

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY  
910 South Mountain Road  
May 3, 2022

WELCOME: Mayor John Pohlman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

PLEDGE & OPENING CEREMONY: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a Council Member Gary Anderson, and the meeting was opened with a Council Member George Ray offering a word of prayer.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Diane Anderson, Gary Anderson, Eileen Moss, George Ray, and Mayor John Pohlman were all present. Council Member Florence Sadler was excused.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Brandon Green, City Planner Jeff Oyler, Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen, City Employee Hailee Ballingham and City Recording Secretary Amy Gardiner were present.

VISITORS: F. David Shrive, Chuck Stephenson, June Taylor, Eric Hardison, Jason Hardison, Jeanne Groberg, Lucy Groberg, and Adeline Hiemstra were present.

CITY COUNCIL TRAINING:

City Council Eileen Moss presented the Council Training on the legalities of the City's General Plan. She explained the City is currently rewriting its General Plan and that the Planning Commission is required to hold at least one public hearing about the proposed General Plan. The plan then would move to the City Council, where it could have revisions or amendments, but a public hearing would not be required. Once finalized, the General Plan would be adopted by ordinance with official maps. She concluded by talking about the issues of affordable housing and how cities and towns can differ in their approach to this issue.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

June Taylor, a resident of Fruit Heights, had questions for the City Council about the pedestrian tunnel that will connect the west side to the east side of Fruit Heights and the extension of a possible trail east of the tunnel. Mayor John Pohlman said that there is not a date for any extension of the trail. City Manager Brandon Green also commented that once out of the tunnel people will head east up Green Road.

Eric Larsen wanted to make the community aware of unwelcome activity happening on the Gaily Trail on the west side of the City near his residence. He said he is unable to store his goods in his shed because of this activity. He said that there are no lights in the area, and he wants the City to know how nearby residents are being affected by the activity.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

## *Youth City Council Report*

Lucy Groberg and Adeline Hiemstra gave a report about the activities and projects the Youth City Council (YCC) have recently held and are currently planning. They mentioned the success for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt that occurred in April.

They then reported on upcoming planned activities, which include:

- Placing flags on graves for Memorial Day at both the Farmington and Kaysville cemeteries and hanging banners in the cities;
- Creating slogans to help with water conservation;
- Participating in the 4th of July Parade; and
- Coordinating the 5k run for Founders' Day.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

## CITY BUSINESS:

### *Review/Discuss/Approve/Deny Resolution 2022-004 — Culinary Water Restriction*

City Manager Brandon Green explained to the City Council that documents had been prepared and shared with them previous to the meeting for a resolution, a proclamation, and an ordinance to help the City residents conserve water. He wanted to address any concerns the City Council may have.

Water service providers to the City of Fruit Heights include: Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Haight's Creek Irrigation, and Benchland Water District. City Manager Brandon Green explained that the State of Utah along with the water providers have declared a state of emergency with the drought conditions in Utah. The resolution, proclamation, and ordinance line up consistently with what is being asked of residents from the water providers. The resolution, proclamation, and ordinance further outline what the City will do if there are residents violating what is being asked of them to conserve water.

City Manager Brandon Green continued to discuss the resolution with the City Council. Topics they covered included:

- the process of assessing fines
- culinary water vs. secondary water
- Weber Basin Water Conservancy will have people patrolling the usage of water
- the City will be the last line of enforcement
- the use of smart timers

*After discussion, City Council Member Diane Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-004, and it was seconded by City Council Member George Ray. The City Council members present at the meeting approved the motion unanimously.*

### *Review/Discuss/Approve/Deny Proclamation 2022-001 Declaring Scarcity of Water*

City Manager Brandon Green explained that the proposed Proclamation is similar to the Resolution saying that the Mayor and City Council are in support of the drought conditions.

*After brief discussion, Council Member Diane Anderson made a motion to approve the Proclamation 2022-001 Declaring Scarcity of Water, and it was seconded by Council Member Gary Anderson. The City Council members present at the meeting approved the motion unanimously.*

#### *Review/Review/Discuss/Approve/Deny 2022 Culinary Water Restrictions*

City Manager Brandon Green reported that the City has been asked by Weber Basin to reduce their culinary water usage by 10 percent. He also explained that there is a concern that residents will try to water their lawns with culinary water since they will be limited in their permitted use of secondary water. If residents do this, it could very easily put the City over their purchased amount and result in significant fines for the City.

Related items that were discussed include:

- Culinary water not being designed for irrigation purposes;
- The City's ability to stop inappropriate use of culinary water is used inappropriately;
- The proposed fee schedule for culinary water;
- The City's ability to look back to see residents' water usage;
- The point that this is a restricting not a revenue generating proposal; and
- Potential plans for education and community outreach to residents about the restrictions.

*After discussion, City Council Member George Ray made a motion to approve the 2022 Culinary Water Restrictions, and it was seconded by City Council Member Eileen Moss. The City Council members present at the meeting approved the motion unanimously.*

#### *Preview and Discuss FY 2022-2023 Tentative Budget*

Mayor John Pohlman said that it is time to start looking at the upcoming 2022-2023 Tentative Budget. He emphasized that the City Council should get familiar with the budget and start asking their questions now. He also pointed out that City Manager Brandon Green is willing to meet with any of them to go over any aspect of the budget. He said that it is the City Council's primary responsibility to understand the budget. He encouraged them to understand every line item and he said he is willing to meet with Council Members as well. He emphasized that the discussion will be transparent and held in open meetings.

City Manager Bradon Green explained the fiscal year. He also said that it will be quite a year with a lot of big projects including: road projects, curb and gutter projects, waterline replacement projects, replacement of aging infrastructure, a project on Quail Ridge, the sidewalk between Raymond Road and Country Road, requests for a mini-excavator and additional vehicles, trail improvements, a possible first phase of a cemetery, and a City well. There will be multiple decisions that the City Council will need to give direction on.

Mayor John Pohlman added that many of the projects have been possible because of grants that the City has received. In the last five years, the City has brought in over \$5 million in grants for projects.

Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen discussed with the City Council some of the issues he is seeing with the increase in the cost of equipment. City Manager Brandon Green said that he will be talking with Council Member Eileen Moss about some of the needs of the City.

Mayor John Pohlman said that the tentative budget will be adopted at the next City Council meeting on May 17.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

*City Council Meeting April 19, 2022*

City Council members briefly discussed the draft minutes that previously had been provided to them for the April 19, 2022 City Council Meeting. There was a small correction made.

*After brief discussion, Council Member Eileen Moss made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 19, 2022 City Council meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Council Member Diane Anderson, and it was approved unanimously.*

Council Member Gary Anderson was excused at 7:52 pm.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Eileen Moss said there was nothing to present for the FY 2021-2022.

CITY COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:

Council Member George Ray reported that he will be attending the July 4th planning meeting with Kaysville City tomorrow so there is nothing new to report. He also discussed the process of nominating the Unsung Hero for the event.

Council Member Eileen Moss reported that she would like to use “carrots” and not “sticks” to encourage residents to conserve water. She had the Youth City Council put together some slogans for water conservation. She also discussed fun ideas to encourage residents including a drawing with the prize being a credit on their water bill. She also recommended putting signs in residents' yards saying “Water Saves Lives Here”.

Public Works Superintendent Darren Frandsen gave an update on the progress with the construction projects on Lloyd Road including the storm drains that are finished and the curb and gutter are going in as well as asphalt.

City Manager Brandon Green reported that the Ridge Runner had been sent out. It included information on water conservation and the move to paperless billing.

*Council Member Eileen Moss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Diane Anderson seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the Fruit Heights City Council Meeting held May 3, 2022.

Not approved until signed.

/s/ Brandon Green

**Brandon Green, City Recorder**

Date approved by City Council: **June 7, 2021**