

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY  
910 South Mountain Road  
September 18, 2018

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

1. WELCOME:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. PLEDGE & OPENING CEREMONY

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Planner Jeff Oyler and the meeting was opened with Mayor John Pohlman offering a word of prayer.

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

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

**VISITORS:** BreAnne Anderson, Sue Logan, Jim Crismer

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

*Council Member Julia Busche made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2018 City Council Meeting. It was seconded by Council Member Brandon Halliday and was approved unanimously.*

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

CITY INFORMATION ITEMS:

5.1 Budget Request: Upgrade Caselle Accounting Software from Clarity to Connect

City Manager Green reported that he heard back from Caselle and the move from Clarity to Connect will not cost the City anything. There may be a small consulting fee for an IT consultant coming into the office to help with set up.

5.2 Discussion to consider Syringa Fiber into City Office Building

City Manager Green reported that two years ago the City Council had considered having fiber brought from Highway 89 to the City Offices. At that point it would have cost the City about ten thousand but now they are saying that there would just be a monthly fee. He reported that they recently sent the City an email saying that for 50 Mb it would be six hundred dollars a month and 100 Mb would be seven hundred dollars a month. Right now the City pays Comcast a little over five hundred a month for four phone lines, a fax line and internet service. The bill for the shop internet and the phone line for the water pump is a separate bill. He mentioned that if the City

was still considering giving the residents a chance to invest in fiber it wouldn't make sense to invest in this option before that decision is made. He asked the City Council if what the City has right now is enough for the City Council to live stream Council meetings. Council Member Brandon Halliday stated that he believed that the 20 Mb out that the City currently has would be plenty. The City Council and City Staff discussed the need for more reliable service since the City had experienced 3 outages in the last two weeks that lasted a significant amount of time. They also discussed the three year commitment that the City signed with Comcast which gives the City another year on the contract. They also conversed about that when competition is introduced it may drop the prices significantly.

### 5.3 Continued Discussion Regarding Basement Rental and Usage

Mayor John Pohlman mentioned that he had discussed the request made at the last meeting by the scout troop looking for a place to meet with Mr. Jensen, the scoutmaster. The Mayor mentioned that he had spoken to the Kaysville Mayor about why they had denied the troop access to any of the City's building and she never gave him a reason. The Mayor discussed the issue with Mr. Jensen and Mr. Jensen mentioned that he thought that the troop would be willing to pay between eight hundred and eight hundred and fifty annually for rental of the room. This would be a significant discount since the room currently rents for one hundred and fifty dollars for an hour. The fifty dollars is returned if the renter cleans the room and there is no damage. If the troop was willing to pay that fee then the City wouldn't need to worry about maintenance as much because the fee would help cover costs.

The City Council, Mayor and City Manager discussed insurance, frequency of usage and the intended purpose of the basement rooms. The purpose of the room was for more semi-formal events like receptions or music recitals. They also discussed the possibility of the troop providing service for our City for the discounted rate. City Manager Green also mentioned that once you offer a discounted rate to one group it is hard to deny the same rate to other groups.

The City Council determined that they would like to hold off and see what evolves out of the Fruit Heights scout troops.

### 5.4 Discussion on Biannual Cottage Meetings

Mayor John Pohlman asked for feedback on the Cottage Meetings conducted last week. Council Members Gary Anderson and Brandon Halliday reported that they had four residents and they discussed Highway 89 and the park. They also asked about the Council Members intentions for running when they are up for re-election. Council Member Brandon Halliday reported that he is not planning on pursuing another term on the Council.

Council Members Jeanne Groberg and Diane Anderson reported that they had eight residents attend their meeting and that the residents asked questions about rental of the City's parks by sports teams and suggestions regarding the Planning Commissioners attending the cottage meetings, donations for the park, bathrooms at the park and security. They also asked about the possibility of power lines being buried. City Manager Green reported that the power lines are owned by Rocky Mountain Power and would likely never be buried because of the huge expense.

The City Council, Mayor and City Staff discussed re-establishing a trade relationship with Kaysville City regarding their recreation programs and use of the Fruit Height parks. The Mayor agreed to reach out to Kaysville's mayor and City Manager Green will talk to the Park and Recreation director. The last item mentioned with this report was the request to email the Ridgerunner separate from the bill. A couple of the Council Members reported that there was not an attachment on the latest bill.

Mrs. Sue Logan reported she went to the cottage meeting and it was delightful, worthwhile and she believed it was a positive experience and should be repeated quarterly.

Mayor John Pohlman reported that he and City Manager Green went to a cottage meeting and they had about twenty people attend. The meeting was contentious and full of misunderstandings. Neighbors with very strong opinions disagreed with each other. They were able to dispel some of the myths that people believed by giving them factual information. By the end of the meeting all of the Mayor's goals had been met and the people in attendance were grateful for the chance to voice their opinions and have some of their questions answered.

## **CITY COUNCIL BOARD LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Julia Busche**

Council Member Busche reported she had a letter for Mrs. Carter who was retiring from CERT training, that she would like the Council to sign. She also asked City Planner Jeff Oyler about additional dwelling units (ADU) which are small residences built on a large property with an existing home. City Planner Oyler reported that currently there is not a zone in Fruit Heights City where ADU's are allowed. The City Council and City Staff discussed the problems of defining affordable housing where currently apartments are all defined as affordable housing even if they rent for eighteen hundred dollars a month. City Planner Oyler assured the City Council that this issue is going to be ardently debated.

### **Brandon Halliday**

Council Brandon Halliday reported that there would not be a Planning Commission meeting next week.

### **Diane Anderson**

Council Member Diane Anderson thanked the City for sending the City Council to the ULTC Convention. She also requested that her liaison title be changed to Playground Committee and assign another Council Member to be the Parks liaison. Mayor John Pohlman agreed and reported that Planning Commission Chairman Curtis Tanner, City Planner Jeff Oyler, City Manager Brandon Green and Council Member Brandon Halliday will meet this week to see the master plan that Curtis Tanner has started for Nicholls Park. After this committee brings the plans to the City Council the City Council can decide if they would like to start a community committee to work on the plans. Council Member Halliday requested that any suggestions from the cottage meetings regarding the parks be forwarded to him to take to the meeting. Council Member Diane Anderson requested that the City Council approve the purchase of the playground equipment. Council Member Anderson and others had several concerns about waiting to order it, including the fact that the current playground was falling apart and needed to be disassembled and there is no guarantee that the company selling us the equipment will

continue to hold on the price they offered. Mayor John Pohlman was concerned that if the City buys the playground before the donations are coming in then people will not donate. Council Member Halliday mentioned that the letter going out to the residents mentions that the City has budgeted the money for the playground. They discussed that having a plan for either a donation goal reached or a specific date for ordering would be the best plan. After they meet with the Master Plan Committee this week they will let the City Council know what needs to happen next. The letter to the residents can go out this week and then the door hangers next week. The sponsor letters will go out after that.

**Gary Anderson**

Council Member Gary Anderson reported that they had put up the big banner up at the park. He also asked that the City come up with some ideas to comply with having caucus's but also still have the input of the community. The suggestion of just moving the dates of the meetings was given. Council Member Gary Anderson agreed to give it some thought and come up with some ideas to suggest to the City Council.

**Jeanne Groberg**

**John Pohlman**

Mayor John Pohlman mentioned that the ERP (Emergency Response Plan) will have to wait until Sheriff's Sparks is in office.

**CITY BUSINESS:**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. ACTION ITEM APPROVAL**

No action was needed.

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

**9. CITY STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager Green informed the City Council that they had received one of the grants that he had applied for in the last month. Fruit Heights was one of five cities who applied from the County. The money will go toward improving the parking lot at the Baer Canyon trailhead.

He reminded them he had applied for two other grants and he had heard back that the proposals had been accepted so they will continue to work on the grants. These grants would be for improvements for the Gailey park trail area and the bathrooms and bowery at Nicholls Park and for the sidewalk on Green Road and Country Lane. He also mentioned that the City has a reputation with the County Commissioners of being a team player and encouraged the City Council to work to keep that reputation.

Council Member Busche asked about the Nicholls Park parking lot. City Manager Green reported that they discovered a cement culvert, so they had to move the storm drain which delayed the job. When finished it will have about 20 parking stalls and it is predicted that it will be done in a month or so.

**10. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR'S ITEM**

**11. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

12. ELECTRONIC MEETING: was not held.
13. CLOSED MEETING: was not held.
14. ADJOURNMENT

*Council Member Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Brandon Halliday seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the Fruit Heights City Council Meeting held September 18, 2018.

*Not approved until signed*



Kelli Rollins, Fruit Heights City Recording Secretary

Date approved by City Council: October 16, 2018