

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015

Presiding: Mayor W. Lamont Merrill
Meeting Convened at 6:30 p.m.
Prayer: Matt Garner
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Lamont Merrill; Deputy Clerk Intern Katie Cenicola; Councilmen Bruce King, Burch Drake, and Matt Garner; Citizens Jon Tanner and Morgan Beckstrand; River Bend Ranch representatives Terry Mortensen and Thom Garlock. Councilman Bruce Arnell and City Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin excused.

Mayor Merrill asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12, 2015. Each councilman had a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilman Drake and seconded by Councilman King to accept the minutes; motion carried.

RIVER BEND RANCH ZONE CHANGE: Discussed the purpose of the development, to whom it is targeted, size of the lots, how a homeowners association (HOA) will play a part, and anticipated price of each lot. Councilman King reported that Attorney Bill Forsberg said the City Council needs to clearly communicate to the developers its expectations. Mr. King said to Mr. Garlock and Mr. Mortensen that, “At a minimum, we will expect you to obtain a water right, drill a deep well, provide a pumping facility, and perform any other actions required to provide all the water and then some needed for your development and for related Sugar City needs, both now and in the future. These requirements must be met before the city will sign a development agreement and issue a building permit. We also will require impact fees for water and sewer hookups and may require your participation on other infrastructure basics such as roads and bridges.”

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Burch to approve the application to change the zone of the River Bend Ranch property from R1 to R3 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, on the condition that the city and developer enter into a development agreement as provided for by the Sugar City Municipal Code and Idaho law restricting density on this property to four dwelling units per acre; motion carried.

LARGE VEHICLE PARKING NEWSLETTER STATEMENT: - The council discussed when this ordinance goes into effect (April 1), how much a penalty would be, and who would be enforcing the ordinance. The council will be notified by email of the amount of the penalty.

AT&T CONTRACT: Mayor Merrill has now received a contract from AT&T. The base rent will increase by \$200 per month, making it \$4,200. Discussed calling AT&T about increasing that amount and finding out when the contract ends. The city’s contract with Syringa is being updated right now, and they should be paying \$800 per month to rent space on the city water tower.

NO SOLICITATION/DOOR FLYER MEMO: Discussed when it is considered solicitation and when it is not. If solicitors leave flyers or brochures, it is not considered solicitation, but when they start talking with citizens about selling something, it becomes solicitation.

PERSI RETIREMENT FOR ALL ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS: Discussed whether P&Z commissioners qualify for PERSI benefits. Bruce King will follow up with Wendy and the attorney.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION RESOLUTION: Now, Therefore, I, Lamont Merrill, Mayor of the City of Sugar City do hereby proclaim Friday, 24th day of April as Arbor Day in the City of Sugar City and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman Drake and seconded by Councilman Garner to accept April 24, 2015, as Sugar City's Arbor Day; motion carried.

AGRITECH LAND SWAP : Discussed updating the sign by Agritech for historical value. The Tree and Beautification Committee had no enthusiasm for this idea. There is already a sign about the sugar beet factory by the tennis courts. The school district was going to take the sign on the city water tank that says "Sugar City: Home of the Diggers" and move it toward the junction by the high school. Next meeting we will discuss more and make a motion, and have specific sizes to swap.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN KING:

City Flags – Many of Sugar City's American flags are in need of repair. Burch will check on the price of new flags. Church organizations volunteered to help put flags on poles, etc. Flags should be disposed of properly.

COUNCILMAN DRAKE:

Mayor Dalling's Retirement: Mayor Dalling's Retirement Celebration Update: The retirement party was highly successful. Mayor Dalling's wife was very appreciative of gifts. Mayor Dalling seemed to have a good time. Discussed who should be considered for the distinguished citizen award.

COUNCILMAN ARNELL: Excused.

COUNCILMAN GARNER: Easter Egg Hunt, Soccer Goals Update: Easter egg hunt planning is on track. We need to get a group of people for the 4th at 8 a.m. to spread out eggs and candy over Smith Park. Soccer goals will be ready this week, and Agritech will deliver them to Heritage Park. The Teton Flood Marathon is June 13, and organizers are asking for five volunteers from Sugar City to help with runners passing through town.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

CHC Grant Application: The application is submitted for a grant in the Business Park. The grant request is \$38,000.

Walmart Road Closed: Detour Route: There could be some extra traffic being pushed toward Sugar City.

Horrocks Report for April 1 & 2: Engineering group that is doing the traffic study for Rexburg will report its recommendations April 1 and 2.

School District Tennis Courts: The school district wants Sugar City to dedicate more ground for two new tennis courts for school use. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Signed: W. Lamont Merrill
W. Lamont Merrill, Mayor

Attested: Wendy McLaughlin
Wendy McLaughlin, Clerk-Treasurer