

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

Presiding: Mayor David D. Ogden
Meeting Convened at 6:30 p.m.
Prayer: Brent Barrus
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor David D. Ogden; Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin; Councilors Brent Barrus, Vaun Waddell, and Joy M. Ball; Planning and Zoning Chairman Dave Thompson; City Building Inspector Cliff Morris; The Standard Journal Reporter Lisa Smith; Old Farm Estates Developer Ryan Lerwill; Citizens Bruce Arnell, Mychelle Eaton, Timothy Frogue, Grant and Linda Johnson, Bert McLaughlin of Parker, and Catherine Nielsen. Councilman King was excused.

MINUTES: Mayor Ogden asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday August 23, 2018. Each councilman had a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilman Barrus and seconded by Councilman Waddell to accept the minutes as amended; motion carried.

RECONCILIATION REPORTS: Wendy presented the August reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilman Barrus and seconded by Councilwoman Ball to accept the August reconciliation reports for the General Fund; motion carried. Wendy presented the August reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilman Barrus and seconded by Councilman Waddell to accept the August reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund; motion carried.

Wendy presented the current bills in the amount of \$100,952.27. Mayor Ogden reported that MD Construction had completed the Moody water line. Just over \$330,000 will be paid to them before the next council meeting from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) water bond. It was moved by Councilman Waddell and seconded by Councilwoman Ball to pay the current bills, together with all regular September bills; motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REPORT: Dave Thompson reported that they did not have a quorum again for their scheduled Thursday, September 6 meeting. They will continue working on the items and report next meeting.

Airbnb: Mr. Thompson did report that Teichert's business application for a home airbnb was approved after Building Inspector Cliff Morris inspected the unit for fire safety and building integrity. Sugar City does not have an airbnb code but is looking at Rexburg's. However, the state has limited local governments' efforts to regulate homeowners who rent their homes through airbnbs or similar services.

New P&Z Commissioners: The mayor asked Mr. Thompson for more names of people who could serve on the commission. They are still short two seats of eight although Mr. Thompson would like to leave a spot open for an impact area representative from Salem which is not currently part of the city's area of impact. The commission is frustrated working on meeting

with the county and Rexburg since four letters have been ignored to meet and request expansion of the city's impact area into Salem.

SEWER RATE INCREASE: The council did not increase the sewer rate but will wait to see Rexburg's report and detailed explanation of the increase to Sugar City and Teton. Rexburg is asking a \$0.25 increase for both maintenance and replacement costs.

MAYOR'S REPORTS: The mayor reported on the following items:

Cancellation of Old Farm Estates Division #3 Public Hearing: Judge Moeller stayed the case while he reviews Councilman King's request that the court reconsider its preliminary decision to enjoin Councilman King from participating.

Closing on Sale of Business Park Lots: Neil Erickson accepted the city's counter offer, making it the 6th lot sold this year including the lot that just closed to Mike Stears (J & M Investment Properties LLC). Mayor Ogden met with Realty Qwest Judy Hobbs who recommended a 5% increase on lot prices.

Bid Opening on Water System Report: The second bid opening was held this morning. DN Tank and Dome Technologies were again the only two bidders. There was an apparent low bidder actually coming in lower than the first bid process. Forsgren Associates will thoroughly review the bids before awarding the project. Bids were also opened for the well house and pump. Both bids came in substantially higher than anticipated and if awarded would eat up all the savings from the lower bids on the tank and water line, and max out the bond award. A review and analysis will be done.

Update on Water Project Costs: The mayor reported that 2.2 million has been accepted on bids toward the project so far. \$810 thousand has been spent. The Moody water line is complete and Old Farm Estates Developers Jeff and Ryan Lerwill have completed the water line as agreed on 5th South. The city did not pay for the 5th South water line. The lines are connected and waiting for clean water tests.

HIGHWAY 33 STATUS: Mayor Ogden will draft a letter to Rexburg requiring more information on the advantages and disadvantages of Rexburg's project to reroute Highway 33 traffic just north of Rexburg to 2nd East. Councilmembers have stated that they question whether the new "jog" is advantageous to Sugar City or area residents. Rexburg and Sugar City are working together to keep Highway 33 as state owned property.

2020 CENSUS PREPARATION: The council approved the support and involvement in forming a committee and having Sugar City represented in the 2020 Census preparation. Training will be provided so that an accurate count and household information can be gathered.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman Barrus and seconded by Councilman Waddell to authorize the mayor to contact the US Department Commerce and to organize a committee subject to council confirmation in preparation for the 2020 Census.

IDAHO RURAL WATER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: The council and mayor discussed the merits of having a water/sewer certification apprenticeship program. The mayor would like more time to discuss this option with Public Works Director Arlynn Jacobson. The city must have two certified operators for Class II water and Class I sewer certifications. Since Zane Baler's retirement in May the city will need to "borrow" a certified officer from Teton or

Newdale to remain compliant until Public Works Assistant Cody Cureton is certified. The apprenticeship program is designed to help those in training to study for and pass the certification process.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN BARRUS: Councilman Barrus reported for the first time on the weekly staff meetings he attends. The mayor announced that Councilman Barrus is the council's liaison to the staff meetings. Councilman Barrus reported that the public hearing administration details and the water line project coordination and completion were the main topics of the two most recent staff meetings.

COUNCILMAN WADDELL: No report

COUNCILWOMAN BALL: The Tree and Beautification Committee did not meet. They are finishing up the summer season and gathering in the yard and garden signs.

COUNCILMAN KING: Excused.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Signed: _____
David D. Ogden, Mayor

Attested: _____
Wendy McLaughlin, Clerk-Treasurer