

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Logan Municipal Council Chambers, 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah. Chairman Laraine Swenson conducting.

Council members present: Chairman Laraine Swenson, Tami W. Pyfer, Jay Monson, Dean W. Quayle and Herm Olsen. Administration present: City Attorney Kymber Housley and City Recorder Teresa Harris. Mayor Randy Watts excused.

OPENING CEREMONY. Council member Jay Monson offered the prayer and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Swenson welcomed those present. There were approximately 22 citizens in the audience at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the Council meeting from December 1, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

Meeting Agenda. The meeting agenda was approved. Chairman Swenson announced at tonight's meeting there would be one public hearing regarding a proposed budget adjustment.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

Citizen John Harder addressed the City Council to express his thanks to the City Council, Mayor Watts and Logan City employees for the Special Improvement District (SID) work that was completed on 600 West.

Chairman Swenson excused Mayor Randy Watts from tonight's council meeting.

MAYOR/ STAFF REPORTS.

Board Appointments.

Chairman Swenson asked the Council for ratification of two re-appointment's to the Library Board for Dixie Poole and Susan Kadlec which is a three year term. She also asked for ratification of two new appointment's to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for Jim Laub and Eduardo Ortiz, which is a three year term.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Pyfer, seconded by Councilmember Quayle to ratify two re-appointments to the Library Board for Dixie Pool and Susan Kadlec and two new appointment's to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for Jim Laub and Eduardo Ortiz. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL BUSINESS.

Presentation – Chairman Swenson.

Chairman Swenson thanked Councilmember Tami Pyfer for her eight years of service on the Logan Municipal Council. Councilmember Pyfer was given a gift from Logan City.

Former Councilmember Steve Thompson was also thanked and recognized for his 13 years of service on the Logan Municipal Council.

Councilmember Pyfer expressed her appreciation for the recognition and thanked her family for their love and support over the years. She said what a wonderful community we live in and the great citizens.

Councilmember Thompson also thanked everyone and the support from Logan City employees and citizens who have supported him along the way.

Citizen Education Program – Tami Pyfer.

Councilmember Pyfer gave a presentation on the proposed Citizen's Education Program. Her goal with this program is a more informed and engaged citizenry who will have the opportunity to learn more about Logan City government. The training would be a time period of 4-6 weeks and would be 20-25 participants in each training session. The training sessions will last from 1 ½ to 2 hours and will cover all areas of government. Field trips will be included such as riding on a snow plow or a ride-a-long with the Environmental Department collecting trash. There is no cost to the participants.

She stated this proposed program is modeled after the Newly Elected Officials Training that the Utah League of Cities and Towns provides. Also, the Logan City Police Citizen's Academy that has been held in the past.

Areas to be addressed are the City budget, taxes, political process, City services and the role of Municipal government.

Presenters will be Logan City staff, Utah League of Cities and Towns and professionals from the community.

Councilmember Pyfer suggested this program be a council initiative and if successful, then look at ongoing implementation. There is no cost for the participants and presenters will not be paid. There will be an initial set-up for copies, binders etc. She is willing to volunteer her time to set up the program. Participants will be invited and recruited. Mayor Watts has given his full support for this program. It will take eight weeks to get the program organized and ready to go.

Councilmember Olsen asked about the cost of the program and do we have the funding?

Councilmember Pyfer responded there is \$2,500 set aside in the Council's budget. She would like to work with someone to help with the design of the project and compiling the information.

Councilmember Monson stated that students are always looking for ways to be involved in the community. He feels this is a great idea especially for those who are considering running for office. He asked what happens after the first program is completed?

Councilmember Pyfer said she will get it started initially and set the framework and after that the program will run itself. She would like to run classes two or three times per year. She would like to hand pick the first group that goes through and select certain people who can give a critique of the first session.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Monson seconded by Councilmember Olsen to approve and allocate up to \$2,000 for the costs involved in setting up the Citizen Education Program. Motion carried unanimously.

New Council Chair and Vice-Chair for 2010.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Quayle seconded by Councilmember Pyfer to nominate and approve Councilmember Jay Monson as the Council Chair for 2010 and Councilmember Herm Olsen as the Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Schedule. Chairman Swenson announced that regular council meetings would be held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. The next regular council meeting is Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

ACTION ITEM.

PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustment FY 2009-10 appropriating: \$9,860 for Spillman server costs; \$5,000 for the Youth Alcohol Grant – 09-84.

Chairman Swenson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Chairman Swenson closed the public hearing. No comments were made.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Monson, seconded by Councilmember Quayle to approve Res 09-84 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Swenson recognized local Scout Troops that were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

WORKSHOP ITEMS.

Consideration of an ordinance amending Section of the Logan Municipal Code, Section 2.08.040, regarding charges for copies of public records – 09-85 – Kymber Housley.

City Attorney Housley said this proposed ordinance will update our current ordinance and will remove specific fees that are 25 years old. The ordinance is based on the fees approved by a proposed resolution that will be presented next on the agenda. This will be done annually with the budget and will be consistent with Utah State law.

This will come back as an Action Item at the January 5, 2010 Council meeting.

Consideration of a resolution approving a fee schedule for copies of documents and other media for the City of Logan – 09-86 – Kymber Housley.

This will come back as an Action Item at the January 5, 2010 Council meeting.

Budget Adjustment FY 2009-10 appropriating: \$12,500 for FY 2009-10 appropriating: \$12,500 for FY10 Youth Alcohol Grant; \$147,448 for a Radio Grant – 09-87 – Richard Anderson.

This will come back as an Action Item at the January 5, 2010 Council meeting.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

Councilmember Monson thanked and commended Laraine Swenson for her service this past year as the Council Chairman.

ADJOURN.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Teresa Harris, City Recorder