

**Regular Council Meeting
November 13, 2008, 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: John Dean, Joe Bennion, Dennis Watson, Kaye Watson, Noel Bertelson, Marie Bertelson, Erin Anderson [Pyramid], Neil Sorensen, John Stewart.

Council member Boyd Mickel mated the motion to amend the agenda to allow Noel Bertelson to report information from the fire department. Council member Thomas Allred seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All present were in favor of the motion. The agenda was amended.

Expression of Choice: There was no expression of choice.

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

Public Comments

Kaye Watson stated that she did not like the vague nature of the agendas and would like to reserve the right to make comments as the meeting progressed.

M'Lisa Paulsen stated that she would like to know what she can do to get the CLG Grant Checks signed. Mayor Barnes stated that he would like to understand the CLG Grant and how the funds were distributed.

Mrs. Paulsen stated that the CLG Grant is a Historic Grant that helped those willing to fix up historic homes. Mayor Barnes stated that the city is involved in the grant process and would like a better understanding of how the grant is announced, how it is distributed, etc and that the checks will not be signed until there is a clearer understanding of the grant.

Mayor Barnes stated that the city did not want to be unsupportive concerning the grant but needed to understand that when the funds were delivered they needed to come to the city and not a personal address. Mayor Barnes stated that the city was responsible for reporting grants to the auditor and the city needed proof of the grant as well as how the funds were received and distributed. Mrs. Paulsen stated that she would come to the next council meeting and let council know how the funds were distributed.

Dennis Watson stated that he wanted to know the reason for a buffer zone. Mayor Barnes stated that the county wanted cluster growth and this helped the county plan for the future as well as cities. Mr. Watson stated that the city would not have any say in what happened in the county. Mayor Barnes stated that the city would not have a say in what happened in the county but it would help the county decided as to what could happen and how cities supported new growth. Mr. Watson asked council to reconsider a buffer zone around Spring City.

Buffer Zone Suggestions and Review

Council member Michael Workman inquired if council had not approved a buffer zone in the past. Council member Boyd Mickel stated that the county had put the request on hold. Kaye Watson stated that if the plan changed the city would need to hold another public hearing to get public input on the buffer zone.

Council member Mickel had reviewed the County's zoning ordinance and gave a brief statement on the county's zoning and what was required in each zone as to county specs. Neil Sorensen inquired about the city services in the buffer zone and how the city proposed to get services to them. Mayor Barnes stated that those who required services would need to pay for them to be run to their property. Neil Sorensen stated that he thought that the buffer zone is a good idea. Joe Bennion inquired about nitrates and biological chemicals from septic tanks and if creating a buffer zone this would affect the city's water.

Council member Workman stated that if the city were interested in creating a buffer zone they should annex in the land so that the city could govern what happened in the area. Council member Workman stated that he believed a study should be conducted to work from.

Council member Workman motioned to pursue someone to help with the plan of a buffer zone. Council member Boyd Mickel seconded the motion. Discussion was as follows:

Council member Anderson wanted a deadline or a time frame so that this issue could be resolved. Council member Workman stated that he would contact the Utah League of Cities and Towns and see what they proposed. Dennis Watson stated that the study should have been conducted before the buffer zone had been given to council. John Dean inquired if bids were going to be taken. Mayor Barnes stated that bids would be needed due to the cost. John Stewart stated that he would like five (5) acre parcels in the buffer zone. Council member Workman stated that the county was promoting cluster growth and that five acre parcels had already been turned down by the county. Council member Allred stated that a buffer zone would help the city maintain the road grid in the future. Kaye Watson stated that there were two new county commissioners and the commission had been working on a Master Plan for growth. Neil Sorensen stated that those who had land in the buffer zone had the option to either sell the lots or keep them. Joe Bennion stated that annexation in agricultural zones needed 100 % of the property owners vote to implement annexation. Council member Mickel stated that he would like to speak to Lee Holmstead and delay any decisions concerning the buffer zone. John Stewart stated that a CBG grant due by December 4th could be applied for, for the cost of a plan.

Mayor Barnes called for a vote. The vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Barnes stated that the plan for the Buffer zone would be delayed and that a county representative would be contacted for his opinion as to the issue of the Buffer Zone.

Fire Department Report

Noel Bertelson stated that the County Fire District had a speaker concerning business inspections and requirements to control fires within businesses. Mr. Bertelson stated that the entire county did not have anyone certified to do business fire checks. Mayor Barnes inquired if the city could hire someone to come in and do the inspections at the business owner’s expense. Mayor Barnes inquired also, of the process of obtaining someone with certification. Noel Bertelson stated that all cities in Sanpete had the same problem and that the Fire District would be addressing the issue soon.

Payment of Bills

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to pay the bills. Council member Pamela Anderson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to adjourn.