

**Regular Council Meeting  
December 4, 2008**

**Attending:** Emily Sanderson [Messenger], Lee Holmstead, Melynda Haveron, Peter Goss, Dennis Watson, Dave Erickson, Joan Durfey, Doug Durfey, Laurel Brown, Craig Paulsen, Gary Tidwell, John Stewart.

**Expression of Choice:** There was no expression of choice.

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

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to amend the agenda to include an executive session to discuss employee negotiations. Council member Pamela Anderson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments

**Approval of Minutes:** Council member Pamela Anderson stated that there were grammatical errors that she would point out. Council member Thomas Allred motioned to accept the minutes from November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as amended. Council member Boyd Mickel seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

**CLG Grant**

Craig Paulsen stated that the CLG grant was a preservation program that was administered by the Historic Mainstreet Subcommittee under Planning and Zoning. The Mainstreet Subcommittee reviewed building projects and administered the CLG grant funds obtained by the city. Mr. Paulsen gave a brief history of the projects they had done in the past years. Mr. Paulsen stated that the CLG funds were discussed during the friends of Historic Spring City meetings.

David Ericson stated that the members on the Mainstreet Subcommittee would like to have acceptance from council to maintain the membership. Mr. Ericson stated that there were some problems with Lawrence Gardner taking away the Subcommittee's powers due to a building permit some time ago, but was willing to overlook the problem and was delighted to maintain the Committee.

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to maintain the current members. Council member Pamela Anderson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Barnes inquired how the grant was advertised, so that all citizens would be aware of the grant. Craig Paulsen stated that usually people were personally notified citizens about the Mainstreet Program. Program notices

were hand delivered. Mr. Paulsen stated that funds were limited and recipients would usually receive \$1,500.00. Mr. Paulsen stated that a city newsletter had been created and that efforts were made to inform all citizens. Mayor Barnes inquired if the grant only applied to mainstreet. Mr. Paulsen stated that those who lived on mainstreet had first priority.

Mayor Barnes stated that when the funds had been obtained and the grant information submitted that the check should come to the city and not a personal address. Mr. Paulsen stated that the grant funds had come to the city and were not given to those who had applied once. Mayor Barnes stated that he preferred that the city received the check, that he was concerned that check made out to Spring City were going to private homes. Craig Paulsen Agreed.

Craig Paulsen inquired if council would fill out a questionnaire for the Friends and send them to him for their information to see how the city and the Friends of Historic Spring City could work together. Council member Pamela Anderson stated that she would put any information concerning the grant in the February Newsletter if they sent the information to her.

### **Buffer Zone Review**

Lee Holmstead, with the Sanpete County Planning and Zoning Commission stated that the county would like all cities to create a buffer zone around their cities to help the county make good decisions on building in the buffer zone. Mr. Holmstead stated that a resolution was submitted May 15, 2007 concerning the creation of a buffer zone and on July 17, 2007 a County Public Hearing had been conducted concerning the buffer zone request. Only those against the buffer zone had showed, and the issue was tabled until further documentation could be obtained.

Lee Holmstead explained that a buffer zone basically gave the city some say in the construction of homes in the buffer zone as well as lot sizes. Mr. Holmstead stated that the county required less for roads that the city currently required.

John Stewart inquired about sewer hook ups vs. septic tanks. Lee Holmstead stated that the city could require those to hook up to sewer in the county if their property was within 300 feet of a sewer line. Mr. Holmstead stated that the Public Health Department should be contacted if the city wishes the builder to hook up to the sewer system.

Dennis Watson inquired how the city would approach the problem of city services. Mayor Barnes stated that the city had the right to deny anyone in the county of city services.

Mayor Barnes thanked Lee Holmstead for coming to the meeting and that council would discuss the buffer zone and get with the county with their decision.

### **Resolution 2008-10, UAMPS Representative**

Mayor Barnes proposed Council member Bryan Sorensen be set as the UAMPS representative and that the new City Employee, Ben Harward be placed as an alternate.

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to accept Bryan Sorensen as the UAMPS representative, and Ben Harward as an alternate for UAMPS. Council member Thomas Allred seconded the motion. Discussion was as follows:

Council member Mickel stated that the city should consider Council member Sorensen's situation and make Ben Harward the representative and Bryan Sorensen the alternate. The motion died.

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to reverse the positions, that Ben Harward be a representative for UAMPS and Council member Bryan Sorensen as alternate. Council member Pamela Anderson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

### **Council & Committee Reports**

Mayor Barnes reported that a Public Hearing was needed to discuss the chair person on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Barnes suggested the Public Hearing be slated for ½ hour before the next council meeting. Council member Michael Workman stated that he would be out of town for the meeting.

Mayor Barnes reported that the new employee was not a lineman and that Mt. Pleasant would be contracted to do work for the city when needed. Mayor Barnes reported that Ben Harward was a Journeyman Electrician and that he had looked into schooling and would be testing for a Lineman position in the future. Mayor Barnes reported this decision was made due to the cost of hiring a Lineman.

Mayor Barnes reported that the City Treasurer, Melynda Haveron, would like to present to council a suggestion for billing. Melynda Haveron stated that the city could save money by sending out one bill with a disconnection date, than the way the city sent out a bill and after the delinquent day of the 20<sup>th</sup>, another letter to inform those who were delinquent on their utility bills. Melynda Haveron stated that the city could save approximately \$550.00 per year.

Council discussed online statements or bills, or online notices of delinquency. Melynda stated that Caselle could be contacted to see if this was an available option. Melynda stated that she would like to use the card billings until they were gone. Council member Anderson stated that she could put this information in the Newsletter for a couple of months so that citizens would be aware. Melynda stated that a letter would be included in the first month the city set up the billing process.

Council member Thomas Allred motioned to accept the new bill program presented by Melynda Haveron, City Treasurer. Council member Boyd Mickel seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Council member Thomas Allred had no report at this time.

Council member Michael Workman had no report at this time.

Council member Mickel reported that he had been contacted by Einar Bersteats family and they would like to put aside his zoning permit until the family decided what they wanted to pursue. Mayor Barnes stated that it had not been approved by the Zoning Commission at this time.

Council member Mickel reported that a fence had been built on city right of way and that he had spoke with the land owner and they had moved it.

Council member Mickel reported that with the onset of winter the citizens should be reminded that cars and garbage cans needed to be at least five feet from the road surface so there would not be problems with the Snow Plow, and that the city would take action for those citizens who do not comply with the ordinances concerning the five foot setback.

Council member Mickel stated that the city had made a donation to the Elementary School each year to help with their Christmas Party. Council member Mickel motioned to make the annual donation to the Spring City Elementary. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion all present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Council member Anderson reported that a citizen had contacted her concerning a OHV speed limit sign on mainstreet, and that it was confusing as to whether OHV's were allowed on mainstreet. Mayor Barnes stated that the sign would be removed so that there would be no confusion.

Council member Anderson reported that the city party would be Saturday Night and that it should be a good activity for the citizens.

John Stewart stated that the dogs in town were barking at deer and he would like to know what to do about the problem; if there were chemicals or other means to keep the deer out of town. Mayor Barnes stated that there were chemicals homeowners could use to keep deer away from their yards. Council member Anderson stated that it wasn't a deer problem but a dog problem and that complaints could be filed concerning barking dogs.

### **Executive Session**

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to go into executive session to discussion Employee Negotiations at 8:15 p.m. Council member Thomas Allred seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to end executive session at 8:25 p.m. Council member Michael Workman seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

### **Payment of Bills**

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to pay the bills as presented. Council member Michael Workman seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous

### **Adjournment**

Council member Boyd Mickel motioned to adjourn.

## **Executive Session Minutes**

8:15 p.m.

Mayor Barnes wanted to know what council would like to do about Christmas Bonus's. Council member Michael Workman stated that the city give what they gave last year. Council member Boyd Mickel motioned that the city give Christmas Bonus's the same as last year. Council member Michael Workman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All present were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Barnes stated that the new City employee Ben Harward was going to be an asset for the city. Mayor Barnes stated that an agreement should be reached with Mr. Harward that if the city paid for his schooling he should be required to stay with the city. Council member Mickel stated that it was a good idea, but believed that Mr. Harward would stay and work for the city. Council was in agreement of this suggestion.

8: 25 p.m.

Executive session ended by motion of Boyd Mickel.