

SOUTH WEBER CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 15 March 2022

TIME COMMENCED: 6:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: **MAYOR:** Rod Westbroek

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Hayley Alberts
Joel Dills
Blair Halverson
Angie Petty
Quin Soderquist

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR: Trevor Cahoon

CITY MANAGER: David Larson

CITY ENGINEER: Brandon Jones

PR ASSISTANT: Shaelee King

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Mark McRae

Minutes: Michelle Clark

ATTENDEES: Paul Sturm

Mayor Westbroek called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Petty

2. Prayer: Councilman Soderquist

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. Water Conservation

City Manager David Larson explained the state of Utah is in the midst of a historically significant multi-year drought. January and February of 2022 were the driest on record. Water is a finite resource and reserves are nearly used up. City leaders have received word from Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (WBWCD) that we should expect significant watering restrictions and that we may approach the point where we all will have to prioritize culinary water needs over secondary watering, individually and collectively.

Mark Larsen reported the Public Works Department will focus on keeping the trees in the city parks alive, which will possibly result in the grass turning brown. Councilman Halverson expressed residents in South Weber are on different water systems depending on their location. He feels it is necessary to support recommendations from the secondary water companies. South Weber City staff needs to contact all irrigation companies and facilitate getting everyone on the same page. He added the timing of watering city parks needs to be discussed as well. David Larson explained to balance a pressurized system, not everyone can water at the same time. He recognized education is an important piece as to how residents should water. The Council agreed to follow irrigation company restrictions.

Mark Larsen emphasized the need for residents to learn more about smart controls, water wise landscaping, etc. Councilman Halverson acknowledged WBWCD is recommending residents water one day a week. Councilwoman Alberts favored including water conservation information on the city website. It was decided the city will set up a meeting with all the irrigation companies which include South Weber Irrigation Company, Davis/Weber Counties Canal Company, South Weber Water Improvement District, and Weber Basin Water Conservancy District.

Most residents are unaware that culinary and secondary water come from the same source. The City Council agreed that Weber Basin Water Conservancy District has information that should be shared on the city website. Their website includes information on water conservation, water wise plant list, Localscape Design Workshop, Flip Your Strip, Irrigation Workshop, etc.

City Engineer Brandon Jones explained those on culinary water and not secondary water tend to be more careful with watering because it is costly for them. David Larson suggested the restrictions for secondary water should match those using culinary water for landscape. Councilman Dills expressed the need to look at what can be done for the carwash in the city as well. Mr. Jones reported the carwash company is on a tiered rate just like everyone else. Councilman Dills commented other cities are setting up restrictions for carwashes. Mayor Westbroek pointed out it is a valid concern, but the city needs to follow WBWCD policy. Mark Larsen added the city needs to put more teeth into an ordinance and make sure it is enforceable.

Mr. Jones pointed out the city has a Water Conservation Plan and this year it needs to be updated. He suggested forming a committee to help with the plan and establish goals. David Larson reported traditionally that has been a staff project, but he recommended assigning it to a committee. It was decided the Municipal Utilities Committee and Public Relations Committee will be involved with the Water Conservation Plan. Mr. Larson suggested the city not require landscape to be installed within 18 months, unless WBWCD comes out with something different.

David Larson acknowledged the need for the Council to decide what to do with Canyon Meadows Park because the pickleball courts need to be surfaced before they can be used, and sod needs to be installed. It is a timing issue because in order to complete the courts, they need to be free from any blowing dust or dirt, which is most likely difficult to do without sod covering the exposed dirt. Brandon Jones explained Hogan Construction told him it takes new sod a couple of weeks to take hold and would probably need to be watered a couple days a week. It was unsure as to whether or not that would keep the sod alive. It was suggested even if sod is put down and dies, it will at least keep the dust and dirt from blowing. But there was also the concern as to the additional cost of more sod. Further discussion took place regarding the


pickleball courts. It was decided research needs to take place regarding the type of sod and the time it takes to establish it.

The City Council voiced concerns with every water district being different and the difficulty of all of them being on the same page. David Larson pointed out there are unique rules throughout the city, and we need to do the best we can to explain those types of differences.

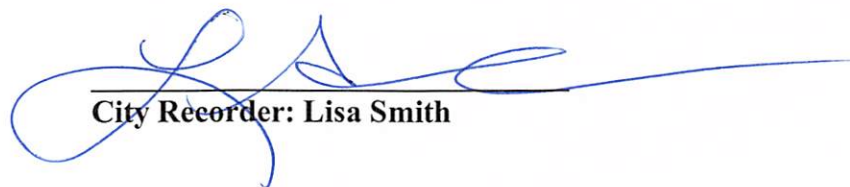
Mayor Westbroek contacted Ferrin Calder concerning the installation of sod. He told him after installing sod it is important it stays wet and should be watered twice a day for 30 days until it takes hold. It can take approximately one month for sod to establish.

Mark Larsen asked the Council's thoughts concerning the posse grounds which are also scheduled to be sodded. It was decided there is the possibility of changing the landscape plan for the posse grounds and not to install sod waiting on future water conditions.

ADJOURN: Councilwoman Alberts moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:32 p.m. Councilman Soderquist seconded the motion. Mayor Westbroek called for the vote. Council Members Alberts, Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Soderquist voted aye. The motion carried.

APPROVED:  **Date** 04-12-2022
Mayor: Rod Westbroek


Transcriber: Michelle Clark

Attest: 
City Recorder: Lisa Smith