

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011

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

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Councilmembers Harold Harris, Bruce King, and Lamont Merrill; Randy Johnson, Forsgren Associates; Stan Clark; Dave Tuthill and Hal Anderson, Idaho Water Engineering; Burch Drake; and Chantal Cobia. Councilmember Vaun Waddell was excused.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 12, 2011. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Harris and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to accept said minutes; motion carried.

**UPPER SNAKE MITIGATION SOLUTIONS (DAVE TUTHILL) WORK-IN-**

**PROGRESS REPORT:** Mr. Tuthill addressed the council and reported that they will have a more formal presentation for the council meeting on June 9. In general, he said he feels pretty good and that the city is in better shape than they expected. He discussed four recommendations: (1) as land is sold we need to ensure that all water rights remain with the land; (2) utilize canal shares under section 42-228 – if a canal company drills a well to recapture some of its water rights, no water right is required for that well; (3) to consider filing a new application for permit; and (4) to hold up a little bit on moving forward to see what happens with the irrigation districts downstream when they look at their opportunities for recharge. Mr. Tuthill reported that this area is not a good place to recharge. Their first contract is with Sugar City. They have already spent the \$5,000 and will not charge us any more. They would like us to feel we have received enough benefits in our effort to obtain a water right to more than offset the cost of their study. The mayor thanked the people from Idaho Water Engineering for their report.

Randy Johnson was asked to address the council. He said the city is discussing the possibility of applying for 10 cfs of water for new developments around Sugar City. They suggest that we apply for it all now. He said to proceed with that application, but it would be well to consider what happens with the recharge districts.

**PARK SIGNS:** In the absence of Councilmember Waddell, the mayor asked Burch Drake, Chairman of the Tree and Beautification Committee, to address the council. Mr. Drake presented suggestions from the committee on the size and price of the signs, which are subject to change. The cost will be approximately \$1,200 per sign. The committee suggested proposed locations to install the signs and what should be written on the signs. They want to keep it simple and not be involved in names for the parks. A way to handle that is to suggest that the family wanting a name would finance the sign and then have the council okay the design, etc. The mayor thanked

Burch for his good work.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS:**

**Grant for 7<sup>th</sup> East:** Harold reported that Forsgren Associates, on behalf of Sugar City, had applied for a \$100,000 grant to improve 7<sup>th</sup> East (Digger Drive) in the city. We have been notified that the grant has been approved and a brief discussion was held on the details of the improvement project.

**Service project:** A discussion was held on the planned Sugar City LDS Stake service project scheduled for Wednesday, June 29. The mayor requested for the June 9 meeting that each councilmember suggest a project or two that a few people could be assigned to tackle that evening. It is apparently an adult service project, and the number of people involved is a big question mark.

### **COUNCILMEMBER KING:**

**Gravel pits:** Bruce reported that there is a public hearing tonight in Rexburg before the Madison County Planning and Zoning Commission on a proposed ordinance to regulate gravel mining. The ordinance includes a provision that would allow a gravel pit within 300 feet of an existing residence anywhere in the county, except of course in Rexburg and Sugar City where the county has no jurisdiction. County P&Z commissioners feel that 300 feet from a home is sufficient, but many local citizens believe the distance should be at least 1,000 feet and are protesting this provision.

**Community leaders meeting:** Bruce reported attending a meeting for community leaders with President Kim B. Clark on the present and future status of BYU-Idaho. The president reported that the university is continuing to grow and that the community needs to grow in a balanced way for the school to be successful, with cities and counties taking the lead in this growth. President Clark also discussed the need for improved infrastructure, especially in natural gas and fiber-optic availability. The university would be willing to participate in the cost involved. They would also like Rexburg to expand its airport to serve jets.

### **COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:**

**LEPC meeting:** Lamont reported that he gave his report on the LEPC meeting on May 12. Madison County has declared a disaster due to rising floodwaters.

## **MAYOR'S BUSINESS:**

**City/school electronic sign:** The mayor reported that the school is looking into what type of sign is available and working on a particular design that fits the needs of the school and the city.

**Purchase of gasoline for city vehicles:** The mayor reported that Brad Orme of Brad's Sinclair wonders why the city is not purchasing fuel from him like we used to. The mayor suggested that this matter be discussed at the next meeting in an executive session.

**Sheriff's building in Business Park:** The mayor asked Harold to discuss the proposed sheriff's building. The sheriff's office is reviewing the matter of exact location of the building. Due to the canal easement, they feel they need two lots on the northeast corner or three on the north side next to the canal to accommodate their needs. JRW & Associates is designing a building to present to our P&Z, which is also our design review committee. The protective covenants require the building to be constructed of stone or masonry. It is highly unlikely that there will be a sheriff's building in the business park unless the city allows them to do a more economical building.

**East Parkway Corridor:** The mayor reported that he went to the county clerk and received a copy of the actual approved route for the East Parkway Corridor. Each councilmember was presented a copy of the map.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

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