

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY
910 South Mountain Road
August 1, 2023

WELCOME: Mayor Pro Temp Eileen Moss called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

PLEDGE & OPENING CEREMONY: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Diane Anderson with Council Member Gary Anderson conducting the opening ceremony by offering a word of prayer.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Temp Eileen Moss, Council Members Diane Anderson, Gary Anderson, George Ray, and Florence Sadler

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Jacob Smith, Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen, and Deputy Recorder Hailee Ballingham.

VISITORS: Elizabeth Pinto, Johnathan Atkin, Jason Gardiner, Jacob Browning, Margaret Browning, Kate Browning, Isabelle Browning, Paula Stephenson, Mark Cottrell, Kelly Sparks, John Pearce, and Jeanne Groberg.

CITY COUNCIL TRAINING: Council Member George Ray wanted to touch on donating and giving things away. There is a Utah code that limits the amount of money that can be donated to a city, there must also be a public hearing. Donations or gifts have specific procedures that have to be followed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

YCC

Jeanne Groberg from the YCC wanted to come and report on the projects that they have done and are doing. In July they participated in the Parade, they did a quick walk in the hollow to pick up any garbage they could find. This Thursday from 1-7 the YCC is hosting a blood drive at the City Building. Jeanne reported that they have had an amazing Council this year with a larger group. They have several applications for the upcoming year and are looking at somewhere between 20-30 YCC members. (16:00)

Davis County Sheriff

Sergeant Jason Gardner provided 4th quarter summaries from 10/1/22 – 12/31/2022. He explained that in the patrol summary, most calls are non-criminal and some medical assists. He also explained that in the investigation summary, there were 37 new cases during the quarter.

The highest categories were forgery/fraud, criminal mischief, and domestic violence. He also provided a summary of the other services that are needed to run a police department. This includes administration, analytics, dispatch, crime lab, records, and victim's services. Sergeant Jason Gardner continued providing summaries from 1/1/2023 – 3/31/2023. The patrol summary was about 10 hours daily, with most hours spent on non-criminal calls. He explained that in the investigation summary, they had received 15 new cases and most of the hours were spent on closed cases which consisted of forgery/fraud, and child endangerment. He then provided another services summary which includes administration, analytics, dispatch, crime lab, records, and victim's services. In the 2nd quarter from 4/1/23 – 7/31/23, the patrolling service averaged 8.12 hours a day in the city with most hours spent on non-criminal calls. In investigations, they received 21 new cases mostly forgery/fraud and vehicle burglary. He also summarized the other services, including administration, analytics, dispatch, crime lab, records, and victim's services. He explained that they currently have 21 open investigations, which is typical for Fruit Heights. He doesn't think he's seen a huge difference since the sound wall was put up. He explained that most criminals are opportunists, so make sure you aren't leaving your car running unattended, locking up your items, and reporting things in a timely manner. We do have anonymous tip lines if people are afraid of calling and reporting things. (31:45)

Jacob Browning (Road Safety)

Jacob Browning discussed section 3.3 in the Fruit Heights General Plan which talks about the plan to slow traffic flow in major community corridors and streets such as Mountain Road. He would like to see slower-moving traffic, safer pedestrian crossings, and a more pleasant street to live on. After researching he found that in the last 11.5 years, there had been almost 2,000 citations with 1,703 being speeding citations. Besides the General Plan's proposal for slowing traffic, Jacob Browning made some suggestions of things he's seen around including multiple speed limit signs in cones in the middle of the roads and the speed monitoring signs with flashing lights that tell you how fast you are going. He doesn't think that most people who speed on Mountain Road aren't doing it on purpose, it's just a nice wide long road with no impediments along the way. Some additional suggestions he talks about are 3-speed limit signs in quick succession to make sure people are paying attention and seeing them. These signs would be placed on the East/West North/South boundaries of our city. Another suggestion is placing stop signs strategically along portions of Mountain Road suggesting locations for them. Additionally, he made suggestions on where right-your-speed signs could be priced. While these signs are pricier than the other options are fairly maintenance-free if solar panels are used. Jacob Browning suggested speed bumps, or speed humps, which have been shot down before saying the snowplows cannot manage them. He gave examples of speed humps/bumps in other neighboring areas that also have to be plowed and those cities manage. He asked the Council for their input and how he could help them to get something changed.

Mayor Pro Temp Eileen Moss explained that because Mountain Road is considered to be a collector or minor collector road it is bound somewhat to Federal Highway standards with what can and cannot be allowed on it. In the past, we had a three-way stop situation and the state made

us remove the stop signs. The speed limit signs that were previously in the middle of the road had to be removed as well. Something that is in the works is stripping crosswalks and roads.

Jacob Browning asked if there was anything that he could do to help push something through. Some suggestions were made by City Manager Jacob Smith to look at what other cities are implementing and what is effective for them. Then returning with that information and presenting it to the Council in maybe the second meeting in September. Mayor Pro Temp Eileen Moss suggested that at that time they could get with the city engineer and discuss what the rules are for collector roads to see what can be done. Jacob Browning offered to get quotes on the 'your speed' signs for the city. (53:28)

Paula Stephenson mentioned that we need to consider the changes that have come about since the completion of US89. She has issues with Lloyd Road and Nichols Roads because you cannot see people coming down Nichols and it is a safety concern. After some discussion, Mayor Pro Temp Eileen Moss explained that they have looked at the general plan and have tried to brainstorm solutions to slow people down and it's a pretty difficult question that will need to be continually looked at. (59:25)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Cottrell stated that when they first moved into their gated community there were difficulties making sure the Sheriffs had access to the gates but they seem to have the correct codes now and they also added sirens so that the gates could be opened that way as well. He also mentioned the cones where some kids from Farmington were in a golf cart coming down Mahogany hitting them square on. He called the Sheriff's Department and had deputies there within the hour submitting a complaint. Through some effort, they were able to catch and stop the kids. He was impressed with the Sherrif's Department in the way they worked together and resolved the situation. (1:02:40)

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CITY BUSINESS:

Review/Discuss/Approve/Deny Sidewalk for Rock Loft Ridge Estates

Mayor Pro Temp Eileen Moss provided background stating that Weber Basin is requesting that instead of the city standard of sidewalks on both sides of the road, we only do one side to take weight off the aqueduct. Mayor John Pohlman has spoken with Johnson Associates and our city engineer and they believe that while we do need to continue with our city standard of sidewalk on both sides of the road it is appropriate to make this change in this area.

Council Member Gary Anderson asked if we remove the sidewalk doesn't that put a car onto that area? Or is it just a grassy area, are they concerned about the weight of the concrete. Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen explained that Weber Basin looked at the slopes that would be needed and it is more weight than they would like on the aqueduct. This is on the whole west side of the road. He talked to Weber Basin multiple times about their concerns, and if we would be willing to do a sidewalk only on one side to reduce the weight. Assistant City Manager Darren

Frandsen explained that City Engineer Brandon Jones would like to see sidewalks on both sides to comply with the city's standards. He is good with a sidewalk on one side of the road because from a budget standpoint then you only need to maintain and repair one sidewalk instead of two. There was some discussion about the sidewalks on both sides of the streets being the city standard and not an ordinance.

After some discussion Council Member Florence Sadler made a motion to approve the Rock Loft Ridge Estate Sidewalk change with Council Member Diane Anderson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council. (1:17:45)

Review/Discuss/Approve/Deny Award Bids for Street Maintenance Projects

Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen provided background explaining that we have some of the bigger road projects this year, some being milled and overlaid, some chip and crack sealing, and pothole repair. He explained that even those chip seals are not popular they add 10 years of life to the road whereas a slurry seal only provides an additional year/year and a half. He is asking for the approval of the Staker Parsons bid and they will have the roads finished being chip sealed by next May with Raymond Road being completed by October 20th. There was a cheaper bid, but we ran into some issues with that company not being completed on budget or on time and Staker Parsons has been good to work with in the past.

Council Member Gary Anderson made a motion to award the contract for street maintenance to Staker Parsons with Council Member Diane Anderson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

June 15, 2023

After some discussion and proposed changes, Council Member Diane Anderson made a motion to approve the June 15, 2023 minutes as corrected with Council Member Florence Sadler seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council. (1:33:15)

June 20, 2023

After some discussion and proposed changes, Council Member Florence Sadler made a motion to approve the June 15, 2023 minutes as corrected with Council Member George Ray seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council. (1:33:15)

CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Expenditures

June Financial Report

Council Member George Ray reported that he has not had a chance to look through them yet as they were just posted a few hours prior and will report back on them at the following meeting. (1:37:37)

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S): None.

CITY COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:

Council Member Florence Sadler reported that she had been working on the Founders Day plans at it sounds like it will be a lot of fun.

Council Member Diane Anderson reported that it was cool to be in the 4th of July parade and the breakfast. The YCC and the float were both amazing and we had a great turn-out

Mayor Pro Temp Eileen Moss reported that on the Emergency Preparedness Committee Assistant Corps Council Bob Fowler has formally resigned. Additionally, he would like to step back into more of an advisory role as the CERT coordinator as well. She asked if they could do a little pizza party for the Corps Council and CERT team party. Mayor Pro Temp Eileen Moss will discuss this idea further with City Manager Jacob Smith.

Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen reported on the Founders Day Festival that will be held at the City Building. He stated that there will be chalk art, ice cream, food trucks, a water station, a future City Council candidate meet and greet, etc. Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen reported that they will be striping Mountain Road and striping crosswalks soon. He also explained that they cannot just use stop signs for speed control due to liability and state funding.

City Manager Jacob Smith reported that our engineering firm has finished up the Capital Improvement Plans so expect a presentation and approval of those plans in the near future. We will be doing a rate analysis on our water as well as an impact fee analysis so we will be updating those fees. (1:56:54)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

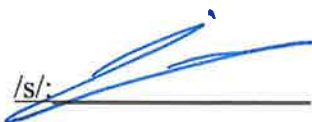
August 2 – 1-7 pm YCC Blood Drive at the City building.

August 15 – 7 pm City Council Meeting

August 26 – Founders Day Festival at the Fruit Heights City Building

Council Member Diane Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Gary Anderson seconding the motion. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Not approved until signed.

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Jacob Smith, City Recorder

Date approved by City Council: 09/05/23