

SOUTH WEBER CITY CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 19 November 2013

TIME COMMENCED: 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT: MAYOR:

Jeff Monroe

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Joe Gertge

Randy Hilton

Michael Poff

Farrell Poll

Dave Thomas

CITY MANAGER:

Rodger Worthen

CITY RECORDER:

Erika Ahlstrom

Visitors: Scott Casas, Marlene Poore, Bob Bergman, Tammy Long,

Councilmember Poll moved to convene the work meeting. Councilmember Gertge seconded. Work meeting commenced at 5:35 p.m.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL: (Rodger explained that in response to the City Council's concern over snow removal for the sidewalk leading to the Charter School, staff has provided a draft to insert the exception to 7-1-2. He said the sidewalk was installed on South Weber Drive near the Charter School to address safety concerns. He said the sidewalk is adjacent to unique pieces of property that are in agricultural use and where it would be difficult for the owner to maintain that amount of sidewalk. Rodger stated there are other communities that take responsibility of snow removal on these types of properties, such as West Point, Nibley, Saratoga Springs. No ordinances were found that cover this, however. Rodger said the city needs to look at an ordinance and a means of doing it.)

Mayor Monroe said the city and UDOT put in sidewalks adjacent to the Charter School, and now the question is who is going to take care of snow removal. Bob Bergman said he has received letters to the effect that he is responsible for the sidewalk in front of the storage units, and he assumed that would be the case. Rodger said the school has indicated they are not interested in participating in the snow removal that is not in front of their property. Councilmember Gertge asked if the best option is to hire someone to do the rest. Rodger said he contacted UDOT, and they don't do it. He said he also called the Utah Local Governments Trust regarding regarding posting a sign "use at your own risk", and they said this would not help with liability. Councilmember Poll said in hindsight when the school came in for approval they should have addressed this as a safety issue. The City should have told them we don't have the infrastructure coming into the school. Councilmember Poll said his mother owns some of the land that leads to the school, and he feels for anybody who has property that a sidewalk doesn't benefit them as a landowner, such as Jeff Clifford. Councilmember Poll said the City benefits maintaining it as if it were a trail, and the School benefits and they should have to commit resources to this effort. He said he doesn't think it is fair, since no one was asked for permission to put sidewalk in, although the City was glad to get the funds from the state for the sidewalk. He said the sidewalk benefits the residents the most. Councilmember Poll said it is wrong for the school to give a deaf ear because they have the biggest interest in having clear sidewalks. Councilmember Gertge said it is safer regardless, he has talked to other cities that have similar issues, and it is what it is and we need to take care of it; it is of value to the City for safety of citizens.

Councilmember Gertge asked if the crossing flags that have been put at the corner of South Weber Drive and the Frontage Road causes a liability issue.

Councilmember Hilton said it looks like we are going to be stuck with cleaning the sidewalks. He suggested contacting the school's contractor to do the job, as long as they're there. Rodger said that is an option. He said buying new equipment and having staff do it is not a good idea. Councilmember Gertge commented that wind is an issue. Bob Bergman said before the school went in, the city said (the property owner) needs to be responsible to clean it. He said he is willing to do what is expected of both sides of him.

Councilmember Poll said the school needs to inform the parents and students the danger of using the sidewalk. Councilmember Thomas proposed inviting the school representatives to the next City Council meeting to discuss the issue.

CITY MISSION, VISION AND VALUES: Councilmember Gertge suggested we postpone this issue for the new council to discuss. He said the mission, vision and values should continue to be flexible.

OTHER ITEMS: A date was set for the January retreat; January 30. This will be an all-day meeting.

Councilmember Gertge asked if the council can revisit the minutes of April 16 and May 21. These minutes elude to him wanting to raise taxes, and he wants to clarify what he said. Erika will listen to the recordings and these will be reopened for reapproval. Councilmember Gertge said it would behoove the council to read the minutes a little closer.

Councilmember Pol left the meeting at this time. (5:56)

Councilmember Hilton said he received information at the RAB meeting about the base's air sampling program. He reported that in Operable Unit 1 there were 17 homes contacted for sampling; 14 homes agreed to the sampling – 12 had no detection and two had a small detection below the line they deem problems with. In Operable Unit 2, ten homes were contacted, 8 were sampled and had no detection. Councilmember Hilton said he also asked about maps and boundary lines. The base representative said that those maps are like gridlines on a topographical map, and there is no fine line where it stops. There is lesser concentration at the edge of the lines. Councilmember Thomas said what is provided by the base is the best data we have. He said he had their expert chart over time, each well, how it was measured, what the detection was, through time, and it looks as if the plumes are shrinking. Councilmember Thomas said he thinks this data is what we should use when we make decisions. Councilmember Hilton stated that Brent Poll says the base isn't doing enough and thinks (the Operable Units) are growing. Councilmember Thomas said if what they are doing (to solve the problem) wasn't doing anything the data would be static. Councilmember Poff clarified that Mr. Poll is saying the base isn't doing enough. He said regarding the air sampling, nobody wants to have their air sampled because it hinders the home value. Mayor Monroe said that when Dr. Carter comes in and presents information he should use updated information because he is using 1994 information. Councilmember Thomas said the problem is they (Mr. Poll and Mr. Carter) haven't done any testing on their own; the only one doing testing is the Base. He said that having the maps with the actual data is important to have, and to get updates from the base because they sample the wells on a schedule, so the maps we have today can be updated with the new data. He said we will have an ongoing document to refer to when developments come up so we can make good decisions based on actual data. Councilmember Hilton said the plumes are in the ground water, so when you build a house you are above it.

Councilmember Gertge moved to adjourn to a closed executive session at 6:07 p.m. as per Utah Code 53-4-204 & 52-4-25 for the purpose of discussion of character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individual(s). Councilmember Hilton seconded the motion. Councilmembers Poll, Poff, Gertge, Hilton and Thomas voted yes. The motion carried.

Minutes by _____
Erika Ahlstrom, City Recorder