

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY  
910 South Mountain Road  
September 19, 2023

1. WELCOME: Mayor John Pohlman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. PLEDGE & OPENING CEREMONY: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member George Ray with Council Member Florence Sadler conducting the opening ceremony by offering a word of prayer.
3. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Pohlman, Council Members Diane Anderson, Gary Anderson, Eileen Moss, George Ray, and Florence Sadler.
4. CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Jacob Smith, Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen, and Deputy Recorder Hailee Ballingham.
5. VISITORS: Darcie Trumble, Steve Trumble, Mark Cottrell, Jim Morgan, Amanda House, Ted Peay, Lori Peay, Gary Stringham, Ruth Manning, Kyle Manning, Jacob Browning, and Shon Stevenson.
6. CITY COUNCIL TRAINING: Mayor John Pohlman provided training about how it is their responsibility to understand the Constitution. He challenged the Council to take time in the next month to read and understand the Constitution they swore they would follow.
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
8. Ted Peay is concerned about some of the sidewalks and curbing being cracked or missing and asked if there is a plan to get it repaired. Mayor John Pohlman explained that there are currently many projects going on in that area. Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen explained that they do go around and replace a certain amount of sidewalk every year and this year they mostly focused on the west side of the City.
9. Jacob Browning asked what the City is doing to enforce the protection of the sensitive lands during the wet season for any unpaved land to prevent erosion. Mayor John Pohlman stated that they would talk after the meeting about this, but that the City is doing the best they can to make sure this is enforced.
10. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:
11. *Road Safety – Jacob Browning*
12. Resident Jacob Browning again made his presentation he first presented to the Council in August. He is concerned about the safety of the main thoroughfares in the City, i.e., Mountain Road and Nichols Road. He believes that if the City has a plan, they also need a plan to implement it.
13. Regarding the City's General Plan, it lists as major corridors and provides plans for Mountain Road and Nichols Roads. Efforts to visually slow down drivers on these roads include trees in a middle park strip because when more things beautify the road people tend to go slower.

14. Jacob Browning reviewed citations from March 2012 to July 2023 from the Davis County Sheriff's Department. During that time frame, the Sheriff's Department issued nearly 2,000 citations with 1,700 of those citations related to speeding. Jacob Browning created and showed on a map where the citations occurred with the majority occurring along Mountain and Nicholls Road.
15. Addressing current traffic calming efforts seen within our city, Jacob Browning explains that we now have four dynamic signs with the new one recently added on the north end of Mountain Road. Two of them, however, are not functioning.
16. Jacob Browning suggested that the City add multiple speed limit signs, specifically ones that are in the middle of the road. He thought they were successful when they were temporary, however, the snowplows would knock over the cones. He suggests that the City puts those back up but make them a permanent addition. (16:44)
17. PUBLIC HEARING: None.
18. CITY BUSINESS:
19. *Culinary Water Rate Study & Impact Fee Facilities Plan/Impact Fee Analysis Proposal*
20. City Manager Jacob Smith explained that we will be updating our water rates based on the Capital Facilities Plan and updating the Impact Fee Facilities Plan and Impact Fee Analysis. Council Member Eileen Moss asked what the estimated cost was, and Jacob Smith explained that it was \$18,000. Council Member Eileen Moss also asked how long Zions anticipates the study to take to which City Manager Jacob Smith responded that they estimated it would take them about two months to complete the study.
21. *Council Member Diane Anderson made a motion to approve the proposal submitted to us for the Culinary Water Rate Study and Impact Fee Facilities Plan and Impact Fee Analysis Proposal submitted by Zions Public Finance agreement and direct our staff to enter into the agreement with Council Member Eileen Moss seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council. (22:04)*
22. *Continued Discussion of Road Safety Initiatives*
23. Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen provided background information explaining that he has been researching Mountain Road. He got the armadillo working once again to speed test drivers without it being obvious. The fastest speed was 65 MPH coming southbound at the church at the north end of town. The armadillo was up for 2 weeks and out of 35,000 cars, there was one going 65MPH, five in the 50s, one hundred in the 40s, and the rest were in the 30s and lower. Sunday usually has the highest speeds suspecting that people are late for church. At an average of 17,000 cars a week with only 1,700 citations over 12 years on Mountain Road, the opinion was that wasn't too bad. Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen talked to some officers the week the car was going 65 MPH down Mountain Road, and they said they had a car with some teenagers racing back and forth on Mountain Road; it could have been them.
24. Mountain Road will be striped for bike lanes soon as a shared one-way lane on the side of the road although cars will still be able to park on the side of the road and pedestrians can still use the bike lanes. The driving lanes have been narrowed to 11 feet to help calm traffic speed. Darren has a couple of bids out for painting crosswalks and hopefully, we will get those painted before winter. Darren explained that people get used to the radar

speed signs if they are always in the same spot and they would like to move it around a bit to see if that makes a difference. He also explained that it is illegal to use stop signs for speed control.

25. After further discussion with members of the audience, Mayor John Pohlman explained that the traffic calming measures are things that that you don't always hear about, but these kinds of projects are continuous things, every month, and aren't always seen or are in different parts of the City. (40:17)

26. *Annexation Ordinance 2023-002 B*

27. Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen explained that this was already approved in 2022 for the Raymond Property but it was recently discovered that it was never recorded with the County and since it is more than 60 days old, it no longer can be recorded. The purpose of this action item is a technical amendment to change the date on the ordinance so it can be recorded.

28. *Council Member Eileen Moss made a motion to approve the Annexation Ordinance 2023-002 B with Council Member Florence Sadler seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council by roll call vote. (42:30)*

29. CONSENT CALENDAR:

30. *City Expenditures*

31. Council Member George Ray stated that everything looked good. Council Member Eileen Moss asked if that document could be shared with the rest of the Council so they could individually ask questions and see where the money is being spent. Council also gave City Manager Jacob Smith direction to continue including the check register as a consent item for the sake of transparency and to build trust.

32. *August 2023 Financial Report*

33. City Manager Jacob Smith explained that we are \$1,068,000 over what we would normally have in the General Fund at this time of year because we received a grant from the Governor's Office for water, it has since been transferred to the Water Fund. (47:00)

34. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

35. *City Council September 5, 2023 Minutes*

36. *After some discussion of changes to be made Council Member Diane Anderson made a motion to approve the September 5, 2023 minutes as corrected with Council Member Florence Sadler seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council. (52:07)*

37. UPCOMING EVENTS:

38. CITY COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:

39. Council Member George Ray attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Conference last week. It was good to be around all the other elected officials from around the State. Something he learned from reading from the ULCT book is that just because

we have the authority to make rules and laws, we need to be careful in making them and we are here to help mitigate problems.

40. Council Member Diane Anderson talked about the YCC kickoff activity on Saturday and oriented their 25 members and had a little party afterward.
41. Council Member Eileen Moss wanted to remind everyone about a barbecue with the Emergency Preparedness Committee and all the area coordinators. City Council members are invited to come to help understand what they're doing to help the City be prepared. The barbecue will be at Nichols Park at 5:30pm, Tuesday, October 3. Council Member Eileen Moss asked what the plan was to manage the graffiti in the tunnel by Nichols. Mayor John Pohlman responded that he had an idea to ask the YCC to paint that a couple of times a year. There is also already a plan to maintain the lighting in there.
42. Council Member Gary Anderson reported he attended the Mosquito Abatement meeting as the City's new representative.
  
43. Mayor John Pohlman reported that he has been working with Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen and City Manager Jacob Smith on some trail ideas and trying to put some in above the Rock Loft development. The trails would connect the Wilderness Park in Kaysville with the Farm in Farmington. We were awarded a grant through the Utah Recreation Department to help fund the trails. The developer is willing to fund a portion of and we will be asking schools and the community to see if we can get more funding for a hiking and walking trail that will span the whole city.
44. Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen reported that the work projects are going pretty quickly with a lot of concrete work on Terrace Drive and some other roads around the City.
45. City Manager Jacob Smith reported that he also attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns and learned a lot. During some recorder training, he learned that agendas need to be more specific; as a result, he changed up the agenda format as seen this evening.

*Council Member Eileen Moss made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Diane Anderson*

*Not approved until signed.*

/s/:

Jacob Smith, City Recorder

Date approved by City Council: 10/03/23