

Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting
02/07/2008

6:30 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on February 7, 2008, in the City Council Chambers in Heber City, Utah.

Excused:	Mayor	David R. Phillips
Present:	Mayor Pro Tempore	Jeffery Bradshaw
	Council Members	Elizabeth Hokanson Eric Straddeck Nile Horner Robert Patterson
Also Present:	City Manager	Mark K. Anderson
	City Recorder	Paulette Thurber
	City Engineer	Bart Mumford
	City Planner	Anthony Kohler
	Chief of Police	Ed Rhoades
	Planning Dept.	Jason Boal

Mayor Pro Tempore excused Mayor Phillips as he was out of the State. He indicated he would be chairing this meeting.

City Offices will be closed on February 18th for President's Day: Mayor Pro Tempore reminded the Council of the office closure on February 18, 2008, due to the National Holiday- President's Day.

Interlocal Advisory Board Meeting – February 12th at 7:30 p.m. – Wasatch County (agenda's are in the folder) Mayor Pro Tempore Bradshaw reminded the Council of this meeting. It was indicated the agenda and minutes from previous meetings were in their informational packet given to them prior to this meeting. The Council indicated they also had received an e-mail reminder.

Budget Retreat - February 16 – 7:45 a.m. – Homestead Resort – (More information to follow): Mayor Pro Tempore Bradshaw reminded the Council of the Budget Retreat Meeting to be held on February 16, 2008, at 7:45 a.m. Anderson said 10 or 15 minutes prior to the meeting a breakfast buffet would be provided.

Center Street Open House – February 19 – Heber City Offices – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Mayor Pro Tempore Bradshaw reminded the Council of this Tuesday Night meeting. Anderson said he would send out information prior to the meeting via e-mail.

Sheila Johnston – J.R. Smith Elementary Safe Schools Board – Discussion on 500 North Bike Lane – Valley Hills Park Concerns:

Sheila Johnston introduced herself and said she, residents in her neighborhood, and other associates appreciated all the work the City did in their behalf. She said her goal tonight was to persuade the Council to think about creating, maintaining, and cleaning up the public spaces in the City. She encourage the Council to have a vision for the City and ways they could improve, create and maintain public spaces. In particular sidewalks, maintaining the look of subdivisions with fences that border sidewalks, and public parks.

Johnston said there needed to be a sidewalk on one side of all arterial and collector streets and expressed concern because of the lack of sidewalk on Valley Hills Boulevard and Daniels Road. As a member of the Safe Schools Board, this was an issue they especially had concerns about when discussing ways to get the kids to school safely. She emphasized the bad weather had been hard for kids when walking to school because of all the snow.

Johnston talked about maintaining the look of subdivisions with fences that border the sidewalk and the hardship it created for children when owners didn't take care of their property or any area on the outside of their fences. She felt there was a need for more enforcement or more teeth in the ordinance.

Johnston said the people wanted safe places for the kids to walk and safe places for kids to play. She challenged the Council to increase the funding so the City could have a Parks Department that would maintain, create and take care of the parks. She also suggested more public parks were needed in the City and as more subdivisions were approved, more parks needed to be created. She said in her opinion, more funding needed to be focused on parks. She discussed the great park at The Cove at Valley Hills and said she was excited to get grass and trees in there. However, she said there was a water problem at that park. She thought that park had great potential, but as a mom and when she got together with friends, they went to the Southfield County Park or the Midway Park. She said they didn't go to the Muirfield Park.

Johnston implored the Council, as they did their planning for the new budget year, to take a look at the City, determine what they wanted it to become, consider the vision and legacy the community wanted, and prepare for the future of the children and the tourism that came here.

Councilmember Hokanson asked if the pond at The Cove Park was detention or retention. Mumford said retention and that the developer was still on the hook to try and improve that. He said he needed to get with the developer to see about working on the problem. He said to make it work, it might require some renovation and that for right now and for safety issues, he had fenced that park. Again he said he and the developer needed to get that problem worked out.

Councilmember Straddeck asked about flooding, not only in the park but throughout the City. Mumford said that was something that had to be considered this year. Anderson mentioned the City had plenty of problems in 1982 and 1983 but that after that, the flood channel was developed. He said the City had lots of snow in 1993 and he didn't recall any flooding problems that year. However, there was still a potential problem with flooding, but not as much as in the past. Anderson suggested there would probably be a lot of maintenance to the flood channel this year.

Discuss Horrocks Engineers design Scope of Work for Sewer Outfall and Hospital Well

Expansion: Mumford said that two of the City's projects this year was to parallel the City outfall line and to expand the Hospital Well to increase the water supply. He wanted to make sure the Council was comfortable with Horrocks Engineers doing the design work. He said they had been working on the conceptual planning for those projects. Mumford continued that they were to a point to do the formal design. He suggested the intent was to continue to use Horrocks for the design and the construction, as well, which would start in the late summer. He said he had gotten draft Scopes of Work from them with estimates for the Hospital Well expansion in the amount of \$900,000 and about \$200,000 for the Sewer Outfall Line. He said that before he got too far down the path of formal design, he wanted to make sure the Council was supportive. Mumford said they would be doubling the size of the Well and that it all had to be replaced.

Mumford said Horrocks' rates were competitive, they had a history of the City, the water supply, etc. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradshaw and Councilmember Hokanson said go ahead with Horrocks. Mumford said he was comfortable using them unless the Council wanted to take opportunities to spread the work around. Councilmember Straddeck asked if the work needed to be bid out. The answer was no because of having Horrocks as the City's Engineering firm. Discussion that some projects were given to other engineering companies because Horrocks didn't have the expertise in some areas such as the Center Street expansion which was awarded to CIVCO.

Discuss Permit Requirements for Events held on County Property within the City Limits:

Anderson said he wanted to get some feedback from the Council regarding activities held in the Event Center and licensing for those events. He said that typically the Health Department had some requirements based on number of people at the event, restrooms, etc. He said he hadn't seen a lot of motivation from the County to get business license permits from the City. Consequently, he wanted to know how strict the Council wanted staff to be on permits for events held at the Center.

Councilmember Horner arrived at 6:58 p.m.

Anderson suggested the City needed to understand if the Police Department needed to be involved, if the required standards were being met, etc. Councilmember Hokanson wanted to know if licensing eliminated liability to the City and said she was O.K. with waiving business licensing fees for events held at the Event Center. Anderson said staff could write a letter to the County and say staff needed to be aware so they could determine if the Police needed to be involved, health issues were being met, building code was being met, etc. He suggested the County should coordinate with the City but that the City was not so much interested in fees. Chief Rhoades said he felt the City did have some liabilities and talked about the motor cycle event a couple weeks ago where people were taken to the hospital for carbon monoxide poisoning. Councilmember Horner agreed staff needed to at least know what was going on. Anderson indicated he would start conversations with Mike Davis.

Replacing of flood channel culvert under Highway 189: Mumford said he had had discussion with Boyer and a couple of County people about a culvert that ran underneath Highway 189. He said that FEMA was reevaluating Wasatch County and the flood plane and had determined the culvert was not large enough to handle a 100 year storm. He said now was the time to enlarge that piping since the Boyer project would require changes to the road anyway. Mumford explained that the City and County operated that jointly and the County would need to be approached formally to see if they would participate in the cost. He said the cost was approximately \$160,000. Anderson asked Mumford if impact fees could be used for payment of

the cost. It was felt this was not an improvement based on new growth so consequently impact fees could not be used. Anderson suggested Mumford talk with Kent Berg about possible grant monies. The Council asked Mumford to obtain more information, talk with Wasatch County and get back to them in two weeks.

As the time was 7:00 p.m., the Work Meeting of the Heber City Council on 02/07/2008 adjourned.

Paulette Thurber, City Recorder

Approved 02/21/2008