

Regular Council Meeting

February 7, 2008

Attending: Zach Barnes, Noel and Marie Bertelson, Neil and Kimberly Sorensen, Kent Kummer, Collette Thompson, Kyle Thompson, Kimberly and John Stewart, Dennis Watson, Chris Hansen, Duane Allen, Kevin Holiman, Delbert Lloyd, Naomi O'Keefe, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bryner, 2 unknown.

Roll Call: Mayor Eldon Barnes, Council members Boyd Mickel, Thomas Allred, and Pamela Anderson. Council member Michael Workman was excused. Council member Bryan Sorensen was also not present. A quorum was present, the meeting proceeded.

Public Comments: Kevin Holiman stated that the county had hired Delbert Lloyd who was positioned as a detective for Sanpete County. Sheriff Holiman inquired if there were questions.

Council member Mickel inquired if there was a written procedure on how cases would be handled. Sheriff Holiman stated that he would go on all suicides, unattended deaths, burglaries, and sexual offenses. Sherriff Holiman stated that Captain Larsen would delegate duties and that Detective Lloyd would handle 15 cases per month. Sheriff Holiman inquired if the city was still willing to participate. Mayor Barnes stated that it would be discussed at the next council meeting.

John Stewart inquired what a strategic buffer zone was and what council's position on this issue. Mayor Barnes stated that council had not discussed the buffer zone issue but would during the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Council member Thomas Allred made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Council member Boyd Mickel seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution 2008-01, Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Mayor Barnes read the resolution in full. Council member Thomas Allred made the motion to accept the Cemetery Rules and Regulations with corrections. Council member Boyd Mickel seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution 2008-03, Planning and Zoning Alternates

Mayor Barnes read the resolution in full. Council member Boyd Mickel made the motion to accept Resolution 2008-03 that accepted Noel Bertelson and Michael Black as alternates to the Planning and Zoning commission. Council member Pamela Anderson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Jones & Demille, Water Storage Plan

Mayor Barnes stated that Jones and Demille has given the city an estimate of \$406,000.00 for the cost of a new water storage facility. Mayor Barnes stated that the city had been given a loan from the Community Impact Board for \$758,0000.00 for a new water storage facility and that they would need to be contacted to see if the city could take a smaller amount of the approved loan. Mayor Barnes stated that the city had good water sources but needed to plan for growth and a larger storage tank would provide for new growth. Mayor Barnes stated that

the city had considered a larger water storage tank, but the engineers had stated that there was a possibility of the water becoming stagnant in a larger tank.

Council member Mickel stated that the minimum base would go up three dollars and seventy-seven cents per household.

Neil Sorensen inquired if the current water storage tanks were insufficient. Mayor Barnes stated that the city needed to keep on hand 180,000 gallons for fire suppression. Dennis Watson stated that the city had loans that needed to be addressed before the city obtained more loans. Mayor Barnes stated that the city needed to address this issue. John Stewart inquired if the city needed to plan for a larger tank. Mayor Barnes stated that the engineers had suggested a 250,000 gallon tank with the information provided by the city.

Council member Pamela Anderson made the motion to proceed with the process to build a new storage facility. Council member Boyd Mickel seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Emergency Preparedness

Mayor Barnes stated that city needed to begin preparing for the spring runoff. Mayor Barnes stated that the city had sandbags but needed volunteers within the next couple of months to begin filling sandbags for possible flooding problems in the Spring.

Council member Mickel inquired if the city had a chute that would help to fill the sandbags. Kent Kummer stated that city had a chute at the current time. Council member Mickel inquired about the condition of the sand bags. Kent Kummer stated that he believed that some sandbags were weathered but most of them were in good shape. Mayor Barnes thanked all the citizens, city employees, and council members who had helped with snow removal.

Review of Water, Sewer and Electric Rates

Mayor Barnes asked Kent Kummer to explain the power department needs. Kent Kummer stated that there could be future power supply problems. Council member Mickel asked Kent Kummer to explain rates from Rocky Mountain Power. Kent Kummer stated that Rocky Mountain Power had summer rates and the city would be wise to also have summer rates. Mayor Barnes inquired if the city was able to have equal payment plan for the citizens. Council member Mickel inquired if the rates were adequate to keep improving the system. Kent Kummer stated that he would like \$30,000.00 budgeted to improve the system. Neil Sorensen stated that a power increase would injure businesses and give the weekenders a break. Kent Kummer stated that council should research a business rate for power. Council member Mickel made a motion to table this issue concerning power rates. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion was as follows: Neil Sorensen inquired if the city could find a more efficient hydro plan and implement another hydro plant. Kent Kummer stated that there was not enough drop to place another hydro plan. Kent Kummer suggested that the city purchase a gas powered turbine to produce power. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Barnes stated that the city might need to raise sewer rates so that a quarter of the city could be cleaned each year. Council member Mickel stated that it could be raised \$1.40 per month for each connection and that would pay for the service. Council member Mickel made the motion to leave the sewer rates as they are presently. Council member Allred seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Barnes introduced discussion concerning water rates. Council member Anderson stated that council might want to wait until Jones and Demille got figure back for a new water storage facility. Council member Mickel stated that the minimum had been lowered giving a break to weekenders. Council member Mickel stated that the base rate needed to be adjusted to cover the bonds. Discussion concerning current rates ensued. Council member Mickel made the motion to table the issue until further research could be done. Council member Allred seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Barnes asked council members to present in the next council meeting plans for water rates.

Buffer Zone Strategic Plan

Mayor Barnes read the proposal from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council member Mickel stated that the zones that the Planning Commission had placed would be fine, and that current land owners that did not want to sell in those zones would not be affected by the Zones in the Buffer Zone. Neil Sorensen inquired if the city was prepared to service those who built in the buffer zone. Mayor Barnes stated that a buffer zone would help the city prepare for the future. Chris Hansen stated that she thought that some of the zones would produce noise, traffic, etc. that would not be good for the citizens. John Stewart stated that the city needed to keep the 1.06 acre requirement. Kimberly Stewart suggested that the lots be left at 5 acres. Neil Sorensen suggested that the lots be half an acre. Mayor Barnes stated that he would get with the Planning Commission and tell them of councils concerns.

Historic Old School

Council member Anderson stated that Snow College would like permission to use the building in March. Snow College would like to observe the building and its structure. Council did not believe this would harm the building and that it would be a good learning experience for the students.

Council member Anderson stated that during a Friends of Historic Spring City meeting there was discussion on the use of the building. Council member Anderson stated that the city should conduct a survey with the Newsletter and get public response. Mayor Barnes stated that this could get all citizens input, and then council could make a sound decision for the citizens on the building.

Council Reports

Mayor Barnes reminded council of the upcoming Public Hearings on February 21st for the Building and Grounds ordinance and Animal Control, and on February 29th, for the ATV Ordinance.

Council member Allred had nothing to report at this time.

Council member Workman was not present.

Council member Mickel reported that the snow was being removed from the fire hydrants and that the water valves needed to be marked so that if there were a fire there could be found in a quick manner.

Council member Mickel reminded citizens that they needed to park their vehicles at least five feet off the road for snow removal. Council member Mickel reported that snow would soon need to be hauled off at intersections.

Council member Anderson reported that she had two responses for the name of the City Newsletter. Council member Anderson would like the elementary children to submit names.

Council member Anderson reported that the 24th of July Celebration committee would be meeting to plan the 24th celebration. Council member Anderson reported that the celebration would be more family orientated.

Council member Sorensen was not present.

Neil Sorensen, fire chief, gave council suggestions for the budget. The Fire department reported that they had inventoried the radios. The Fire Department reported that they had two call outs.

Officer Zach Barnes reported that he had met with the Sanpete County Sherriff's office to discuss emergency preparedness. Officer Barnes would like to submit to the county, as well as have on hand, those who had special needs so if there was an emergency they would be responded to first.

Officer Barnes reminded all council members to contact their representatives concerning the courts and voice their opinion.

There was no report from Planning and Zoning.

Payment of Bills

Council member Mickel made the motion to accept bills as presented. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Session

Council Member Mickel made the motion to go into executive session at 9:10 p.m.. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Council Member Mickel made the motion to end executive session at 9:45p.m.. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Adjournment

Council Member Mickel made the motion to adjourn. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Executive Session

Mayor Barnes stated that he had spoke with the city attorneys concerning the Bryner road issue. Mayor Barnes stated that the attorneys had given him 1) the option to build with no road, 2) The option to have the city offer to purchase the land from the Bryners and 3) To condemn the property and take it at fair market value. Mayor Barnes stated that the attorneys had told him that the city had sold the property. Mayor Barnes stated that he wanted council to consider the options for the city and they would be discussed in the next council meeting.

Mayor Barnes stated that the Board of Adjustments would be meeting to consider the Robert Allred matter and the city attorneys would present the city's case.

Mayor Barnes stated that he was working on the budget and insurance coverage might determine how much of a yearly increase each employee will be given.

Mayor Barnes stated that council consider Martin Luther King day and include it in the employee manual.

Mayor Barnes reported to council that the Ken Allred trailer court issue had been decided in the favor of the city.