

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY
910 South Mountain Road
May 2, 2017

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The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Don Carroll at 7:03 pm.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Gary Anderson offered a word of prayer.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Diane Anderson, Gary Anderson, Julia Busche, Brandon Halliday, Scot Poole and Mayor Don Carroll were present.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Brandon Green, Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen and City Planner Jeff Oyler were present.

VISITORS: David Dominick, Susan Ence, Russ Ence, Jane Jensen

AGENDA ITEMS:

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Council Member Diane Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2017 with amendments. Council Member Julia Busche seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. David Dominick of Mountain Road asked the City Council if there would be any tags for deer issued by the City.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Discuss/Approve/Deny Deer Mitigation Program with DWR

City Manager Brandon Green introduced Ms. Channing Howard from the DWR. Ms. Howard explained the behavior and migration patterns of the deer in this area and how the behavior patterns are changing and the deer are starting to stay in residential areas year-round. The Urban Deer Rule was designed to be a tool for cities to use to deal with the growing urban deer problem.

Ms. Howard explained that in order to participate in the program a city must first demonstrate that the deer are causing damage and becoming a problem. The city must pass an ordinance prohibiting any feeding of the deer and provide an estimate of the population of the resident deer. The city must also provide proof of insurance and agree to the provisions of the Utah Governmental Immunity Act. When these five steps have been fulfilled then the municipality can apply for a Certificate of Registration or COR. Once the applying city has the approved COR then they can begin working on the city's management program. The city must determine in that plan if they are going to have a non-lethal program, lethal program or a combination of the two.

Ms. Howard went on to explain that the urban deer plan will address the conditions and restrictions on baiting and spotlighting, the people eligible to participate, locations and time periods of deer removal, the tagging requirements, the procedures for removing the carcass. She explained that if Fruit Heights determines that there is a problem and receives a COR then the City Council will set the rules as to the number of antlered and antler-less deer and the time and place restrictions that the deer may be taken. She recommended that the City Council also get the residents input. The City Council will also choose if they hire outside archers, let residents with archery permits participate or a combination of both. The date restrictions are August 1, which is after the fawns have been dropped, to December 31 for the lethal program but the participating city can determine the dates in that suggested time frame.

The City Council asked if as part of permit process that the City could make the proper disposal and removal of carcasses the archers responsibility. Ms. Howards did not know the answer to that question and agreed to find out and report back to the City Staff. She did also mention that food banks are not allowed to accept any wild meat.

Ms. Howards explained that the City can recoup costs up to fifty dollars for the permit process but it is not allowed to be a source of revenue for the cities. The Mayor and City Council further discussed the extended archery season and the possibility of encouraging outside archers to participate. City Manager Green mentioned that North Logan opened it up to an archery association in order to have highly trained archers participating in their city. Private and public property concerns were discussed.

In the City's plan, all the details can be decided. The plan will designate areas where this hunt will be allowed to occur, they can specify times they can be hunting, it would specify the communication process and keeping track of numbers. Ms. Howards also mentioned that archers hunting in the City with the extended archery tags would not count towards the numbers specified in the COR. She also reported that the State's current deer population is around four hundred thousand which explains why this is becoming a problem for the City. The City Council and Ms. Howards discussed the ease of getting interested parties to participate in the program and that with a new change in the program one archer may be permitted to take multiple deer. They discussed the issue of neighboring cities participating with the program. Ms. Howards also mentioned that as the deer are hunted they will not be comfortable there and will move into other areas. She also mentioned that the COR application approval is valid for three years and the number the City enters there can either be specified for over the three years or a certain number per year.

5.2 Review and Discuss FY2017-2018 General Fund Budget

City Manager Brandon Green presented only the numbers for the General Fund which includes the revenue from property taxes, sales tax and the expenditures include a lot of the City functions. The proposed budget is based on the numbers from the last eight years. The budget revenues and expenditures balance. This budget includes a transfer from the property taxes deposited into the general fund into the road fund. He

mentioned that he can only save 25% of the budget for emergency funds. The City Council, City Staff and Mayor discussed briefly the copier purchase, the chamber remodel, the deputy recorder budget, the election fund, the sheriff's office and fire protection contracts, and the fire protection formula. City Manager Green mentioned that the next discussions would be about capital funds, B&C road funds and equipment. The City Council and City Staff discussed the strategic planning meeting and the City Council agreed to send their priorities to City Manager Green to be included on the agenda. The City Council discussed the timing of the final public hearing and City Manager Green mentioned that this meeting and the next two are all being noticed in the newspaper as a public hearing so residents are welcome to come to any of these meetings and comment on the budget.

5.3 Discussion Regarding Recent Changes to the State Election Laws 01:11:38

Mayor Don Carroll mentioned that the recent changes to state election laws would change the way the City conducted their caucuses. The candidates interested in running for Mayor or City Council Members must already be decided and the caucuses will now decide which of the candidates to put on the ballot. The interested parties have to declare they are interested, apply by a certain date and be vetted by the City Staff well before the caucus. The City Council suggested that the City Staff put the information that the election rules have been changed, onto the front page of the website. The changes are also stated on social media. The City Council discussed deadline dates. They also discussed what would happen if nobody applied for the open seats. In that case the Mayor and City Council would have to appoint people to serve for a year. The Mayor and City Council discussed the issues that this change can bring to the City and also the importance of the City Council spreading the word about the changes. The City Manager discussed how this change was made and reported how he found out about it. The City Council, Mayor and City Staff discussed the petitioning process.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Continued Discussion Regarding the Veterans Memorial Plaza

City Manager Brandon Green reminded everyone about the presentation that Fred Bergold came and gave to the City Council. Mr. Bergold is ready to move forward with the memorial and would like the City to staff an information booth at the food truck nights. The City Council, Mayor and City Staff went outside to view the area where Mr. Bergold is proposing the plaques would be hung.

The City Council determined that if there is something nice that can be done to decorate the plain wall and it is something that honors our veterans and can be done in a honorable and respectable manner with low cost to the City then it would be a great idea.

Council Member Diane Anderson mentioned that she believes that the surface should be prepared and decide what unifying City signage should be included before we

start hanging plaques. The Mayor asked City Manager Green to come to the Council with the prices for a unifying Fruit Heights Veterans sign, the five military insignias that are the same size or slightly larger than the plaques. The Mayor also requested he get some professional opinions on what could be put on the wall behind the plaques to match the building façade and how to attach the plaques. City Manager Green also reported that similar memorials use thin-set to apply the plaques and black caulk in between.

6.2 Continued Discussion Regarding Mother of the Year

The City Council and City Staff discussed the Mother of the Year award. They also discussed recognizing her at a City Council Meeting. City Manager Green also reminded the Council of the need for nominations for the Unsung Hero.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7.1 April Budget Report

City Manager Green presented the budget report and everything is looking fine. He mentioned the signing bonus for the cell tower rentals that he would like to put in the budget to go toward Nicholls Park.

7.2 April Check Register

8. UPCOMING EVENTS:

The City Council talked about the Public Hearing and Budget Approval dates. Council Member Poole reminded the Mayor and City Council about the volunteers for the 4th of July parade. The Mayor reported that he had reached out to the Youth City Council and he also reminded Council Member Gary Anderson to check with the Citizen Corp Council as they usually volunteer at this event.

9. CITY STAFF AND CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

City Planner Jeff Oyler talked about grants available through the Governor's Office of Economic Development. That office will have more money next year and the City needs to be prepared to apply for the grants. He reminded the City Council that there are some projects in the City that would probably qualify.

Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen reported that there would be some road construction happening soon. He also reported on the pre-construction meeting for the City's capital projects. The start date for construction will be May 8th. The City Staff is working to get out flyers to notify the residents along the road. They will start at Lake Lane on Mountain Road and will head north. They will also start the curb and gutter on Green Road in a few weeks. The Mayor requested that the City Council help spread the word to their neighbors. Superintendent Frandsen mentioned that Mountain Road will be a big project. There will be times the road will be closed and there will be a lot more dust. Council Member Julia Busche asked for the City Staff to keep her updated with changes and dates so she can post them on social media. The City Council and Staff

also discussed striping the entire road and the three new bus stops that will be installed. The City Manager reported that UTA will be providing the benches, garbage cans, bike rack and shelters for the bus stops.

City Manager Brandon Green reported that the City is currently working on some grant applications. One of the applications is for Nicholls Park. The City's grant application should be very favorable because the City has included a drawing of the area and the playground equipment is more natural looking and interactive. If the City is awarded a grant the City would have two years to spend the money and the City would actually be reimbursed after they spend the money. The majority of the grants are fifty percent grants where the City has to be willing to provide a matching amount to qualify for the grant. The City Manager reported that Blu landscaping design is finalizing their concepts for the hundred acres and when the designs are completed they would like to come present the plan to the City Council.

Council Member Scot Poole mentioned in follow up to the fiber discussion from last month he has heard that in the next three to four years wireless will be available for uploads and downloads. The City Council briefly discussed fiber and wireless technologies.

Council Member Julia Busche asked City Manager Green about the progress of the history of the highway 89 project being posted to the website.

Council Member Diane Anderson asked about Hights Creek notifying residents on 1250 East in regards to the work they are planning. The City Staff reported they had told Hights Creek to notify the residents. The Mayor asked the City Manager to follow up with Hights Creek.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Diane Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Julia Busche seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the Fruit Heights City Council meeting held May 2, 2017.

Not approved until signed



Kelli Rollins, Fruit Heights Recording Secretary

Date approved by City Council: May 18, 2017