

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013

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; Donna Benfield, Executive Director of Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce; Hyrum Erickson, President of Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce; and Jody Huntsman, Chairman of the Tree and Beautification Committee.

The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 14, 2013. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept said minutes; motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: There was no P&Z report.

2013 LEGISLATURE: Hyrum Erickson, president of the Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that every year the Idaho Legislature tours a specific area of the state. This year they plan to come to eastern Idaho. The tour will take place September 22-24. The chamber is in the process of obtaining money and requests a contribution of \$2,000 from Sugar City to help pay for the legislators' trip, hotels and food. Chamber officials expect about 70 legislators to attend. There are three counties involved – Madison, Fremont and Teton. Information legislators obtain on tours guides their planning and decisions.

Donna Benfield, executive director of the Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that the reason it is here is due to an invitation from area officials. This is a special opportunity in the rotation of the Legislature's visits and will likely not occur for another 18 years. The chamber is sponsoring the event. The mayor said we would do our best to support them.

Councilmember King said that he sees this as an opportunity for eastern Idaho, since hosting the Idaho Transportation Board in 2011 was productive. District 6 of the Idaho Transportation Department hosted the board and transportation department executives on a tour of Rexburg and BYU-Idaho 18 months ago. Transportation officials were impressed by the size and scope of the city, university and local businesses.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to meet the request of the Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce for \$2,000 in support of hosting Idaho legislators who propose to tour eastern Idaho September 22-24, 2013, as a means to promote our water right need, etc.; motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON OPEN SHED: Discussion was had on purchasing an additional storage building in which to store sand. At the break, the council traveled to Agritech to see the two open shed buildings that have been installed there. The mayor said the building will be in the fenced area by the city's other storage shed on Railroad Avenue, with the east end open. The proposed building plans and location will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review. Setbacks, etc., will need to be checked. No decisions were made at this time.

K-MART LIFT STATION BILL: The City of Rexburg has directed the updating of the K-Mart sewer lift station, which serves Sugar City and Teton City. Total cost of the project is \$74,417.83, which is divided between Rexburg, Teton and Sugar City. Based on calculated effluent passing through this lift station, the following is the division of expense: Rexburg City 10%, \$7,504.96; Teton City 15.37%, \$11,435.78; Sugar City 74.55%, \$55,477.09. The mayor said he met with Rexburg Public Works Director John Millar and is satisfied with the project and the proposed division of expenses. After discussion, it was decided to include the expense in the April bills for approval.

INTERCITY SEWER AGREEMENT: There are currently three sewer agreements, one each for Rexburg, Sugar City and Teton. Rexburg proposes that there be one agreement to cover all three cities. The proposed agreement currently is in the hands of our city attorney. The mayor said the concept of a new agreement is good. When details are worked out, the council will have to approve it. Council members were concerned about existing sewer ordinances, which are available at city hall for review.

CITY HALL FACADE: Councilmember Drake presented two options for the proposed new façade for city hall. Each option would cost approximately \$50,000. Discussion was had that maybe we should wait and put away some money for a few years to pay for it. Jody Huntsman, chairman of the Tree and Beautification Committee, feels we should have a few perks to make our city look good and maybe we could get some donations to help. The design favored was the one without posts and a vestibule, but no decision was made. The mayor expressed appreciation to Burch and Jody for their work on the proposal.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

P&Z Commission:

Four-way stop sign at Cutler and 3rd South: At the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, Bruce invited input from commissioners regarding the City Council's discussion the previous week on stop signs at the intersection of Cutler Avenue and 3rd South. Commissioners eagerly expressed themselves to the effect that, since this is a busy area of town, with 3rd South a main bus route, stop signs should not be removed. Burch talked with the stake president, who said stake leaders do not have strong feelings about the matter and certainly no control over the signs.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Drake and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to leave the four-way stop signs at Cutler and 3rd South permanently in place; motion carried.

Web site: Bruce presented his proposed general redesign of the city Web site, stating

the design is less busy and simpler, yet more vivid and versatile. He will continue working on it.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL: No report

COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL:

Easter egg hunt: Vaun reported that the Easter egg hunt would be March 30 at 10 a.m. at Smith Park. There will be 420 plastic eggs with a piece of candy and a gift certificate in each, plus there will be snack bags with candy in them scattered around the area. He has obtained gift certificates from many businesses in the area and some cash donations. The mayor expressed appreciation to Vaun for his good work.

Need to replace rotting poles around parking area at Smith Park: The \$1,200 to remove the rotting poles and replace them with concrete blocks can come out of the park money.

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE:

Float for Madison County Centennial Parade: Burch presented a diagram for the float. He is starting to get materials to begin putting it together.

Grain silo: Burch presented a diagram on making a lighthouse out of the grain silo.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Envision Madison: The mayor said the next meeting is April 11, and he would like some members of the council to attend. The difficulty is that there is a City Council meeting on that date and time.

Sugar City Stake cleanup day: The mayor asked the council to be thinking about things we would like to have done on the stake cleanup day. The date has not yet been set.

Brad Orme Ribbon Cutting: The mayor encouraged the council to attend the ribbon cutting for Brad's Sinclair on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 11 a.m.

Moody Creek sewer line: The mayor said Dick Dyer has presented a design for the Moody Creek sewer line and reviewed by existing property owners.

Date for city cleanup: The council set May 20 as the day to begin city cleanup this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Signed: _____
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk