

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012

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; Marcie A. Smith, Treasurer; Jessica McFadden, Assistant; Councilmembers Bruce King, Lamont Merrill, Vaun Waddell and Burch Drake; Steve Hawkes, Planning & Zoning Commission; Zane Baler, Public Works Director; Doug MacKay; and Harold Harris.

The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 28, 2012. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to accept said minutes; motion carried.

Marcie presented the June reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Drake and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept the June reconciliation reports for the General fund; motion carried. Marcie presented the June reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Drake and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept the June reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund; motion carried.

Marcie presented the current bills in the amount of \$22,320.53. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember King to pay the current bills, together with all regular July bills that have not yet been received, with the exception of Rexburg's sewer bill where there appears to be an irregularity to be resolved; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO CITY CLEANUP:** Bruce presented his recommendation on proposed changes to city cleanup as follows: "Thanks to Doug MacKay for his helpful suggestions. He estimates the city could save up to \$5,000 per year by placing large dumpsters in the city for residents to deposit their yard trash. However, because residents like alley pickup, and because the service helps keep the city clean and attractive, I recommend we continue existing cleanup procedure. I recommend we authorize Public Works Director Zane Baler to decline pick up of certain items or to pick them up only for a fee. If that doesn't curb abuse and reduce costs, we could go to the large dumpsters, either that or raise the garbage base rate by 4 percent per year until we meet the full cost of cleanup, including fuel and equipment expenses. By providing the large dumpsters, we would still be providing a service, as Doug points out."

Public Works Director Zane Baler said dumpsters are a good idea, but not year round. He recommends using dumpsters two weeks in the spring and two weeks in the fall. The downside

to continuing cleanup in the alley is they constantly block the alleys all year. He would like to put teeth into enforcing a clean alley if cleanup remains in the alley. Zane said the main reason for having people bag their leaves and grass is that loads going to the dump need to be tarped and that creates additional expense. He talked about people abusing the system. The mayor says there will always be abuses. He will discuss the matter of handling additional fees with Attorney Forsberg before any action is taken or decision is made.

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

**Cancellation of two Sugar Salem School District public hearings July 5, 2012: (1) Special Use Permit -- moving alternative school; and (2) Special Use Permit – tearing down and reconstructing a maintenance shop.** The school district decided not to hold either of the public hearings because of the public outcry at the school board meeting. The only reason they wanted to move the alternative school was to make the bus storage area larger. They withdrew both special use permit applications.

**Review of proposed sign in front of city hall:** P&Z reviewed a plan that Burch Drake brought them for a proposed sign in front of city hall. They gave him some suggestions, and before the sign is constructed it needs to go to P&Z for approval.

**CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT:** Sharon reported that City Engineer Dick Dyer prepared the 2011 Consumer Confidence Report and submitted it to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The report confirmed that the city's tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state drinking water health standards. It is excellent water. She encouraged the council to come to city hall and read the report.

**DISCUSSION ON MEETING WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (EAST PARKWAY CORRIDOR):** Bruce led the discussion. Commissioner Kimber Ricks suggested waiting five to ten years and doing another traffic study since Sugar City did not grow as much as anticipated. When the route was proposed there was controversy. No matter where it is put, someone is not going to be happy. We are not trying to hurt any individual property owner. Jim Mullen, of Keller Associates, said that he felt the county had approved the corridor to the "T" just north of the Teton Island Canal. Commissioner Ricks said that they had revisited this decision. At the conclusion of the meeting, Commissioner Ricks said thank you for the input. They request still that Sugar City recommend a route for the northern leg. If the city does not desire to do this, they need to know that also.

The mayor reported talking with Ted Reinan, head engineer of Keller Associates, who said that the city already approved "Keller's favored option" up to Highway 33. He felt that the county has placed the city in this difficult situation.

It was the consensus of the council that the city should step aside awhile and eventually let the county take the lead. The mayor suggested putting the discussion of the East Parkway Corridor on a future agenda.

**REPORT ON BIDS FOR DIGGER DRIVE PROJECT:** Burch reported that HK Contractors submitted the lowest bid of \$139,873.50, plus fabric of \$19,195 and wedge milling for \$4,578, for a total of \$174,526.85. Forsgren Associates requests \$9,900 for obtaining the grant and designing the project for a grand total of \$184,426.85 for the Digger Drive project and 3<sup>rd</sup> South

extension up to Pine Avenue. The school has agreed to contribute \$16,500 for the curb from Digger Drive to Pine Avenue and some necessary fill. The city's financial obligation for the project will be \$167,926.85.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilmember Drake and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to accept the bid from HK Contractors and that the work get started; motion carried.

**DEMONSTRATION OF NEW AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT:** Vaun showed the council the screen, the projector and the speakers on the wall. Steve Webster will do the electrical work to connect this system in the next few days. It will be able to operate from a computer anywhere in the room.

**DISCUSSION ON SEWER METER CALIBRATION:** Lamont led the discussion. The Wastewater Agreement between the Cities of Rexburg and Sugar City states that Sugar City will maintain at its expense the measuring device (near Moody Road and State Highway 33). A representative of Sugar City and of Rexburg will jointly read and check the calibration of the flow metering device on the last work day of each month and forward this information to the Rexburg billing clerk. Zane was not aware that it was the city's responsibility to maintain this meter.

After the Moody meter is recalibrated, the city needs to check usage against past bills for several years and hopefully regain some of that back.

The K-Mart lift station was also discussed. The agreement states, "The K-Mart lift station will be maintained by the City of Rexburg and any associated costs for operation and maintenance will be jointly paid by Sugar City and the City of Rexburg on a flow proportionate basis. Flows for Rexburg users will be summarized annually and will be compared with the total flows of all the lift station users for determining the cost allocation."

Sugar City's share of the expense will be shared with the city of Teton and Dickinson Frozen Foods.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

##### **COUNCILMEMBER KING:**

**Sign code:** It was the consensus of the council to send the sign code to Attorney Forsberg for his approval and the drafting of an ordinance.

##### **COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:**

**LEPC:** The meeting was cancelled in June and July. The next one will be August 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### **COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL:**

**Pioneer Community Breakfast – mayor/council assignments:** The breakfast will be held Saturday, July 28, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. All the food has been ordered and advertising is underway. He hopes that the mayor and council will wear their Sugar City hats and greet people.

##### **COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE:**

**West Entrance sign:** The Tree and Beautification Committee are working on the sign.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS:**

**Pioneer Day parade:** The parade is July 28, 2012 at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony. The mayor and council have been invited to ride on the fire engine in the parade. It was the consensus of the council to support the parade. Participation in the parade is good public relations with the city of St. Anthony. The mayor will arrange for the fire engine and the city will purchase some candy to be thrown by the council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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

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