

SOUTH WEBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 25 November 2014

TIME COMMENCED: 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Thomas

PRAYER: Council Member Hilton

PRESENT: MAYOR: Tammy Long

COUNCILMEMBERS: Scott Casas
Randy Hilton
Michael Poff
Marlene Poore
David Thomas

CITY RECORDER: Tom Smith

CITY MANAGER: Duncan Murray

Transcriber: Minutes transcribed by Michelle Clark

*A PUBLIC WORK MEETING was held at
5:30 p.m. to
REVIEW AGENDA ITEMS*

VISITORS: Wayne Winsor, Bryon Saxton, Mark Stratford, Arlyn Bradshaw, Mark Allen, and Clint Thacker.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Council Member Poff moved to approve the agenda as written. Council Member Hilton seconded the motion. Tom called for a roll call vote. Council Members Casas, Hilton, Poff, Poore, and Thomas voted yes. The motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: There was none

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of November 11, 2014 City Council Work Meeting Minutes
- Approval of November 11, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of November 11, 2014 City Council Closed Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Approval of November 18, 2014 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes

Council Member Hilton moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Casas seconded the motion. Tom called for a roll call vote. Council Members Casas, Hilton, Poore, Poff, and Thomas voted yes. Council Member Thomas abstained on the November 18, 2014 as he was not present at the meeting. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Central Weber Sewer District to report on sewer rates: Mark Stratford, Central Weber Sewer District Board Member, discussed Ogden City's perspective and their sewer rates. He said the sewer rates are calculated based upon population in cities and taxable value of the property which then forms the percentage of operation. He said there is a pre-treatment process that is accessed slightly differently. He said it is not like a tax. Council Member Thomas asked legally how do you get around assessed value? Council Member Thomas understands the rational with population numbers but the concern is that South Weber, in terms of assessed value, has one of the highest values along the Wasatch front. He is concerned that people who are wealthier have higher connection fees. He said it is difficult to compare why South Weber citizens are paying more verses someone in Ogden City. Mark said there is a missed perception about the influence of property values. He said South Weber City has 3.5% of the population of Central Weber Sewer District, which isn't even a 10th of a percent. Council Member Poff said the problem is that it becomes problematic. He said as a City you assess your sewer rates by connection. He said they do it with other things like water etc. Council Member Poff is concerned about looking out for the best interest of South Weber City. Mark said the payment formula, regardless of how much it is raised, if you are applying the payment formula, and you look at where South Weber is, you are very close to your population. He said today with the vast difference in size of those who participate, there is no single entity that gets to 1%. Mark explained that Ogden City bases the rate on water meter size. He said this is the best approximation we have even though we can't be 100% accurate. Mark said you are within a 10th of your percent with what you pay. He feels it is more of a perception about equality. Mark said with the most recent round of bonding the Sewer District entered into a contract which is a 50 year contract. Mayor Long said cities that have multiple hospitals, such as Ogden City, use more water and sewer than a residential city such as South Weber City. Mark said one of the big issues has to do with your collection system. He said cities that have pipes that leak, may have more water that needs to be treated.

It was stated the rate increase will take place at the first of the year. Lance Wood, member of the Central Weber Sewer District Board, said in the next five years there will be a mandate for nutrient removal of phosphorous and nitrates which is one of the main drivers of the 2.5% rate increase. Council Member Poff said it looks like every year there will be an increase because there is nothing in the system that accounts for growth. Mayor Allen, from Washington Terrace, said hospitals do draw in a lot of water and that is where the assessed value comes in and makes Washington Terrace higher.

Country Fair Days Financial Report by Council Member Michael Poff: He said the key factor in a lot of this is that we didn't have a lot of key staff in place and it is telling. He said in moving forward, he hopes we all understand the value of key staff in making sure these things are done correctly. He said approximately five years ago Country Fair Days wasn't a part of the City's budget. He said in moving forward the City needs to decide what we are comfortable with. He said the committee needs to evaluate what is charged for events. He said the entertainment budget was \$4,250 but some of that went into South Weber Idol. He would

recommend keeping the budget where it was at last year. He said concerning the fireworks, in the past, they have been ordered in November or December and that did not happen this year. Duncan reported that the fireworks have been ordered for 2015. Council Member Poff said keep in mind most of the donations come in the spring. Council Member Hilton suggested separating the ice out because other events use the ice as well as the Coke Wagon. Council Member Poff said some individuals donate to specific events. He said there is a concern from those who make donations that if the money isn't used, they don't want it going back into the City's general fund. Council Member Poff said the big tent needs to be repaired. Also, there is a concern about the generator. He said the new chairpersons are Holly Williams and her husband.

APPROVALS:

Resolution 14-27: amendment to Inter-local Cooperation Agreement between Davis County and the City of South Weber for Animal Control Services (adopting the Trap, Neuter, and Return Program for "Community Cats"): Clint Thacker, of Davis County Animal Care and Control and Arlyn Bradshaw, of Best Friends, approached the City Council. Council Member Poff asked how many cats were impounded this year. He said the quarterly report showed one cat. Clint stated 54 cats were impounded from South Weber City. Council Member Poore feels there is a need for cats to keep down the mice population; however, she stated it is important to neuter these cats to keep the reproduction under control. She knows of individuals who have trapped cats and have taken them in to get neutered. Arlyn said Best Friends has deterrence options for cats coming onto individual's property. Council Member Poff doesn't feel the Trap, Neuter, and Return Program for "Community Cats" will help in South Weber City. Mayor Long said it is not an additional cost to the City.

Council Member Hilton moved to approve Resolution 14-27 amendment to Inter-local Cooperation Agreement between Davis County and the City of South Weber for Animal Control Services (adopting the Trap, Neuter, and Return Program for "Community Cats"). Council Member Casas seconded the motion. Tom called for a roll call vote. Council Members Casas, Hilton, and Poore voted yes. Council Member Poff and Thomas abstained. The motion carried.

Check Register for Nov. 1-15, 2014 and October 2014 Budget to Actual Reports

Duncan reported that the Council discussed some of the specific items from the check register in the work session. He asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

Council Member Thomas moved approve to the check register for November 1-15, 2014. Council Member Poore seconded the motion. Tom called for a roll call vote. Council Members Casas, Hilton, Poore, and Thomas voted yes. Council Member Poff abstained. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Discuss a proposed fee Schedule for Subdivisions and Site Plans

Duncan said keep in mind the City has a really good fee schedule. He said when it comes to fee schedules for subdivisions and site plans, a developer will come to the City, submit plans, and the City staff and City Engineer will review the plans. He said most cities will look at primarily covering the cost for the engineer. He said the City Engineer will submit a bill to the City and then the City will turn around and bill the developer. He said there are times the City doesn't get

paid in full or reimbursed and then a collection process takes place. He said the City staff is trying to minimize this. He said some cities will charge an upfront cost. He worked for a city that charged a per lot fee. He said South Weber City can't make a profit from fees; however, if the developer is charged too much, a rebate can be given. He asked if the Council is interested in looking into something like this. Council Member Thomas, Poore, and Casas said they are comfortable moving forward with a resolution on this.

MAYOR'S ITEMS:

Sidewalk Funding: Mayor Long reported that UDOT will be sending a letter for the City to apply for grants for sidewalk repair.

COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS:

Council Member Casas:

CEIS Signs: Council Member Casas reported that a representative from CEIS Signs will make a presentation at the December 9, 2104 meeting. Council Member Casas would like more discussion on the budget for the design and what type of vision the Council has concerning a sign in the City. He would like to have this completed by next year with construction this summer.

Council Member Poff said he has been trying to read what is located on Highmark Charter School's electronic sign as he drives by. He has found this to be rather difficult. He is concerned about an entry way feature absent some development. He is concerned about spending money just to spend money. Council Member Casas feels it is in the City's best interest to have an entry way feature at both ends of the City. Council Member Hilton said he likes the idea of an entry way feature. Discussion took place regarding the existing sign across the street which is in need of repair. Council Member Thomas would like to see more of an integrated plan. Council Member Casas would like to see an electronic sign used not only for City announcements but for emergency purposes as well.

Wayne Winsor, 7813 S. 1800 E., feels electric signs are a visual pollution in the City, even if it is free for eleven years. He feels there are other projects that the Council should be concerned with verses an electronic sign. He is concerned about the Council's priorities.

Council Member Poff:

Davis County Animal Control: He would like to see the Davis County Animal Control report that states 54 cats were picked up in South Weber City. He wishes Davis County Animal Control would be more concerned with nuisance animals verses feral cats.

Christmas Light Recognition: He would like it put on the City's website that the third Thursday in December the Youth Council will be recognizing Christmas lights in the City.

Sidewalk along 1250 East: Council Member Poff feels the construction of sidewalk along 1250 East should be a priority.

Council Member Hilton:

Cats: He is in favor of Resolution 14-27

Council Member Thomas:

Legislative Items: Business Licensing, Municipal Gvt. Amendments, Incorporation amendments, Municipal property amendments: He said the two concerning items are incorporation and property amendments. Duncan will forward information he receives from the Utah League of Cities and Town to Council Member Poff and Poore.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bryon Saxton, of Ogden Standard Examiner, said an article will be coming out in the newspaper concerning Highmark Charter School students cleaning the park and ride.

ADJOURNED: Council Member Poore moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:37 p.m. Council Member Casas seconded the motion. Council Members Casas, Hilton, Poore, and Thomas voted yes. Council Member Poff voted no. The motion carried 4 to 1.

APPROVED: _____ Date
Mayor: Tammy Long

Transcriber: Michelle Clark

Attest: _____
City Recorder: Tom Smith