

**Public Hearing Minutes**  
**June 5, 2008**  
**2008-2009 Budget**  
**2007-2008 Budget Amendments**

**Attending:** Neil Sorensen, Kim Sorensen, Dennis Watson, Kent Kummer, Doug Hunter [UAMPS representative], Noel Bertelson, Marie Bertelson, William Moon, Melissa Barrett [Pyramid], Suzanne Dean [Messenger].

**Roll Call:** Mayor Eldon Barnes, Council members Bryan Sorensen, Pamela Anderson, Boyd Mickel, and Thomas Allred. Council member Michael Workman was absent.

**Public Comments**

Mayor Eldon Barnes opened the floor for public comments for the 2007-2008 Budget Amendments and 2008-2009 Budget.

Dennis Watson inquired if council had taken into consideration the constant rise in fuel prices, for employees and the police department. Mayor Barnes stated that rising fuel costs had been entered into both budgets and the city would monitor fuel prices and adjust budgeted amounts if needed.

Dennis Watson inquired if out of town mileage for employees had been considered. Mayor Barnes stated that this had also been taken into consideration and will also be monitored.

Dennis Watson inquired if the water department budget would stay the same if the water bond was approved. Mayor Barnes stated that adjustments would be needed due to the proposed and actual costs of the Water Bond.

Kent Kummer stated that the Hydro Wheel that needed to be replaced would need to be budgeted for; one half of the cost this year and the other half of the cost next year. Mayor Barnes stated that this had been taken into consideration. Mayor Barnes stated that the cost would be taken out of the State Treasury account for capital improvements.

Kent Kummer inquired if a generator was included in the budget. Mayor Barnes stated that this could be worked into the budget amendments for the upcoming year. Neil Sorensen inquired if the city was purchasing a generator. Kent Kummer stated that the city was involved in a study for the use of a Natural Gas generator, as well as 13 other cities in the state. Neil Sorensen inquired if labor and maintenance would be taken into consideration as well as another person. Mayor Barnes stated that this could be worked into the budget amendments.

Council member Mickel inquired if part time help had been worked into the budget. Mayor Barnes stated that a part time seasonal employee had been worked into the budget.

There were no further comments from the public. Mayor Barnes closed the Public Hearing.

**Regular Council Meeting  
June 5, 2008**

**Attending:** Neil Sorensen, Kim Sorensen, Dennis Watson, Kent Kummer, Doug Hunter [UAMPS representative], Noel Bertelson, Marie Bertelson, William Moon, Melissa Barrett [Pyramid], Suzanne Dean [Messenger].

**Expression of Choice:** Kent Kummer led everyone present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Eldon Barnes, Council members Bryan Sorensen, Pamela Anderson, Boyd Mickel, and Thomas Allred. Council member Michael Workman was late.

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to amend the Agenda to include the approval of minutes from May 1, 2008 and May 15, 2008. Council member Pamela Anderson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:** Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Council member Thomas Allred seconded the motion. Discussion was as follows: Council member Anderson stated that she would add that Mark Allen would install a culvert for parking for the Blue Grass festival. Council member Allred corrected spelling errors. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

**Participation in UAMPS study**

Doug Hunter, representative from UAMPS, handed out a presentation to council members and Mayor. Mr. Hunter stated that he liked to come to each city once a year and answer any question the Mayor and council might have concerning UAMPS. Mr. Hunter gave a brief explanation of the members and services that UAMPS provides. Mr. Hunter gave an explanation of the separate entities that UAMPS purchases power from.

Council member Michael Workman came in at this time. Mr. Hunter stated the power load required by the city and the resources that the city had. Mr. Hunter gave a usage breakdown of the city. Mr. Hunter stated that Kent Kummer did a good job for the city with pool prices. Mr. Hunter stated that green energy was a bigger requirement for federal standards.

Mayor Barnes thanked Mr. Hunter for the presentation and the information provided to council.

**Public Comments**

William Moon stated the it was a common occurrence in his neighborhood and the church concerning the enforcement of the Animal Control Ordinance. Mr. Moon inquired if the city would enforce their Animal Control Ordinance. Mayor Barnes stated that the problem was being addressed.

Neil Sorensen stated that the city did not participate in the Banner purchase for the home coming of the 145<sup>th</sup> troops. Mr. Sorensen stated that there were five men from town that had

served their country and needed to be recognized. Mr. Sorensen stated that he had paid for the banner that was placed in Spring City. Kim Sorensen stated that if the banner had not been taken care of by them the cost would have come from the Family Fund that was created for activities.

Council member Mickel stated that the city should have paid for the banner. Council member Anderson stated that she would rather see the funds go to the Family Fund so that families could go to activities.

Mayor Barnes stated that the call for funds was made by the people who had the banner made, but did not inquire if the city was willing to participate before the banner was made. Mayor Barnes stated that Council would need to approve the amount.

Council member Boyd Mickel made the motion to make a donation for \$125.00 to the Family fund for the 145<sup>th</sup>. Council member Thomas Allred seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The vote was as follows:

|                                | For | Against | Abstain |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Council member Boyd Mickel     | X   |         |         |
| Council member Thomas Allred   | X   |         |         |
| Council member Pamela Anderson | X   |         |         |
| Council member Bryan Sorensen  | X   |         |         |
| Council member Michael Workman |     | X       |         |

### **2007-2008 Budget Amendments**

Mayor Barnes stated that the current budget required amendments for fuel increases, upgrades in the police and fire departments. Mayor Barnes stated that there was a need for the amendments to the budget.

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to approve the 2007-2008 Budget Amendments. Council member Pamela Anderson seconded the motion. Council member Michael Workman inquired of the budgeted amount for Capital Projects. Mayor Barnes stated that it was needed to keep the budget balanced. There was no further discussion. The vote was as follows:

|                                | For | Against | Abstain |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Council member Boyd Mickel     | X   |         |         |
| Council member Thomas Allred   | X   |         |         |
| Council member Pamela Anderson | X   |         |         |
| Council member Bryan Sorensen  | X   |         |         |
| Council member Michael Workman | X   |         |         |

### **2008-2009 Budget**

Mayor Barnes stated that the budget process had been going on since January of this year. Mayor Barnes stated that he had requested from each council member suggestions and requests for their departments. Mayor Barnes stated that he had taken into consideration of all requests.

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to accept the 2008-2009 Budget. Council member Michael Workman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The vote was as follows:

|                                | For | Against | Abstain |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Council member Boyd Mickel     | X   |         |         |
| Council member Thomas Allred   | X   |         |         |
| Council member Pamela Anderson | X   |         |         |
| Council member Bryan Sorensen  | X   |         |         |
| Council member Michael Workman | X   |         |         |

**Auditor Agreement**

Mayor Barnes presented the agreement that the Auditor, Greg Ogden had submitted. Mayor Barnes stated that this agreement stated that Auditing Standards had changed and the management letter submitted would be long. Mayor Barnes stated that every city would have a long management letter due to the new changes.

Council member Workman inquired if the city bid for the city audit and if there were other auditors that could perform the yearly audit. Mayor Barnes stated that he believed the city was at their best with the current auditor.

Council member Workman motioned to accept the agreement. Council member Mickel seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The vote was as follows:

|                                | For | Against | Abstain |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Council member Boyd Mickel     | X   |         |         |
| Council member Thomas Allred   | X   |         |         |
| Council member Pamela Anderson | X   |         |         |
| Council member Bryan Sorensen  | X   |         |         |
| Council member Michael Workman | X   |         |         |

**Road Bid Acceptance/Denial**

Council member Boyd Mickel stated that a bid had been accepted from Bennett paving and they had been notified. Council member Mickel stated that they would begin in two weeks. Council member Mickel state that the Chip and Seal bid had not been awarded. Council member Mickel stated that the price of oil kept raising and it would be in the best interest of the city to see what the market price of oil was before the end of summer.

Council member Thomas Allred motioned to accept the Bennett’s paving bid. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Council member Sorensen inquired about the price of the bids. Council member Mickel stated that Bennett’s bid was \$54,000.00, Intermountain’s bid was \$46,000.00 but they could not guarantee the cost of oil and they could not do the project until September, and Johansen’s bid was over \$200,000.00. Council member Sorensen agreed that the city should readdress Chip seal in September. There was no further discussion. The vote was as follows:

|                                | For | Against | Abstain |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Council member Boyd Mickel     | X   |         |         |
| Council member Thomas Allred   | X   |         |         |
| Council member Pamela Anderson | X   |         |         |
| Council member Bryan Sorensen  | X   |         |         |
| Council member Michael Workman | X   |         |         |

### **Sewer Bid Acceptance/Denial**

Council member Workman stated that bids had been opened last month and after talking to Jim Bennett he believed the city should go with Twin D's bid. Jim explained to Council member Workman that Twin D did the cities in Sanpete County and knew the cities needs. Mayor Barnes stated that the city needed to clean the sewer system at least ¼ of the town each year.

Council member Workman stated that both bids included t.v.ing the system. Council member Workman motioned to accept the Twin D sewer bid to clean the sewer system. Council member Allred seconded the motion. Discussion was as follows:

Council member Sorensen inquired if it was a one year contract or a four year contract. Council member Workman stated it was a one year contract. There was no further discussion. The vote was as follows:

|                                | For | Against | Abstain |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Council member Boyd Mickel     | X   |         |         |
| Council member Thomas Allred   | X   |         |         |
| Council member Pamela Anderson | X   |         |         |
| Council member Bryan Sorensen  | X   |         |         |
| Council member Michael Workman | X   |         |         |

### **Water Rates**

Mayor Barnes stated that the city was unsure of the costs of the new water tank and did not want to adjust water rates until the costs were more definitive. Mayor Barnes would like to put this item on the Suspension list. Council members agreed.

### **Mayor, Council and Department Reports**

Mayor Barnes reported that he had spoke with David Church from the League of Cities and Towns concerning training for the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments.

Mayor Barnes reported that the budget was very unsure this year due to the rising costs of fuel. Mayor Barnes stated that he would keep a close eye on the budget.

Council member Thomas Allred reported that the hydro plant needed to have a roof and that bids should be prepared for its replacement. Council member Allred reported that bids should also be accepted for a sprinkling system in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Council member Michael Workman inquired if Mainstreet could use the irrigation water on two blocks and if bids should be in place to tie into the water. The Mainstreet committee believed this to be the first step in updating Mainstreet. Kent Kummer stated that the city could tie in laterals from water lines that are run in the Mainstreet area. Discussion as to the possibility of water hookups and meters along Mainstreet ensued.

Council member Thomas Allred stated that this was not proper. Council member Bryan Sorensen stated that every property owner maintains the city right of way in front of their property, and that the city was not responsible. Council member Workman stated that every town took care of Mainstreet and if the trees and grass were not irrigated they would die. Council member Anderson stated that some cities employ someone with a water tank that waters flowers on Mainstreet.

Council member Workman stated that the former council had ripped out trees and planted new trees without any approval. Council member Mickel stated that it was each property owners responsibility to maintain the city right of way as per ordinance, which included the upkeep of sidewalks. Council member Workman stated that the city paid for the mowing of the grass strips on Mainstreet.

Council member Sorensen stated that if the city takes care of one property owner they should take care of the entire town, which sets precedence. Council member Mickel inquired where the funds were going to come from to pay for the upgrade. Council member Workman stated that it was the city’s responsibility to maintain and improve Mainstreet. Council member Workman stated that the city mowed the city right of way though out the city at different times during the year. Council member Workman stated that if the committee could not get funds from the city the Mainstreet committee should be dissolved.

Mayor Barnes stated that he believed Mainstreet was a community property and it should be kept up by the city since it was to benefit all the citizens.

Council member Thomas Allred stated that the last Mayor And Council had tried to improve Mainstreet and received no support from the citizens. Council member Allred stated that he believed the first step to improve Mainstreet was to get the power poles and lines moved.

Council member Workman motioned the city take responsibility for the aesthetic appearance of Mainstreet. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion concerning sprinklers, sidewalk replacement and business survival ensued. Mayor Barnes called for a vote. The vote was as follows:

|                                | For | Against | Abstain |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Council member Boyd Mickel     |     | X       |         |
| Council member Thomas Allred   |     | X       |         |
| Council member Pamela Anderson | X   |         |         |
| Council member Bryan Sorensen  |     | X       |         |
| Council member Michael Workman | X   |         |         |

Council member Workman stated that the Mainstreet committee was disbanded and that there was a ball game on he wanted to watch. Council member Workman left the meeting.

William Moon stated that he was disappointed in the decision as a citizen.

Council member Mickel reported that there were Eagle Scout projects that were available. Council member Mickel reported that council needed to work on the city bail schedule, and get fines in place as wells as mandatory appearances. Mayor Barnes and Council members discussed a work meeting slated for June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Council member Anderson reported that the Old School Grant had been completed and sent to the National Park Services. Council member Anderson reported that Hillary Workman

had been selected Queen of Spring City for the 2008-2009 year, Katie Healy had received first attendant and Jory Christensen had received second attendant.

Council member Anderson reported that there were problems concerning Park Lunch. Council member Anderson reported that there were problems with animals, bicycles, and children climbing tees. Council member Mickel stated he would come and help with the problems.

Council member Bryan Sorensen had nothing to report at this time.

Noel Bertelson from the Fire Department reported that a grant had been submitted to CIB for fire equipment.

The Police Department had no reports.

The Planning Commission had no reports.

### **Payment of bills**

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to accept the bills for payment as presented. Council member Pam Anderson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All present were in favor.

### **Adjournment**

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to adjourn.