

SOUTH WEBER CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 13 October 2020

TIME COMMENCED: 6:01 p.m.

LOCATION: South Weber City Office at 1600 East South Weber Drive, South Weber, UT

PRESENT: MAYOR:

Jo Sjoblom

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Hayley Alberts
Blair Halverson
Angie Petty
Quin Soderquist
Wayne Winsor

FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Mark McRae

CITY RECORDER:

Lisa Smith

CITY MANAGER:

David Larson (excused)

CITY ATTORNEY:

Jayme Blakesley

Transcriber: Minutes transcribed by Michelle Clark

ATTENDEES: Paul Sturm, Ryker Alvey, Britton Ferrin, Emily Poff, McKenna Winsor, Kory Holdaway, Susanna Johnson, and Corinne Johnson.

Mayor Sjoblom called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance including the Youth City Council. She excused City Manager, David Larson from the meeting.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Winsor

2. PRAYER: Mayor Sjoblom

3. CORONA VIRUS UPDATE: Mayor Sjoblom reported COVID cases are up in Davis County by 40% with the total number of cases at 762. Davis County Health Department may need to give up contact tracing to meet immediate needs. Statewide hospitals are at 64% capacity. South Weber City has 19 active cases and a total of 100 cases. Governor Herbert emphasized in his recent press release for individuals to keep their distance, wear masks in public (though not mandated), and limit gatherings. There will be no more color-coded guidelines as individual counties will be categorized as high, moderate, or low transmission rate. This will be based on case rates, percent positivity, and ICU utilization. Davis County is classified as moderate. There is more information available on the state website (coronavirus.utah.gov)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Please respectfully follow these guidelines:

- a. Individuals may speak once for 3 minutes or less**
- b. Do not make remarks from the audience**
- c. State your name and address**
- d. Direct comments to the entire Council (Council will not respond)**

Paul Sturm, 2527 Deer Run Drive, expressed his comments regarding the packet. Concerning ranked choice voting, he questioned how the process will work if there are 5+ candidates for three positions. Regarding item #8 the request for funds by Mosquito Abatement District-Davis (MAD-D), he opined the charge for MADS-D services should be based on the size of the area of the city. He pointed out in the Youth City Council charter document there are missing and inaccurate Roman Numerals for paragraph headings. There are inconsistent fonts throughout the document, especially in paragraph headings. He commented he would be willing to assist in reworking the document so the Youth City Council has a clean document that would better represent their significant efforts and support to South Weber City, and a document for which the Youth City Council would be proud.

PRESENTATIONS:**5. Ranked Choice Voting**

Mayor Sjoblom introduced Kory Holdaway representing Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). He explained RCV is a voting method for municipal elections that has voters rank their candidate choices as first, second, third and so on. A few cities have begun using this method for deciding their elections.

He described in 2018, the Utah legislature passed House Bill 35 that established a pilot in which cities can use RCV. It passed 22-0 in the senate; 67-3 in the House; then Governor Herbert signed it into law in March 2018.

He explained in 2019, Payson City and Vineyard City used ranked choice voting in city elections. In an election survey administered by the Utah County Clerk, 86% of respondents found RCV easy to use and 82.5% want RCV used in future elections. 71.2% of Payson voters ranked all five candidates on the ballot and 58.6% of Vineyard voters ranked all seven candidates on the ballot. 87.5% of candidates had a positive impression of RCV with no candidates having a negative impression. 75% of candidates think their city should continue using RCV with no candidates opposing it.

In 2020, the Utah Republican Party and Utah Democratic Party used RCV in their state conventions and some county conventions. The Utah Republican Party surveyed delegates and over 1,100 of 3,700 delegates responded. 72% not only liked ranked choice voting but want to use it again to nominate candidates.

Ranked choice voting (also known as instant runoff voting) has voters rank their choices. If someone wins over 50% during the first round, that's your winner. But if no one crosses that threshold, the last place finisher is eliminated, and that candidate's supporters are reallocated to their next backup choice. That process is repeated until someone wins over 50% of the votes.

Utah had four Republican candidates face off for Governor in the primary election. The winner received 35% of all votes. The Republican nominee for Utah's 1st Congressional District received 31%, and the 4th District GOP winner received 43.5%. Unlike the current process, ranked choice voting would ensure that a winning candidate receives a majority.

The Legislature encourages RCV in municipal elections. Utah lawmakers voted to commend Payson and Vineyard cities, as well as Utah County election officials for conducting the first-ever ranked choice voting elections in state history. In addition, legislators and the Governor officially encouraged all 249 cities and towns throughout Utah to adopt ranked choice voting for upcoming municipal elections.

Why ranked choice voting?

Encourages Civility

Candidates conduct more civil campaigns by addressing the issues and working to appeal to a broader spectrum of voters when they actively seeking second and third choice support from backers of other candidates.

More Robust Debate of Issues

To win a ranked choice voting election, a candidate reaches out to all voters to see first, second and third choice support. Candidates talk about issues, not only their issues, but their opponent's issues as well.

More Engaged Voters

Voters become more informed about the candidates and issues since they have reasons to consider candidates beyond their 1st choice.

Voters More Fully Express Their Will

Ranking their choices, voters can freely vote for the candidate who they most support, even if that candidate isn't favored to win. There are no wasted votes.

Fiscal Savings for Cities

Taxpayers' dollars are saved by allowing the city to hold one election in November rather than two elections.

Shorter, Less Expensive City Campaigns

Candidates can focus on a single election in November, rather than an August primary followed by November election.

Ready for Cities to Implement

Voting equipment and software used in elections throughout Utah are fully ranked choice voting ready. Cities have until April 15th, 2021 to declare their intent to use RCV.

Eliminates Vote Splitting

Longshot candidates do not win when more than one mainstream candidate splits the majority of the vote. Ends Spoiler Effect Longshot, candidates don't draw votes away from a candidate who is preferred by most voters.

Councilman Soderquist asked Kory why he benefits from this process. He stated he is a contracted lobbyist that created a C-3 organization. Councilman Soderquist expressed there are places where it is beneficial and others where it is not so beneficial. He felt it may not benefit the public when there is a primary vote. Kory explained at the end of the day the hope is that whoever is selected has the broadest amount of support across the electorate.

Councilman Winsor voiced his concerns because South Weber City is a smaller city. He didn't believe RCV would work for this City. Councilwoman Petty asked how long the contract would be for if chosen. Kory replied for one election. Councilwoman Alberts asked about the cost. Kory explained the cost savings is in not having a primary election. Mayor Sjoblom thanked Mr. Holdaway for his presentation.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Approval of Consent Agenda **a. Minutes September 15, 2020**

Councilman Soderquist moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Halverson seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) Fire Department Pay

Mayor Sjoblom explained on September 2, 2020 the Treasury Department updated its Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for state, territorial, local, and tribal governments. This document specially calls out hazard pay for essential workers as an eligible use of the CARES Act funds. Because of COVID-19, hazard pay has taken on a new meaning and it is being considered for essential employees whose job has not traditionally been considered hazardous. Most fire departments across the state have opted to pay their frontline fire/ems employees hazard pay in addition to their regular hourly wage. Our fire employees have asked that South Weber City consider doing the same. Hazard pay would apply retroactively back to March 1, 2020 and apply forward thru November 30, 2020. Most boards and city councils have approved hazard pay in the range of \$2 to \$4 per hour. The cost of the hazard pay would be covered by the CARES Act funds already received by South Weber City. Staff is asking the City Council to consider hazardous pay for fire employees in the range of 2-4 dollars per hour for the period March 1 through November 30, 2020. The estimated cost is as follows:

a. 16,781 hours @ \$2	\$33,562
b. 16,781 hours @ \$3	\$50,343
c. 16,781 hours @ \$4	\$67,124

Mayor Sjoblom expressed the Finance Committee recommended \$2 per hour to be paid out on in two payments. The first payment would be for hours worked March 2 thru September 27. The second payment would be for hours worked September 28 thru November 22. Councilwoman Petty asked how much has been paid in CARES Act to date. Mark stated actual expenditures to date is \$8,846. South Weber City's total allotment (3 tranches) is \$667,779. Unallocated is \$91,933.

CARES Act Money	
South Weber total allotment (3 tranches)	\$667,779
Received to date	\$445,186
Actual expenditures to date	\$8,846
Allocated for city hall audio/video upgrade	\$40,000
Allocated for Utility Customer Assistance	\$30,000
Allocated for touchless fixtures	\$50,000
Allocated for two Fire dept. gurneys	\$73,000
Allocated for chest compression system	\$14,000
Proposed allocation for Fire payroll	\$360,000
	\$575,846
Unallocated	\$91,933

Councilwoman Petty discussed an email she received concerning using CARES Act funds for the city website. She suggested updating the City Hall touchless fixtures for the bathrooms. Mark expressed they have been looking into that as well as options for the parks, city shops, and family activity center. Fire Chief Tolman related when the vaccine is available first responders and hospital employees will be first to receive it. Those who choose not to receive the vaccine will no longer receive hazard pay because it is linked to CARES Act funds. Councilman Soderquist commented the South Weber Fire Department is at potential risk for COVID-19 on every single call and this is something that has been approved by other cities. The Finance Committee felt this is an appropriate request for them. Councilman Winsor expressed the funds will be paid up to November 30, 2020 and the fire fighters understand that it would not continue after that point. He recognized it is already a hazardous job, but they are going above and beyond during this pandemic.

Councilman Soderquist moved to approve the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) Fire Department pay of two lump sum payments in the equivalent of \$2 per hour worked. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) Request by Mosquito Abatement District: Mayor Sjoblom explained the Mosquito Abatement District-Davis (MAD-D) is a local special district of Davis County. They cover the entire county and have a representative on the Board of Trustees from each incorporated city within the county and the county at large. The representative from South Weber City is Councilman Wayne Winsor.

The MAD-D has experienced increased costs in operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board of Trustees has authorized the request for funds of \$1,739.00 from each city and county's CARES Act funding. Mayor Sjoblom commented the packet has a breakdown of the direct cost to operations associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. This total cost has been divided by the 15 cities and the county to determine the amount requested from the CARES Act funding. Councilman Winsor explained he was not present at the meeting but was briefed on it. He encouraged the city to request a contract with MAD-D for these funds so there is a paper trail.

Councilman Winsor moved to approve the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) request by Mosquito Abatement District for \$1,739.00. Councilman Soderquist seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Resolution 2020-43: Harvest Park Development Agreement

Mayor Sjoblom commented Resolution 18-39 approved a development agreement with Nilson Homes for the Cook Property. That subdivision was subsequently named Harvest Park. As the developer brought forward Harvest Park Phase 3 for City Council approval during their meeting on August 25, 2020, the Council pressed for an agreed upon completion date of the Phase 1 detention basin that is intended for dual use as a dog park. The developer’s representative, Mark Staples, verbally agreed to sign an amended agreement requiring full completion by November 1, 2020. Phase 3 approval was contingent upon that amendment.

Councilman Winsor moved to approve Resolution 2020-43: Harvest Park Development Agreement Amendment. Councilman Halverson seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

10. Calendar: 2020 Council Meetings Amended and 2021 Council, Court, and Planning Commission Schedule:

Mayor Sjoblom explained currently the City Council meets three times each month. Typically, one of the three meetings tends to have a smaller agenda which could be incorporated into the other two. Additionally, staff would be able to get the packets out earlier giving more time for review to Council and the public. City Code states that Council will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. On September 29th, Council discussed changing back to the original schedule with a work session on the 3rd Tuesday as needed. The 2021 schedule would normally be approved in December, but it is provided now for convenience.

2020 amended schedule will change October 20th meeting to a work session and cancel the November 24th meeting. The 2021 schedule for Council, Court, and Commission is as follows:

2021

	City Council 2nd/4th Tues 6:00 pm	Justice Court 1st/3rd Thurs 4:00 pm	Planning Commission 2nd Thurs 6:00 pm
Jan	12, 26	7, 21	14
Feb	9, 23	4, 18	11
Mar	9, 23	4, 18	11
Apr	13, 27	1, 15	8
May	11, 25	6, 20	13
Jun	8, 22	3, 17	10
Jul	13, 27	1, 15	8
Aug	10, 24	5, 19	12
Sep	14, 28	2, 16	9
Oct	12, 26	7, 21	14
Nov	9, 16	4, 18	11
Dec	14, 21	2, 16	9

Joint meetings with City Council and Planning Commission along with work meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Councilwoman Alberts expressed if the two meetings are going to be long meetings, she would opt for three meetings. Discussion took place regarding the time required to add work meetings. Jayme stated 24-hours' notice must be given.

Councilman Halverson moved to approve Calendar: 2020 Council Meetings Amended and 2021 Council, Court, and Planning Commission Schedule. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

11. Youth City Council Charter and Advisors

The Youth City Council (YCC) presented their annual charter to the City Council for adoption. The City Council must also appoint advisors to work with the YCC. This year Council Members Alberts & Petty and McKenna Winsor will advise the YCC.

Councilwoman Petty addressed the public comment made earlier and suggested before criticism is made, more research should take place. As the Youth Council Advisor, she takes full responsibility for any errors in the charter.

Youth Council Mayor Emily Poff discussed the changes that were made to the charter including the addition of a secretary and limiting attendance because of COVID-19. Councilwoman Petty voiced this is a fantastic group. Emily expressed she would like to plan safe activities this year. Ryker Alvey is Mayor Pro Tem and was interested in being involved. Lexy Alberts introduced herself and stated she joined the Youth Council to add to her extracurricular activities. McKenna Winsor has been involved with the Youth Council for six years. She served on the Youth Council for three years and as an advisor for three years. Susanna Johnson expressed she was excited to be involved. Mayor Sjoblom thanked the Youth City Council for their excitement and service.

Councilwoman Alberts moved to accept the Youth City Council Charter and advisors. Councilwoman Petty seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

12. New Business:

Posse Grounds: Councilwoman Petty met with Mark Larsen at the posse grounds to discuss an area where they may need to remove grass to increase the parking lot. She asked the City Council for their opinion. Councilman Halverson communicated he had witnessed several families using the grass area as well as scout troops camping overnight. Councilwoman Alberts favored keeping the grass area. Councilman Soderquist indicated if people use it, it should be restored. Councilwoman Petty stated she agreed with keeping it grass.

Hazard Pay: Councilman Soderquist asked if other city employees need to receive hazard pay. Mark could research further and review with the Finance Committee if the Council desires. Councilwoman Petty proclaimed that was appropriate. Councilman Soderquist, Councilman Halverson, and Councilman Winsor agreed.

Municipal Utilities Committee: Councilwoman Petty encouraged revisiting topic of fiber because she had several people discuss it with her. Councilman Winsor specified he had more information and would bring it up at the next committee meeting.

Old Maple Farms and 6650 South: Councilman Soderquist asked if there was something the city could do to help slow down traffic or prevent traffic from going through those residential areas. Mark reported that David requested the Davis County Sheriff's Department do enforcement during soccer hours. Councilman Halverson suggested electronic speed limit signs for that area. Mark will research that option. Councilman Halverson acknowledged there is a group of citizens willing to donate funds for a sign.

13. Council & Staff Reports

Mayor Sjoblom: announced there is a pickle ball clinic this Saturday at the Family Activity Center. The posse ground has power, sprinklers, and fencing going in and sod is down. The General Plan will come before the City Council on 27 October 2020.

Councilman Halverson: commented there was a Planning Commission meeting on 8 October 2020. The General Plan was recommended to the City Council for approval. There was a preliminary plat and preliminary site plan on a parcel along South Weber Drive. It will be a hair salon studio and was recommended for City Council approval.

Councilwoman Alberts: reported South Weber City has a new audio system. She asked the City Council's opinion concerning the individual screens in front of them. Mark stated a different stand can be installed to lower the screen.

Councilman Soderquist: stated the Admin Committee met in which the Ethics and Conflicts Form was discussed, and the decision was made to include it in the Policies and Procedures Manual. Discussion will take place concerning vacation leave.

Councilwoman Petty: conveyed the plan for Canyon Meadows Park will be discussed on 27 October 2020.

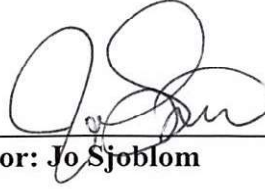
Councilman Winsor: reported on the West Nile virus from the Mosquito Abatement District meeting. Calls into the office were 424 (296 submitted online and 29 were special requests) which was above average. Over 300 calls were from the last three days of the month. He explained with the flooding for the duck hunt and little rain the dorsalis moved off the marsh into the residential areas.

Finance Director, Mark McRae: explained David Larson is on sick leave, but is available at home.

City Recorder, Lisa Smith: mentioned election ballots will be going out. There is a drop off at the Family Activity Center. There will only be one voting location on election day in Farmington.

ADJOURN: Councilman Winsor moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:10 p.m. Councilwoman Petty seconded the motion. Mayor Sjoblom called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Halverson, Petty, Soderquist, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.

APPROVED:



Mayor: Jo Sjoblom

Date 11-10-2020

Michelle Clark

Michelle Clark (Nov 11, 2020 12:34 MST)

Transcriber: Michelle Clark

Attest:



City Recorder: Lisa Smith






Minutes

Final Audit Report

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Presentation to the South Weber City - City Council - 13Oct20

Comments by Paul A. Sturm

I have several comments regarding the Packet for this 13Oct20 City Council Meeting as follows:

- 1) Regarding Agenda Item #5 - the Presentation on Ranked Choice Voting:
 - a) How does the process work in a case where there are 5+ candidates for three positions?
 - b) How are abstentions from voting considered i.e., someone only wants to vote for one candidate ?

- 2) Regarding Agenda Item #8 - the request by Mosquito Abatement District-Davis (MAD-D) for funds:
 - a) The charge for MADS-D services should be based on the size of the area of the city, that is, the area serviced by the mosquito abatement district. For example, South Weber has an area of 4.67 square miles, whereas Layton City has 22.65 square miles, a factor 4.85 times larger.
 - b) I was unable to find any reference the area of unincorporated Davis County for comparison. It is surely much larger than South Weber City, may be a larger area than any Davis County city, and requires significantly more treatments due to the wet/marshy environment.
 - c) Although the funds requested (\$1,739) do not appear to be that much in the larger scheme of things, fair is fair!

- 3) The Youth City Council Charter document is very thorough and well presented, but:
 - a) There are missing and inaccurate Roman Numerals for paragraph headings.
 - b) There are inconsistent fonts throughout the document, especially in the paragraph headings.
 - c) I would be willing to assist in reworking the document so the Youth City Council has a clean document that would better represent their significant efforts and support to South Weber City, and a document for which the YCC would be proud!