

# SOUTH WEBER CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** 9 July 2024

**TIME COMMENCED:** 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** South Weber City Office @ 1600 East South Weber Drive, South Weber, UT

**PRESENT: MAYOR:** Rod Westbroek

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Jeremy Davis  
Joel Dills  
Blair Halverson  
Angie Petty  
Wayne Winsor

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Shaelee King

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Jayme Blakesley

**COMMUNITY DEV MGR:** Lance Evans

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Jayme Blakesley

**CITY TREASURER:** Tia Jensen

**CITY MANAGER:** David Larson

**CITY RECORDER:** Lisa Smith

**Minutes:** Michelle Clark

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**ATTENDEES:** Paul Sturm, Michael Grant, Cole Fessler, Derek Tolman, Chris Pope, Matt Gary, Brett Baltazar, and Elizabeth Pinto.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilman Halverson

**2. Prayer:** Councilman Dills

**3. Public Comment:** Please respectfully follow these guidelines.

- a. Individuals may speak once for 3 minutes or less: Do not remark from the audience.
- b. State your name & city and direct comments to the entire Council (They will not respond).

**Michael Grant, of South Weber City,** conveyed in January or February 2024 his automobile was damaged at the park and ride and suggested installing security cameras to help prevent further incidents.

**PRESENTATIONS**

#### **4. Davis County Sheriff's Quarterly Report**

Sergeant Chris Pope introduced Sergeant Matt Gary who will be taking over his position. Sergeant Pope reported patrol statistics from April 1, – June 30, 2024. Councilman Winsor asked for the number of traffic stops. Elizabeth Pinto replied she will gather that information. She then reviewed the crimes investigated by type. Councilman Dills requested information for hotspot areas. Elizabeth acknowledged she reviews that information weekly with officers so that their presence can help prevent crimes. Councilman Davis requested City Manager David Larson obtain this information for the next Public Safety Committee meeting. Elizabeth announced Victims Services is currently serving 27 individuals. Councilwoman Petty thanked the victim services department and shared the difference it has made in the life of her friend. Councilman Dills requested DCSO provide trends and formalize reports for the next Public Safety Committee meeting. Sergeant Gary introduced himself and reported on the different areas in DCSO where he has served. He works with the internet crimes against children task force and noted on DCSO Instagram and Facebook page there is information for monthly training for juveniles 12 and older to avoid becoming victims. There is also training to help parents. Councilman Dills enjoined training should be arranged locally. Sergeant Pope added officers have been encouraged to drive South Weber streets at night to create a strong presence and discourage criminal activities.

#### **5. Major Changes to Fire and Emergency Management Services by Fire Chief Tolman**

Fire Chief Derek Tolman announced emergency response workers face considerable occupational health and safety hazards. Emergency Response Safety Standards for Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA/NFPA is exploring new approaches to enhance emergency response safety practices and protocols. The proposed rules seek to ensure that workers involved in emergency response activities get the protections they deserve from the hazards they are likely to encounter while on the job. The proposed OSHA standards aim to align with the National Response Framework (NRF) established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); however, the proposed changes will have major implications on every authority having jurisdiction, fire officer, and firefighter. The unattainable nature of this proposed standard virtually ensures that many departments will be in non-compliance. He conveyed the fire service questions the reliability of the data and theories used to produce this proposal. Key impacts to South Weber City include: two-in/two out requirement enhancing the staffing needs (at least two firefighters must enter a hazardous area together and two must remain outside to assist in case of an emergency), mandate for firefighter teams to enhance the safety of firefighters by ensuring they work in teams and have a dedicated team available to provide assistance in case of an emergency, ensuring firefighter safety, and modernizing emergency response.

Chief Tolman expressed SW Fire Department has been striving to meet the emergency response safety standards. He acknowledged the department is in a healthy place with highly trained personnel and a progressive approach. The value the department has based on the people and the staffing model is unbeatable. He discouraged multi-city consolidation unless this station is guaranteed to be staffed with an ambulance and medics. Councilman Halverson stated if the city is a part of the program and working with OSHA there are no assessed fines.

Chief Tolman reviewed changes to ambulance revenue and expressed the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has proposed a new rule that would ban the reporting of medical debt to consumer credit reports. Removing medical debt from credit reports could strain the healthcare industry and the economy. Lenders may face difficulties assessing creditworthiness, leading to higher interest rates and tougher loan terms. Healthcare providers might struggle financially without credit reports for debt collection, potentially raising costs and reducing their ability to invest in care improvements. This could also lead to delayed payments by patients, increasing unpaid debt and negatively impacting the

broader economy through job losses and reduced innovation. Chief Tolman explained the SW Fire Department has been selected for mandatory reporting of Medicare and Medicaid data, but he has applied for a hardship exemption. If they fail to report the required information, they will face a 10% reduction in payments under the ambulance fee schedule for a calendar year. He noted ambulance transport costs are escalating, negotiated rates are below the state-mandated maximum, and reduced funding for ambulance transport could lead to shortages in critical equipment and supplies, ultimately compromising the quality of emergency medical care provided to patients. In conclusion, Chief Tolman thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support of the SW Fire Department.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **6. Consent Agenda**

#### **a. June Checks**

#### **b. May Budget to Actual**

Councilman Winsor noted a few observations he had regarding the decrease in sales tax income and the stability of the various funds.

**Councilman Halverson moved to approve the consent agenda as written. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.**

### **7. Resolution 24-21: Appointing Brett Baltazar as City Finance Director**

Mayor Westbrook explained the position of Administrative Services Director/Finance Director was posted publicly on May 20, 2024, with a closing date of June 7. Nineteen (19) applications were received. Mayor Westbrook requested staff to evaluate the candidates, conduct interviews, and select the top candidates for him to interview. Upon evaluation of the applications, five (5) candidates were selected for interviews (4 accepted), which were conducted on June 12 by City Manager David Larson and City Treasurer Tia Jensen. Two finalists were identified, and interviews were held by the Mayor and City Manager together on June 18. Mr. Baltazar comes to the City with a bachelor's degree in accounting, a Public Education Finance Certificate, over 12 years of financial accounting and management experience including 7 years in Utah governmental accounting and a passion for community service. He performed excellently throughout the interview process and has demonstrated skills and knowledge in financial management, customer service, communication, and leadership. He also is a resident of South Weber, understands the community, and is committed to its success.

**Councilwoman Petty moved to approve Resolution 24-21: Appointing Brett Baltazar as City Finance Director. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.**

### **8. Public Hearing for Amended Resolution 24-15A: Making Final Technical Corrections to FY 2023-2024 Budget**

The Finance Director presented multiple corrections to the fiscal year 2024 budget in resolution 24-15 which was approved on June 11, 2024. After her return from a conference, she discovered several technical errors that needed to be corrected. Budget amendments must be approved by June 30 of the year and hearing notice requires seven days. Since both those directives could not be reached, the staff consulted with the city attorney. The amended resolution was approved on June 25, 2024, and the public hearing held subsequently with a chance for the council to ratify the resolution.

**Councilman Davis moved to open the public hearing for amended Resolution 24-15A: Making Final Technical Corrections to FY 2023-2024 Budget. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.**

----- **PUBLIC HEARING OPENED** -----

Mayor Westbrook asked if there was any public comment. There were none.

**Councilman Halverson moved to close the public hearing for amended Resolution 24-15A: Making Final Technical Corrections to FY 2023-2024 Budget. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.**

----- **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED** -----

**9. Ratification of Amended Resolution 24-15: Making Final Technical Corrections to FY 2023-2024 Budget**

**Councilman Davis moved to approve the ratification of amended Resolution 24-15: Making Final Technical Corrections to FY 2023-2024 Budget. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.**

**10. Fire Apparatus Order**

Councilman Dills asked the council if the decision had been made to purchase a Quint or Engine. Council Members Petty, Davis, Halverson, and Winsor favored the purchase of a Quint.

Fire Chief Tolman reviewed the following two options:

**Option 1:** Order the Quint from Rosenbaur for \$1,306,801 and take delivery two years earlier than planned. The city would finance the remaining two years and pay it off July 2028 with that budget. This locks in the price before the August increase and Rosenbaur does not increase price during build.

**Option 2:** Order the Quint from Pierce for \$1,298,425 and take delivery in 2028. This will meet our delivery time frame. In full transparency, Pierce does have a clause that if the cost of the build goes over 5.5% of the producer price index during the four-year build, they will charge the city for any overages past that. So, there is the potential for the price to increase.

**Councilman Halverson moved to approve option 1 to order the Quint from Rosenbaur for \$1,306,901. Councilman Winsor seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.**

**11. Resolution 24-22: Memorandum of Agreement with Utah's Department of Public Safety**

Chief Tolman explained the state of Utah requires all EMS/Fire/Police agencies to provide specific mental health services to current employees, past employees, and their families. The requirement is met through Blomquist Hale contract. This grant money will pay for those "pay per use" fees and can be used towards our Blomquist Hale ongoing payments.

**Councilwoman Petty moved to approve Resolution 24-22: Memorandum of Agreement with Utah's Department of Public Safety. Councilman Dills seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.**

### **12. Ordinance 2024-06: Moderate Income Housing Amendment**

Staff has revised the Moderate-Income Housing Plan to replace Strategy F with Strategy L. Implementation Plan L is recommended as follows:

- (L) Reduce, waive, or eliminate impact fees related to moderate income housing. Implementation Plan
- Beginning in September 2024 - Analyze the financial impacts of moderate density housing units and moderate-income housing units to roads, utilities (water, sewer) police and fire services to South Weber City.
  - January 2025 – city staff will prepare a recommendation to the City Council for reducing impact fees related to moderate income housing based on the impact fee study.
  - Starting in May 2025 the Council will review city staff recommendations for reducing impact fees and consider the reductions for adoption.
  - 2025 to 2026 – The city will monitor the dwelling unit impacts and costs for all residential dwelling units to determine if there is an increase in the number of moderate-income housing units constructed in the city and if the impact fee reductions are having the desired effect.

**Councilman Halverson moved to approve Ordinance 2024-06: Moderate Income Housing Amendment. Councilwoman Petty seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.**

## **DISCUSSION**

### **13. Fire Side by Side**

Councilwoman Petty highlighted the need for a side-by-side vehicle for South Weber City due to the challenging terrain. Councilman Davis supported this, and Chief Tolman found that a Polaris side-by-side is best suited for the job. Councilman Halverson agreed on the need but questioned the funding, which Councilwoman Petty confirmed is included in the tentative budget. Mayor Westbrook mentioned that other cities are considering cheaper alternatives like e-bikes, though they have limitations. Councilman Dills suggested deferring the purchase to next year. Councilman Winsor proposed seeking support from other communities, and Chief Tolman thanked Farmington City for offering to share their side-by-side. Mayor Westbrook acknowledged the need but noted that other projects might take priority.

## **REPORTS**

### **14. New Business (None)**

### **15. Council & Staff**

**Councilman Winsor:** announced the gravel pit companies cannot run the water trucks all day because it creates muddy roads. They are actively monitoring the wind. There are areas on the berm with dead trees of which they are aware. Staker Parsons contract expires with the city in 2025, and they are open to negotiations. There is also a possibility of an agreement with Geneva. The Finance/Admin Committee will be meeting with the newly appointed Finance Director Brett Baltazar.

**Councilwoman Petty:** discussed the City Council being in the Country Fair Days Parade. She will contact the Country Fair Days Committee to enroll the Council.

**Councilman Halverson:** reviewed Valley Design has continued with site work for the new Public Works Facility.

**Mayor Westbrook:** conveyed Lance Evans has been overworked covering two positions. He suggested canceling Code Committee meetings for the next two months. The Council agreed.

**Shaelee King:** declared the next concert in the park will be July 25<sup>th</sup> with the kid entrepreneur market.

**17. Adjourn**

**Councilman Winsor moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:14 p.m. Councilwoman Petty seconded the motion. Mayor Westbrook called for a roll call vote. Council Members Davis, Dills, Halverson, Petty, and Winsor voted aye. The motion carried.**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date 08-27-2024**

**Mayor: Rod Westbrook**

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**Transcriber: Michelle Clark**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Recorder: Lisa Smith**