

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013

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

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Wendy Walker, Treasurer; Councilmembers Bruce King, Lamont Merrill and Vaun Waddell; and Steve Hawkes of Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilmember Burch Drake was excused to represent Sugar City at the Envision Madison Kick-Off meeting in Rexburg.

The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 23, 2013. 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.

Wendy presented the May reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember King to accept the May reconciliation reports for the General Fund; motion carried. Wendy presented the May reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept the May reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund; motion carried.

Wendy presented the current bills in the amount of \$74,794.10. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember King to pay the current bills, together with all regular June bills that have not yet been received; motion carried.

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

Code book conflicts: Steve reported that at their last meeting the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed some of the inconsistencies in the Code book. He invited the council to also check on discrepancies.

Meeting with county commissioners on impact area: Steve said he talked with the county commissioners regarding the impact area and gave them the letter of our recommendation. Commissioner Ricks said we need to get facts and findings of exactly what went on in the public hearing. Steve sent that information to Madison County Planning and Zoning, and Shauna Ringel will prepare the document. Steve will sign it and the County Commissioners will approve it. In the future, he will give more facts and findings to the council.

OPEN STORAGE SHED REPORT: Councilmember Merrill showed the council a sketch of a proposed storage shed, which would cost approximately \$45,300. The mayor said this estimate is considerably higher than was expected. He asked the council to give the matter some thought in preparation for talking about it at a later time.

RENEWAL OF BRAD ORME LEASE: The mayor expressed concern about no protection posts on the west side of our shop that borders Brad Orme's car wash and detail business. He suggested giving the council a copy of the lease and moving to approve the renewal of the lease at the second meeting in June. Sharon provided the council with copies of the current lease.

ENVISION MADISON:

June 13, 7 p.m. – Kick-Off, Madison High School Auditorium; and June 18, 7 p.m. – Workshop at Sugar-Salem Junior High School: The mayor advised the council that he had received information from a citizen against the Envision Madison project. It was the consensus of the council to continue supporting the project and to encourage citizens to attend the meeting on June 18 at the Junior High School, doing its best to encourage attendance at this workshop.

STUDY AND UPDATE OF ORDINANCES: Over the years, elected and appointed city officials and staff have worked hard and competently drafting and revising city ordinances, producing a solid set of laws to govern the city. To ensure that those laws square with ever-changing Idaho statutes and to improve any needed comprehension and cohesion, our attorney, Bill Forsberg, suggests that the city direct him to review the entire code as a whole.

UPDATE ON OLD FARM ESTATES DEVELOPMENT: Councilmember Merrill reported that Old Farm Estates is being sold to three engineers from California. The closing date is about June 21. He isn't sure how fast it will develop, but he said to expect applications for building permits before the summer is over. Their real estate agent has worked with the power and gas companies, and there will be an investment to install infrastructure. The developers have planned future development. The mayor asked the council to review the Old Farm Estates Development Agreement for discussion at the next meeting.

SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS: Councilmember King presented compensation schedules comparing salaries of mayors and councils from various cities around the state. He observed that Sugar City officials have had no salary adjustment for four years and he believes it is time to revisit the matter. Discussion was held, but no recommendation was made.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

Photos: Bruce requested permission to take pictures of the mayor and city council at their next meetings, and to take pictures of staff members in the next couple of weeks for the city Web site.

8:45 p.m. Councilmember Drake arrived.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:

LEPC: Lamont reported that we have no Hepatitis in Idaho. Lt. Weadick of the Idaho State Police made a presentation on inattentive driving, texting and cell phones. Steve Ball of the Idaho Transportation Department provided an update on what is happening this summer. He mentioned that reconstruction of U.S. 20 on the Ashton Hill won't take place until next year. Collection of hazardous waste materials at the transfer station in Rexburg will be 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 9 and 10, August 6 and 7, and September 10 and 11. Sharon was asked to post these dates in the next city newsletter.

COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL:

Teton Dam Marathon: Vaun reported that the Teton Dam Marathon is in a state of decline. There were 78 runners this year compared to 290 in 2010, 172 in 2011, and 123 in 2012. He said it was a beautiful day for the event, and Paul Jeppson did a great job. The spray gate he built and operated cooled three-fourths of the contestants, who ran through it. Vaun attended the awards ceremony. He is happy anytime there is a community event where people enjoy themselves and the marathon was such an event. There is a window of opportunity to reroute the half marathon through Sugar City, which would be beneficial to city residents and runners alike. The mayor said the city should continue being part of the Teton Dam Marathon and half marathon.

Pioneer Community Breakfast: Vaun reported that the annual pioneer breakfast is next month – July 27 from 7 to 10 a.m. at Heritage Park.

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE: Burch was excused tonight to represent Sugar City at the Envision Madison Kick-Off meeting. Since he returned from Rexburg to the meeting, he made the following report:

Centennial float: The city float is a work in progress. It will be ready for the 4th of July parade.

Envision Madison: Sponsors reviewed what they said before. No one was there from Sugar City except he and Elaine King, although organizers talked about Sugar City.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Discussion on the Old Farm Estates Development Agreement for June 27: The mayor asked the council to be sure to review the Old Farm Estates Development Agreement and to be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Signed: _____
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk