

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY
910 South Mountain Road

May 2, 2023

WELCOME: Mayor John Pohlman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE & OPENING CEREMONY: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen with Mayor John Pohlman offering a word of prayer for the opening ceremony.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Pohlman, Council Members Diane Anderson, Gary Anderson, Eileen Moss, George Ray, and Florence Sadler.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Jacob Smith, City Planner Jeff Oyler, Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen, and City Staff Hailee Ballingham.

VISITORS: Jim Crismer, Linda Crismer, and Dan Adkins

CITY COUNCIL TRAINING: Mayor John Pohlman read a snippet of the State of the State address by Governor Cox. This address talks about Governor Cox asking for Utahns to unite in faith and prayer to ask God to help deliver us from this drought. He's been mocked both at home and abroad by clever comedians and pundits in the media. He reports that a few months ago before the first storm he asked his team to include \$5 million in the budget proposal for flood mitigation. He asked the people of Utah to join together in prayer again for drought relief. Governor Cox stated this in January before the latest legislative session. Right now, the hydrologists in the State of Utah say that this warming and cooling of temperatures that we are seeing is the best thing that can happen for the snow melt.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Youth City Council

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CITY BUSINESS:

Review/Discuss/Approve/Deny Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Tentative Budget

Mayor John Pohlman reported that due to the changes in city management this budget was being reviewed for the first time on Monday. We have to approve a tentative budget on the first meeting in May, knowing that there will be quite a few changes that we will need to make. We requested the Council to please highlight, review, and ask questions - sending those to City Manager Jacob Smith.

City Manager Jacob Smith provided background information explaining that the revenue numbers are based on some projections from advice he's received from the State Tax Commission. He views the budget as having three priorities, firstly to show residents how their tax dollars are being used. The second priority is for the elected officials to show what their priorities are for the city and how they plan to fund programs. The third priority is as a management tool to see where the funds are maybe going under or over budget. He asked Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen to elaborate on some of the capital areas in the budget and where those numbers are coming from.

Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen explained that most of the big projects are road maintenance. He also explained that they will be finishing the East Oaks water meter project this year as well. The old water tank is also planned to be torn down. There was a discussion about removing some of the lead to recoup some of that revenue, but it was concluded that it was probably already included in the cost that was bid. Mountain Road is scheduled for the week of May 17th to work on the repaving. In talking about the newer pavement south of the bridge and the cracks and damage that has already occurred to that asphalt - there are plans to crack seal it. Another capital expense would be equipment - we are selling three trucks and purchasing three trucks and have also put in for a backhoe trailer this year. There was discussion about different piping coming into homes and doing lead and copper testing throughout the city and sending the results to the state - in order to comply with Federal EPA requirements. Anything we can't document if there is lead in, we have to test every year. We have already replaced a lot of our older infrastructure water pipes in most places.

Council Member Diane Anderson made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Tentative Fiscal Budget with Council Member Eileen Moss seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council. (25:58)

Review/Discuss/Approve/Deny Rock Loft Ridge Estates Phase 2B (2 lots on Mtn. Rd.)

Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen and City Planner Jeff Oyler both gave background explaining that these are the two lots alongside Mountain Road, they have all of the utilities installed and are ready to go.

Council Member Eileen Moss made a motion to approve the Rock Loft Ridge Estates Phase 2B as recommended by City Staff with Council Member Gary Anderson seconding the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion. (28:16)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

July 19, 2022

After some discussion Council Member Diane Anderson made a motion to approve the July 19, 2022 Minutes as amended with Council Member Florence Sadler seconding the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion. (29:18)

April 11, 2023

After some discussion about members of the public that attended Council Member Eileen Moss made a motion to approve the April 11, 2023 minutes with Council Member Florence Sadler seconding the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion. (31:45)

April 25, 2023

After some discussion Council Member Florence Sadler made the motion to approve the April 25, 2023 minutes with Council Member Gary Anderson seconding the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion. (32:37)

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor John Pohlman reported that City Manager Jacob Smith will be meeting with the City's CPA and going over the last two months with a fine-tooth comb but for Council Member George Ray to meet with him after that is complete to go over the check registers.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Mayor John Pohlman reported that he was working on the policing needs with Council Member Florence Sadler and would be meeting with her later in the week. He also received a call from Kaysville City Fire to see if we were moving back with them, but he reported that he doesn't see a need at this time because we are with Farmington.

Council Member Eileen Moss spoke about how to make the Cemetery happen.

Mayor John Pohlman mentioned that his wife, April Pohlman, has been representing Fruit Heights City talking with Farmington City to create a Mental Health Coalition with State and Federal funds to help with mental illness awareness. They requested that we sign a pledge that we will be willing to come up with \$900 to help with this coalition. He talked about needing to appoint a coalition employee that would oversee Grant requests and creating a program

CITY COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor John Pohlman reported that we were officially awarded the grant for the east bench water loop of \$1,000,000.

Council Member Florence Sadler reported that some of her neighbors are experiencing flooding and suspect that it is coming from the Cherry Heights subdivision. Council Member Florence Sadler mentioned that she would help draft a letter to send to the Cherry Heights HOA to address resolving the issue.

Council Member Eileen Moss brought up and discussed the body that was found near the Fruit Heights Park and Ride. Council Member Ray suggested it was a suicide of a nearby resident but we didn't receive anything official from the Sheriff's Office.

Council Member Diane Anderson asked a question about the bathrooms down at Nichols because the YCC is looking to have a popsicle activity. It was mentioned putting in cameras down there to help mitigate the continued vandalism in those bathrooms.

City Planner Jeff Oyler is planning on meeting with new City Manager Jacob Smith and going over all of the projects he is working on. He also wants to meet with the Council about the new laws that were passed and things that we need to change as a city to comply.

Darren Frandsen reported that the 400 N bridge will be closed for one day to finish the bridge paving.

City Manager Jacob Smith thanked the Council and stated that he is excited to work with all of them. He also thanked Darren for spending time with him explaining everything. He also thanked Hailee Ballingham and the office staff for taking the time to work with him and explain things to him.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 16 – City Council Meeting

May 18 – Caucus Meeting

May 23 – Planning Commission Meeting

May 29 – Office will be closed for Memorial Day

Council Member Eileen Moss made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Gary Anderson seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Not approved until signed.

/s/:

Jacob Smith, City Recorder

Date approved by City Council: