

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY  
910 South Mountain Road  
September 17, 2019

**WELCOME:**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**1. PLEDGE & OPENING CEREMONY**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Brandon Halliday, and the meeting was opened with Council Member Mayor John Pohlman offering a word of prayer.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members Diane Anderson, Gary Anderson, Jeanne Groberg, Brandon Halliday and Mayor John Pohlman were all present. Council Member Julia Busche asked to be excused.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Brandon Green, City Planner Jeff Oyler, City Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen and Deputy Recorder Robin Jaramillo were present.

**VISITORS:** James Lamb (Emergency preparedness and area coordinator), Brian Bare, Dane Smith (Representative of C.W. Land Co.)

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Resident James Lamb, an Area Coordinator Assistant, presented to Mayor Pohlman and the City Council some concerns that he had with the recent Francis Fire. Mr. Lamb is hoping that communication between the City and the Residents can be improved by utilizing the Citizen Core Council and Area Coordinators. The Mayor, Council and Staff briefly discussed events associated with the Francis Fire. Mayor Pohlman stated that he was at the City Office and was in direct contact with City Manager Green and Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen. Mayor Pohlman stated that as soon as he was getting the information he was sending out to the various coordinators, but also mentioned that the challenge the City faced was that the News Media was publishing information faster than the City was able to obtain information. Once the fire started burning on the Forest Service Property, the Forest Service assumed command of the incident. City organizers would like to have better line of communication with the command center so that information can flow more smoothly between the City and the Residents through the proper channels.

City Manager Green recommended that the City hold a tabletop discussion where the City and those that oversee communication to the residents to work out some of the concerns that the CCC and the Area Coordinators may have felt. The Francis Fire was a good incident to have because it helped everyone to realize those areas that need to be addressed during an emergency.

Council Member Diane Anderson thanked the city staff, CCC and Area Coordinators that were involved in the incident. Resident Brian Bare also expressed his appreciation to the staff as he witnessed several who were working with other agencies during the fire.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for the August 20, 2019 City Council Meeting were reviewed by the Council. *Council Member Brandon Halliday made a motion to approve the minutes with the requested corrections. Council Member Diane Anderson seconding the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

**3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**4. CITY INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**5. CITY BUSINESS:**

5.1.1 Discussion on the proposed Marilyn Subdivision located at approximately 870 S. Mountain Road.

City Planner Jeff Oyler and Dane Smith, a representative from C.W. Land Co., presented to the City Council updates on the Marilyn Subdivision. Jeff Oyler stated that the developer has been working on some issue relating to the Storm Drain System. At the August 27, 2019 Planning Commission meeting, a proposal was presented to the Planning Commission regarding the storm drain system. After review and discussion, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council also review the proposal. Planner Jeff Oyler reminded the Council that the Subdivision currently has preliminary approval but has not received Final Approval due to some outstanding issues related to the storm drain and an approval letter from Central Davis Sewer District. Mr. Oyler also explained the reason for this discussion was to present to the Council a proposal to run the storm drain line from the subdivision detention basin south along the City Offices west property line into a 36" storm drain line that is currently running east/west along the south side of the City Office property. Mr. Oyler also explained the challenges associated with the current location of storm drain location for the subdivision and the required easements. Davis County is requiring that the developer provide access between two of the lots at the west end of the subdivision that extending to the back of the subdivision and down into the Hights Creek drainage. The purpose for the easement is maintenance and flood control in the channel. The County has been trying to work with UDOT on an access off HWY 89 but UDOT is unwilling to provide access. The developer is asking if the City would be willing to give an easement through City property for the installation of a storm drain line? The Council discussed that all the trees along the west, between the City's property and Hwy 89 would need to be removed for the storm drain line to be installed. The staff recommended that it be in this location so that the storm drain line doesn't affect any future plans that the city could have with the property. City Council Member Diane Anders asked that the developer submit to the city a design showing where the storm drain line will be located with some design information so that the council can get a better understanding of it impact to the city property. After some additional discussion, the City Council asked C.W. Land to look at other options that did not include City property. The developer indicated that he would look at other options and would continue to work with City staff on a solution.

**8 CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**9 INFORMATION ITEMS/ UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**10 MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- a. Members of the City Council reported on recent Utah League of Cities and Towns meetings that were held in Salt Lake. Council Members reported that the meetings were very beneficial and included a lot of valuable information. Council Member

Diane Anderson mentioned that Mayor Pohlman also helped instruct a class on how to hold Efficient City Council Meetings.

- b. City Council Member Diane Anderson reported that she too was involved in the Francis Fire and reported to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints meeting house near the top of 200/400 North in Kaysville. She also reported that the Red Cross was at the church preparing for people that may be evacuated due to the fire.

**11 CITY STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Public Works Superintendent, Darren Frandsen reported on projects throughout the city and that the projects were progressing. Mr. Frandsen is hopeful that all the projects will finish on time.
- b. City Planner Jeff Oyler mentioned that he had recently had a conversation with the Farmington Fire Chief. With the recent Francis Fire Chief Smith recommended that the City consider installing additional hydrants along the east bench to provide additional water sources for fire protection. Staff stated that they would review hydrant locations and determine if additional hydrants were necessary.
- c. City Manager Brandon Green reported as of tonight 9/17/19, in the debriefing, the fire is 20% contained. There are some concern about the steep areas above Bair Creek but that fire crews will finish containment with helicopters in the steeper areas of the fire. Manager Green also reported that the total dollars spent as of 9/17/19 on the fire is estimated at about \$560,000. Crews will continue working through the weekend to finish and clean up. Once the fire is out, there is a heightened risk of possible flooding and debris flows along some of the bigger drainages. The City will be working with the State and Davis County on flood control and the construction of debris flow fencing at the base of these larger drainage areas.

**12 COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

**13 ELECTRONIC MEETING: Not Held.**

**14 CLOSED MEETING: Not Held.**

**15 ADJOURNMENT:**

*Council Member Brandon Halliday made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Gary Anderson second the motion. It was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the Fruit Heights City Council Meeting held September 17, 2019

*Not approved until signed*



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Robin Jaramillo

Date approved by City Council: Oct 1, 2019