

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2012

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

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Marcie A. Smith, Treasurer; Councilmembers Bruce King, Lamont Merrill, Vaun Waddell and Burch Drake; Steve Hawkes, Planning & Zoning Commission; Gary Abbott, technician from BYU-Idaho; Doug MacKay; Tim Fuller; Amber Fuller; Ryan Haworth; Skyler Snook; Jennifer Leavitt; Hallie Leavitt; Kody Leavitt; and LaRena Waddell.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 12, 2012. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Drake and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept said minutes; motion carried.

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

Updating the Comprehensive Plan Attachments: P&Z have been working on updating the comprehensive plan attachments to document plan implementation efforts. They will have the council review them and make any necessary changes. Sharon was asked to e-mail the last comprehensive plan attachments on plan implementation to Steve so they can use the same format.

Cancellation of August 2 P&Z meeting: Steve said P&Z have cancelled their regularly scheduled meeting on August 2, 2012, because of lack of a quorum.

LEASING OF CITY PROPERTY TO BRAD ORME: Councilmember Merrill reported that he met with Brad Orme and reviewed a copy of the tentative lease that the attorney had prepared. Brad currently has a lease with the city for the property west of city hall, and they discussed incorporating both pieces of property into one lease. Sharon reported that Brad brought in a rough draft of the lease for her to type, which she did. Brad suggested that he pay the sum of \$20 per month for said lease and requested to be billed for such. Lamont was concerned that the proposed lease didn't cover drainage from the car wash to the west. He will discuss the drainage matter with Brad and also the need to have a design review process before the building permit is issued. The size of the water meter was discussed. Brad has already requested a 2-inch meter, and the contractor will purchase it. Marcie reminded Lamont that the meter needs to be compatible with the city's meter-reading software. Lamont was asked to advise Brad. Before the lease is finalized, Attorney Forsberg will be asked to review it and make any necessary suggestions.

UPDATE ON AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT: Vaun and Marcie demonstrated newly

installed audio-visual equipment in the council room. The mayor expressed appreciation to Vaun for his work in arranging the equipment.

BUSINESS PARK – PROBLEM WITH WATER SYSTEM: The mayor explained the problem is that thrust blocks were not installed in the proper places in the Business Park. The city was not aware of the problem until the water was turned on at the new Madison County Search and Rescue building, and the caps that did not have thrust blocks blew off. Resultant flooding caused considerable damage to the entire asphalt parking lot. Estimates place the cost at \$20,000. The mayor, Lamont Merrill and Zane Baler met with Forsgren Associates engineers, who were sympathetic with the problem but reluctant to accept any definite responsibility for it. The engineers decided on their own not to install the thrust blocks, and there is no record of correspondence with the city regarding this decision. Lamont estimates that installing thrust blocks for the nine different locations would be approximately \$1,500 each. The mayor has reported the incident to ICRMP and to the city attorney.

READING OF LETTER REGARDING OLD FARM ESTATES PROPERTY:

Councilmember King was asked to read a letter from Tom and Jan Gallup addressing the noxious weed problem on the property owned by Gary Stillman known as Old Farm Estates (see attachment 1). The mayor said the same problem exists on property of Toscano and Ponderosa Estates developments.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Drake to notify by certified letter owners of Old Farm Estates, Toscano and Ponderosa Estates properties that they have three weeks to correct their weed problem or, pursuant to Sugar City Code 3-2A-1, the city will remove the weeds and bill property owners for the cost; motion carried.

EAST PARKWAY CORRIDOR: Councilmember King said the city should weigh in on the route of the proposed northern leg of the planned East Parkway Corridor and give the county our recommendation because the route will directly affect the city. Discussion was held regarding the city's approval of the corridor to Digger Drive by motion in the 4-22-10 city council meeting. The city recently held a public meeting in which representatives of engineering firm Keller Associates reviewed with those in attendance five potential routes for the northern leg from Digger Drive to Idaho Highway 33.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to respond to the county commissioners' request for a recommendation on the northern leg of the East Parkway Corridor by referring to the motion passed on 4-22-10, to wit: "It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember King to recommend Keller Associates' favored 1000 East option for the East Parkway Corridor until the intersection with 2000 East (Sugar City's 7th East), with this recommendation not going beyond that point and with no direct connectors to Sugar City's 7th West or Third South." Continuing, that we advise the commissioners that we have considered the five possible routes, labeled A through E, recommended by Keller Associates for the northern leg from Digger Drive to Highway 33; Councilmember Drake opposed; motion carried.

STATUS OF WEST ENTRANCE SIGN: Councilmember Drake reported that Bryce Holman of the Beautification Committee has checked previous bids. Everyone has agreed to the same bid as last year.

DIGGER DRIVE/3RD SOUTH STREET PROJECT: The mayor said this is a work in progress and we know we have to get it completed before school starts.

REVIEW BUDGET: Marcie led a discussion on the draft budget, which was presented to the council for review last meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No report.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:

LEPC report: Lamont reported that the next meeting is next week.

COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL:

Pioneer Community Breakfast: Vaun said everything is set for the breakfast on Saturday, July 28.

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE:

Cost estimate on sign in front of city hall: Burch estimated that the cost for the proposed sign would be \$2,050 plus \$250 for lighting it.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Drake that we get the money to commence the sign in front of city hall and use the recommendation of the P&Z. **MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Toscano property: The mayor said this item was discussed earlier.

Sugar City council participation in St. Anthony parade: The mayor said he arranged for the fire engine to ride on, and Marcie bought some candy to distribute to children along the parade route.

Fiber and conduit in Business Park: The mayor referred to a letter dated July 17, 2012, from Ted Hendricks that fiber and conduit were included in the Business Park construction.

Ceiling in council room: The ceiling broke in the council room and insulation fell down. The ceiling needs to be repaired and more insulation blown in.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Signed: _____
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk

Date: July 23, 2012
To: Sugar City Council
From: Tom and Jan Gallup
Re: Noxious Weeds

Pursuant to City Code Article A. Offensive And Noxious Weeds Or Plants, we are requesting that the property owned by Gary Stillman, Old Farm Estates, be cleared of weeds and debris. The infestation of weeds is horrendous and affects neighboring residential and agricultural land. Since the development of the Stillman property we have found a substantial increase of noxious weeds in our yard. This problem is getting worse every year and will have a profound effect on the community at large, in-as-much as general airflow moves from the southwest.

The burden of weed control falls on individual property owners; however, community control over the spread of noxious weeds overrides the right of an individual landowner to allow their property to continue in an unmaintained state. If Mr. Stillman will not maintain his property then the City has the authority by ordinance to cut down and remove the weeds.

We will continue to address this problem to the city council and the community until something is done.

Tom and Jan Gallup
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