Minutes of the meeting of the City Council of West Bountiful City held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at West Bountiful City Hall, Davis County, Utah

Those in Attendance

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kenneth Romney, John Baza, James Bruhn, Valerie Shaw, Mark Preece, Dave Tovey.

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Howe (City Administrator), Heidi Voordeckers (City Recorder), Ben White (City Engineer), Randy Lloyd (Chief of Police), Nathalie Ellingson (secretary).

VISITORS: Alan Malan, Matt Nelson, Vicki Stock, Cynthia Stock, Dave Tovey, Sandi Smith, Kara Halladay, Katie Atkin, Barb Roy, Kelly Enquist, Phillis M. Miller, Esther Miller, Alma Miller, Steve Schmidt, Joel Meservy, Wyatt Dunn, Braxton Gines, John Page, Wendy Green, Oscar Turner, Jacqueline Romney.

Called to Order:

Mayor Kenneth Romney of West Bountiful City called this meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Invocation/Thought: Joe Meservy, Wyatt Dunn, and Braxton Gines from Boy Scout Troop 219 gave the Scout Oath.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joel Meservy.

1.
Accept Agenda

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to accept the agenda.

SECOND: Valerie Shaw seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye

2.
Public Comment

- Kelly Enquist asked if the City has a Parks and Recreation Committee. Mayor Romney responded they have had a committee in the past, but currently the committee is in-house. Rocky Miller from the Public Works department oversees the parks, but he has other duties within Public Works as well. Kelly believes there are enough citizens who would be willing to serve on a Parks and Recreation committee, including himself.

3.
Consider Resolution 262-10
Adopting the 2010-2011 Budget

Heidi Voordeckers – there were some updates from the draft that had been posted on the website. She received the final report from the Davis County Auditor, and increased property tax revenue from

$525,000 to $548,344. The end of year transfer balance increased from $22,800 to $46,224. She increased the RAP tax revenues from $57,400 to $62,000, which reflected revenue generated in FY 2010. The end of year transfer balance increased from $137,900 to $174,900. Revenues from the storm drain utility increased from $57,400 to $62,000 due the changes to commercial billing. .

There were questions and some discussion regarding the certified tax rate for property taxes because some residents thought the city had raised their property tax without a public hearing. The certified tax rate is set by the county, and this is the amount the city can accrue of property tax revenues. Since the city must collect the same amount each year, if property valuations go up or down, individual tax rates will increase or decrease. The city can collect more than their certified tax rate only if there is new development.

Redemption is a term referring to revenue a city may collect when someone pays delinquent taxes from prior years. This is now figured into the calculation, and has changed the city's certified tax rate.

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to accept Resolution 262-10 and adopt the 2010-2011 Budget as presented.

SECOND: Mark Preece seconded the Motion.

DISCUSSION: John Baza asked for clarification of the third paragraph of the resolution, which was understood to mean it would be in effect if the resolution passed.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye

4.
Consider Resolution 263-10
Adopting the 2010-2011
Certified Tax Rate - .001366%

As was discussed in the previous item, the Certified Tax Rate was changed to include a redemption rate, which is the estimated redemptions expected in the year.

MOTION: Valerie Shaw moved to approve Resolution 263-10 and adopt the 2010-2011 Certified Tax Rate at .001366%.

SECOND: John Baza seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye

5.
Interviews of Applicants for
Vacant Council Seat

Mayor Romney – due to the passing of George Biada, a council seat has been vacant, and expressed regret for the circumstances.

He explained that state statute requires if thirty days have passed before the council seat is filled, the city council must vote by ballot for applicants received or another citizen of their choice. Each council member votes for two, and the two highest will be put to a vote. If there is a majority vote, the process is complete. If there is not a majority vote, then each member must vote publicly.

The candidates introduced themselves as follows:

Katherine Atkin (Katie) has been a resident since 1981and has children and grandchildren living in West Bountiful. She works at Larry H. Miller Sports and Entertainment part time, and operates her farm and horse property. She has time to give back to the city by serving on the city council. Mark Preece asked her, and the other candidates in turn, what she considered some pressing issues. She stated she felt the police department was not as community oriented as it once was. Valerie Shaw asked her, and the other candidates in turn, what her feelings were about recent financial decisions of the council. She responded that the council has worked well with what they had.

Cara Holladay lives west of the refinery on 200 North. She enjoys playing the piano and organ, is active in her church, she rides a Harley for recreation, and she is a member of the Days of '47 Parade Committee. She is currently the assistant service manager at a car dealership. She believes her management responsibilities have given her knowledge she can give to the city. George Biada was her friend and neighbor and she would like to serve out of respect for him. As to pressing issues, she responded her concerns are currently being addressed. As to her feelings about recent financial decisions, she recognized the decisions were tough and the council has done well.

Alan Malan has lived in West Bountiful since 1995 and has done a lot of community service. He is currently serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. As to pressing issues, he is concerned about providing essential services with a limited budget, and he is concerned about what UDOT is trying to do. As to his feelings about budget decisions, he stated the city has come a long way and he appreciates the staff for the sacrifices they have made in cutting expenses.

Alma Miller is a lifetime resident. He served on the West Bountiful City Youth Council and has been on Fourth of July committees. The growth of the city is their greatest asset but also needs to be controlled. He is concerned that the zoning laws are not consistent with those of the surrounding cities. In regards to pressing issues, his main issue is the city needs to keep on top of the budget, and they must not let things fall into disrepair. In regards to the budget, he stated that with the exception of roads, the budget has been handled well.

Matthew Nelson grew up in Bountiful and has lived in West Bountiful for five years. He has a diverse background, having worked in big and small businesses. He would represent the young families. Regarding pressing issues, he stated the city does not have the small community feeling he expected. He wants the city more involved with the industries that contribute to the haze early in the morning. Regarding his feelings on the budget, he stated he is proud that he has no personal debts except his house. He thinks the city should find more revenue streams. James Bruhn asked

him about his availability during the day, to which he stated his job allows him to be flexible.

Barbara Roy has many memories of West Bountiful and does not want the city to forget its past, but she is also happy about the changes she has seen over the years. She has taught school in Davis County K-6. Her focus is on art, for which she has a Masters degree. For a Masters project, she organized a bus tour of West Bountiful for a Founders Day event. She has experience in grant writing, and would like to work on grants for summer recreation programs for kids. She wants West Bountiful to adapt to change and growth, but she wants it to keep the small community feeling.

Steve Schmidt lives on 1000 West, close to Holly Oil. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado, is a Vietnam veteran, having served in the Air Force, has 25 years experience owning a business, and is currently employed in the credit card program of the World Bank of Scotland. He is currently serving on the Planning Commission. He has an ability to learn. He understands the differences in running a government entity and running a business. He understands the city council is working for the citizens. He stated the water rate increase was tough but they made the right decision. He wants to take Holly Oil more seriously in order to avoid disasters. He has an interest in the CDA with Woods Cross.

Vicki Stock has lived on 700 West for 24 years. She works for a dentist, but her time is flexible. She served two terms on the city council previously and enjoys working with the city. She stated the city needs revenue and growth, but she wants the city to maintain a balance for a small-town feeling.

Dave Tovey expressed condolences to the friends and family of George Biada, stating he had worked with him on the Planning Commission. George worked hard to make West Bountiful a good place to live. Dave grew up in Syracuse and as a teen rode his bike on the back roads between Syracuse and West Bountiful. He moved his family to West Bountiful five years ago. He believes all citizens have a responsibility to give back. He wants to represent young families. He has worked on the Planning Commission, the School Community Council and a local Scout troop. His wife serves on the PTA board. He is a University of Utah graduate in business management. For him a pressing issue is that West Bountiful experienced growth two years ago that was out of control, and they need to get ready to manage future growth effectively. Regarding the budget, he was concerned about the lack of money being set aside, and is glad they are doing so now.

After these introductions, Mayor Romney told the applicants that there are always numerous opportunities to serve the city, elections are upcoming, and he encouraged them all to stay involved.

During the voting, Craig showed a scrapbook done by the PTA that covers school history from 1910 to 1961.

After the first round of voting, Steve Schmidt and Dave Tovey received the two highest numbers of votes.

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.

presented their visions for development, the suspicions died. West Bountiful wants to give people incentive to stay in the city by what they offer to businessmen and professionals. Mayor Romney stated their main goal is to have growth, but to keep the residential, rural feeling.

8.
Engineering Report

Ben White –

- They will start crack filling on the roads on Thursday. They will be doing most of the roads except roads or parts of roads that are extremely damaged. This will only be done on Mondays, Thursdays and Friday so they can avoid garbage days.
- Of the six valves that leaked after they changed the fire hydrants, only one still leaks, and they will fix it Wednesday. Some water will be shut down.
- They are going to replace the security fencing along the canal.
- A new storm drain will be going in by the dealership and the hotel. When the Frontrunner was put in, they made the drains too small.
- The slurry seal package is going out to bid. Most developers have agreed to have their work done in conjunction with the slurry seal.
- A few potholes were patched recently from asphalt left over from changing the fire hydrants.

9.
Finance Report – May 2010

Heidi Voordeckers –

- Revenue is down at the golf course by 6%, but expenditures are down by 8%, so no subsidy will be necessary.
- More property tax came in than was anticipated due to improvements at the refinery. They may transfer funds to RAP tax because sales tax revenue is down.
- The court fund has improved. Court revenue is better now than when the city handled all court functions.
- Heidi wants all department heads to turn in their invoices. Insurance rates dropped with PCHP because risk has been downgraded.
- The finance committee will meet Friday at 9:00 am to review final numbers in preparation of budget open and public hearing.
- Heidi will try to put together an article regarding the certified tax rate and a breakdown of where property tax goes.

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to extend the meeting to the end of the agenda.

SECOND: Mark Preece seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye

Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye
Dave Tovey – Aye

10.
Police Report – May 2010

Chief Randy Lloyd –

- Staff numbers for the month were provided to council.
- The officers have been busy with DUIs and speed shifts.
- The POP unit is up and being run by Officer Whittier. The department wants to get ahead of the game rather than just respond.
- He has spent the last two weeks gathering information to apply for more grants.
- He invited council members and staff to ride with officers.
- Yesterday 3,000 feet of wire was stolen from the Birnam Woods trail head, which was worth $1,500.
- Chief Lloyd rode on the trail and received many "thank yous" from people.
- He keeps a schedule of shifts posted at the back of the city office.

11.
Planning Commission

Valerie Shaw was at the most recent meeting where they talked about ordinances that have come through public hearings for which no information is available in the record as to actions that were taken. The Commission is going to dig deeper to find more information. Michael Eggett researched with Bev Haslam and found evidence of discussions but no public hearing or notices.

12.
Administrative Report

Craig Howe –

- Weeds along the trail are too tall and people are worried about lurkers.
- City managers' current position regarding UDOT's Legacy Trail agreement is UDOT was to provide irrigation for two years in order to get the natural landscape established. After that, irrigation is not needed. They want UDOT to keep up their part of the agreement and do irrigation for one more year. The County is working on an interlocal agreement to centralize trail management outside of UDOT's involvement, such as trash pickup and trimming weeds. The city applied for federal funds in order to build restrooms, but they have not heard anything yet.
- North Salt Lake found some of their wire missing, also.
- Craig shared a positive letter with council that he had received from a citizen.
- He reminded staff that a schedule for slurry sealing needs to go in the August newsletter.
- He agrees that work needs to be done on the parks, and the newly approved budget has funds set aside for some work.

13.
Mayor/City Council Reports

- Mark Preece – He is pleased with the PTA historical book that was presented earlier in the meeting. The historical committee is currently working on a recipe and photo book. The parade committee met on Monday and they are looking for entries.
- Valerie Shaw – She attended the girls league at the golf course. Tracy Heun said this will be her last year, and Valerie asked Mayor Romney to start looking for someone to fill that position and keep the league open. Kids have been coming from all over to be in it. They provide skill lessons, a tournament, tee shirts, and a banquet.
- James Bruhn – Nothing to present.
- John Baza – He attended the Golf Board meeting. They asked him to tell council that the last raise of rates included junior golfers and now junior golfer rates are $2.00 higher than at other golf courses. John recommends it should be lowered, and Craig agreed to put it on the June 28th meeting agenda. The parade committee has asked to borrow six golf carts to use in coordinating entries in the parade. Craig said it has been done before, and he will talk to Mike.
- Mayor Romney – He welcomed Dave, and thanked all the applicants again.

14.
Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2010 City Council Meeting

Valerie Shaw had a change on page 5, line 31.

MOTION: Mark Preece moved to approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2010 City Council Meeting.

SECOND: James Bruhn seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye
Dave Tovey - Aye

15.
Adjournment

MOTION: James Bruhn moved to adjourn the City Council meeting.

SECOND: John Baza seconded the Motion.

PASSED: Voting was as follows:
Mark Preece – Aye
Valerie Shaw – Aye
James Bruhn – Aye
John Baza – Aye
Dave Tovey – Aye

MAYOR KENNETH ROMNEY

HEIDI VOORDECKERS (CITY RECORDER)

NATHALIE ELLINGSON (SECRETARY)