilmember Merrill would like to discuss more about what the city needs.

MADISON COUNTY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Dewey Furness addressed the council and reported that the Madison County Centennial will be celebrated in 2013. The Centennial Committee, chaired by Vicki Grover, has several big things planned. In April there will be a Centennial Ball at BYU-Idaho, chaired by Bob Oliphant. On July 4th Rexburg will have a big parade with a theme to coincide with the centennial. They would like all the communities in the area to have a float in the parade. During the Madison County Fair in August, they plan to have a lot of old farm equipment on display; and at the end of the fair, to have a huge fireworks display. During the summer, they will get people to compile short histories of all the communities (even though their existence is not known in our present society), which will appear in the Rexburg paper. Other people will write histories of the county, which will entail histories of agriculture, medical facilities and people, education, and brief histories of all the schools that ever existed in the county. They will try to create a book that may be purchased by the citizens of

the county. Lowell Parkinson will have a picture history of the county, which will be available for purchase.

During the summer or fall, they would like to have a statue made of Thomas E. Ricks (approximately 8 feet tall). The statue will be placed just west of the courthouse in an area to be turned into a mini park. It will cost about \$60,000, and they plan to solicit donations from some of the citizens in the area. If the city could contribute some money, it would be appreciated. Randy Huskinson is donating two to three acres of land east of the Sugar Cemetery to plant potatoes for the community to harvest by hand.

Mr. Furness said none of these plans is set in concrete yet. The mayor indicated that he would like to see Sugar City prepare a float for the parade. Mr. Furness suggested it be a replica of the Sugar Factory and possibly the first mayor and council. The mayor said the city will do its best and thanked Mr. Furness for coming.

STATUS OF WATER RIGHTS ON ANNEXED PROPERTY: The mayor reported that he and Councilmember Merrill have an appointment with Dale Swenson of Fremont-Madison Irrigation District on Monday at 1:30 p.m. The first thing to do is get a list of all the surface water rights and storage water on property that has been annexed into the city. We have also had Forsgren do a water study so that we have good information on our existing water rights and what we would need if a projected development takes place. Dave Tuthill is encouraging us to make application for water rights, and then he and his committee are anxious to go to work to help.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

North access to U.S. Highway 20: Bruce reported that he has not yet met with the District 6 traffic engineer, but he will. The mayor said he talked with someone from the Idaho Transportation Department on another matter, and he asked him about how to get motorists in Sugar City back on northbound U.S. 20.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:

LEPC report: Lamont said they talked about the April 9, 10 and 11 emergency events planned: first day, search and rescue phase; second day, evacuation emergency; and third day, mass care. Lamont received a pamphlet entitled, "Madison County Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study," which he asked Sharon to file. On a weekly basis there is a report from the railroad to the fire department on what hazardous material will pass through Rexburg and Sugar City.

COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL: No report. He asked that audio/visual equipment acquisition be put on the next agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE: No report.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Appointment of P&Z Commissioners: The mayor reported that Christine (Sam) Lines has accepted reappointment for three years. We still need one person in the impact area and one in the city, and he will work on it.

Department assignments: The mayor reported that he discussed the assignments with each of the councilmembers individually.

MOTION FOR DEPARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS: It was moved by Councilmember Drake and seconded by Councilmember King to accept these responsibilities

that the mayor has assigned us for the coming year; motion carried.

Open house: The mayor feels it would be a nice opportunity for people to come and see what has been done at city hall. We would have refreshments, and a handout would be available on how the project was financed. Discussion was had on publicizing the event.

MOTION FOR OPEN HOUSE: It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to authorize the mayor to appoint Councilmember Drake to organize an open house of the city building to be held on February 4, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; motion carried.

Contracts for city attorney and engineer:

City attorney: Sharon reported that under state law, the city attorney is one of three appointed officials – clerk, treasurer, and attorney. The council reviewed the appointment of Bill Forsberg as city attorney and the city’s working relationship with him.

City engineer: The contract with city engineer Dick Dyer was reviewed. The council would like to keep him as city engineer.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to continue the appointment of Bill Forsberg as city attorney, under the existing work arrangement; and Dick Dyer as city engineer, as renegotiated by the mayor; motion carried.

It was the consensus of the council that they would like the city attorney to attend council meeting once in a while and give a small presentation of what he is working on so as to get to know him a little better for a more personal working relationship. But they would like to continue receiving his opinions in writing.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Mayor Dalling called for the election of officers.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Drake to nominate Councilmember Lamont Merrill as President of the Council; it was moved by Councilmember Waddell that nominations cease, seconded by Councilmember King; and Councilmember Merrill was elected by acclamation as President of the Council; motion carried.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Waddell to nominate Councilmember Bruce King as Vice-President of the Council; it was moved by Councilmember Drake that nominations cease, seconded by Councilmember Merrill; and Councilmember King was elected by acclamation as Vice-President of the Council; Councilmember King abstained from voting; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Signed: _____
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk