

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY  
910 South Mountain Road  
January 8, 2019

**7:00 P.M. STRATEGIC WORKING SESSION**

1. WELCOME:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE & OPENING CEREMONY

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by American Legion Member Paula Stephenson and the meeting was opened with Council Member Jeanne Groberg offering a word of prayer.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members Diane Anderson, Gary Anderson, Jeanne Groberg, and Mayor John Pohlman were all present. Council Member Brandon Halliday was absent. Council Member Julia Busche was excused and arrived later in the meeting.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Brandon Green, City Planner Jeff Oyler, Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen and Recording Secretary Kelli Rollins were present.

**VISITORS:** Gary Fox, Paula Stephenson, Karoline Busche

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Gary Fox of 1800 East addressed some concerns with the new bike trail that he has observed. The parking area was not where the residents were told it would be and it is not big enough. He hoped that the existing trail going into Farmington would be left a walking and horse-back riding only trail. He was concerned that the places where the bike trail intersects with the walking trail were dangerous.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

*Council Member Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for November 13, 2018 with changes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jeanne Groberg and was approved unanimously.*

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Fruit Heights City Youth City Council

Ms. Karoline Busche and Mr. Logan Miners from the Youth City Council reported that the Youth City Council had participated in a game night at the Safe Harbor shelter and had organized and played games with the twenty-one children housed there. They had a wonderful time and were asked to return so they are currently trying to organize with other youth city councils to take turns going in once a month to do these types of activities with the children.

They mentioned that they will be going to the "Day with the Legislature" and a leadership conference in the future.

Mayor John Pohlman encouraged them to look in Girl's State and Boy's State.

## 5.2 Kaysville Fire/Emergency Services Report

Fire Chief Paul Erickson presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report and the annual end of year report to the City Council and Mayor. He reported that there were 37 responses in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and that 24 of those were medical. He mentioned that of those 37 only 16 were within the response time guidelines required by the NFPA. He reported that the required time was six minutes and four seconds and they are arriving on average at the seven minutes response time. The numbers for the year was 148 calls, with 99 EMS and 49 fire.

He and the City Council Members discussed the times and the difference between home responses and other types of call response times. He reported that Kaysville Fire is working on improving their times from initial call to leaving the facility.

## 5.3 Presentation of the 2018 Audit and Financial Report: Ryan Child and Chuck Palmer

Mr. Ryan Child's reported that he was part of the CPA firm that does the monthly financial and annual reports for Fruit Heights City. He proceeded to report to the City Council on the General Fund, the Capital Projects Fund and the City's Enterprise Funds. He went through the restricted and unrestricted funds as well.

Mr. Chuck Palmer from the auditing firm thanked Mr. Child and City Manager Brandon Green as well as their staffs for very smooth auditing process. He went through portions of the report with the City Council and reported that all areas of the audit were compliant with state laws and there were no problems to report to the City Council.

## 6. CITY INFORMATION ITEMS:

### 6.1 Review and Discuss Strategic Planning Meeting January 22, 2019

Mayor John Pohlman announced that the meeting on January 22 will be the Strategic Planning Meeting and will start at 6:00 pm and will be held in the basement.

### 6.2 Review Applications for Open Planning Commission Seat in District #3

Mayor John Pohlman mentioned that there has been four applicants for the open seat on the Planning Commission and any one of them would do a great job. He stated that he had talked to Planning Commission Chairman Curtis Tanner and Commissioner Chris Martineau as well as City Manager Green and received their input as well. He was thrilled with the high level of unsolicited interest from the residents. He was suggesting that the City Council approve Mrs. Carrie Carroll as the newest Planning Commission member. He wanted to maintain some diversity and also have someone with knowledge of local real estate. The City Council briefly discussed conflicts of interest within the Planning Commission.

### 6.3 Review 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Local Sales Tax

Mayor Pohlman reminded the City Council about the quarter cent sales tax that the State Legislature passed as a tool to help with road infrastructure. He reported that as he attended COG meetings he was very vocal about Davis County not adopting this tax just because they can

as authorized by the state. He also reported that Weber and Salt Lake County had both passed it also. He explained that it is a sales tax and for every dollar currently spent by anyone in those two counties one cent is given to the county to fund major transportation projects. The state has informed Davis County that if they do not pass the state will charge the tax and keep it instead of allocating it to the county. Mayor Pohlman pointed out that it would now be a worse consequence to not support this tax. When asked he explained how it was decided how the county money would be spent. A few local mayors would prioritize projects and make suggestions to the Wasatch Front Regional Council who would send their recommendations to COG who would forward their recommendations to the County Commissioners. He explained that at this point in time Fruit Heights City would not see any money from this tax but that there was a small chance that wording could be included in the Prop 1 4<sup>th</sup> quarter tax that more of the funds could go to cities. He also mentioned that they will indirectly benefit as they travel through the county. He informed them that this 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sales Tax would pass with or without Fruit Heights support but that sending a letter in support of this tax would show that the City Councilmen are aware of the situation and have discussed it. July 1<sup>st</sup> is when the tax will begin.

He concluded by stating that he now realizes that the City should support this tax because it will be imposed anyway without benefitting the City or County.

*Council Member Julia Busche arrived at the meeting at 7:58.*

Mayor Pohlman opened the meeting to the public for input on this tax. Mr. Gary Fox said that Fruit Heights residents who purchase cars and furniture and other large items outside the county do not benefit the City or the County. Mayor Pohlman mentioned that the City has one car dealer that sells cars in Fruit Heights on Highway 89 and 200 North and that if another dealer wanted, they could use parking lots to sell cars and all sales tax would stay in the City.

## **CITY COUNCIL BOARD LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Julia Busche**

Council Member Busche reported she had taken a ride along on the snow plow and that it is a difficult and time-consuming job and she has a new appreciation for Public Works. She reminded the residents through social media of the City ordinances about snow removal.

### **Brandon Halliday**

### **Diane Anderson**

Council Member Anderson reported the committees would start meeting again.

### **Gary Anderson**

### **Jeanne Groberg**

Council Member Groberg reported that affordable housing was going to be a huge topic for the legislative session and the City Council would need to look at affordable housing in the City. The City needed to make a video showing what they are doing to support affordable housing. One of the factors of affordable housing that the City would need to address was ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units) or stand-alone units on existing properties. City Manager Green mentioned that this is already happening in the City and that parking is the main concern but that the future of

the ADU's would be an issue if when sold the owner would try to sell as two different properties. The City will need to design a well thought out and deliberate ordinance. City Planner Jeff Oyler mentioned that the City shouldn't be the first to develop it but to let others pass ordinances and learn what works and what doesn't work. He reported that other cities are regretting moving forward too quickly. The City Council and City Staff also recognized that affordable housing is also contingent on having affordable land and that the City can't control land prices.

**John Pohlman**

Mayor Pohlman reported the bond for Wasatch Integrated Waste past and in one all year all solid waste will be sorted on site and the need for having recycling for the residents will be gone. The rate increase will be an additional two dollars per can. City Manager Green also reminded them that sewer, culinary and secondary water would also increase as well as the garbage hauler. He also reminded them that it had been 5 years since the City had held a Truth in Taxation hearing and that the longer the City waits the more the rate drops. The City Council discussed how to notify the residents that all these increases are coming.

**CITY BUSINESS:**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

City Manager Green presented the December Check Register.

**8. ACTION ITEM APPROVAL**

8.1 Approve/Deny Recommendation for District #3 Planning Commission Vacancy be filled by Carrie Carroll.

*Council Member Diane Anderson made a motion to approve Carrie Carroll as a Planning Commissioner for District #3. Council Member Gary Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

8.2 Approve/Deny Support for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sales Tax.

*Council Member Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the Local Option 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sales Tax. It was seconded by Council Member Jeanne Groberg and was approved unanimously.*

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS/ UPCOMING EVENTS:**

The next meeting will be January 15 concerning the Rock Loft Ridge Development. The Strategic Planning meeting will be January 22 at 6:00 in the basement.

**CITY STAFF REPORTS**

City Public Work Superintendent Darren Frandsen reported that the City would need to budget for two new trucks in the next budget year. The 5400-truck purchased in 2007 is starting to need frequent and more expensive repairs. The 5500 Chevrolet that is used to plow up the big

hills blew a rear axle. Another truck is not working and will have to be towed and looked at to find the problem after the repair on the 5500 Chevy. He mentioned that the City had used about half of their purchased salt. He reported that the City had six water breaks in six weeks. Usually the City averages about 15 per year so this has been extensive. City Manager Green reminded the City Council that they have been setting aside money in the vehicle and equipment fund to purchase these trucks. Public Works Superintendent Frandsen requested that the trucks be looked at early in the budget process and pre-approved in May so they can order in May. If they order after the last budget approval it will during the rush of ordering and will set back getting the trucks by months.

City Manager Brandon Green reported that the playground equipment was on its way. The City was putting out an RFP for the grading, curbing, sidewalks, and other preliminary items and when that was completed the company could install the playground equipment. He also reported that UDOT had completed a study about the need for a traffic light on Nicholls and Main and that they determined it was needed and would be installing a light. He informed the City Council that the mountain bike trail parking lot had been relocated because they couldn't go over the Weber Basin Aqueduct. He appreciated the feedback received thus far on the biking trail and the City Staff would be addressing those concerns that had been expressed. He would like to plan a ribbon cutting ceremony in the Spring after signs and other things are installed.

#### CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR'S ITEM

10. COMMUNICATION ITEMS
11. ELECTRONIC MEETING: was not held.
12. CLOSED MEETING: was held.
13. ADJOURNMENT

*Council Member Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Julia Busche seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the Fruit Heights City Council Meeting held January 8, 2019

*Not approved until signed*

  
Kelli Rollins, Fruit Heights City Recording Secretary

Date approved by City Council: February 5, 2019