

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 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: Mayor Randy Watts, City Attorney Kymber Housley and City Recorder Teresa Harris.

OPENING CEREMONY.

Council Candidate Steven G. Stokes and Logan Scout Troop #314, 12, 5, 77 and 19 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Candidate Tony Wegener gave an opening prayer.

Chairman Swenson recognized several Logan City Scout Troops who were in attendance.

Chairman Swenson welcomed those present. There were approximately 86 citizens in the audience at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the Council meeting from October 6, 2009 were reviewed and approved with minor changes.

Meeting Agenda. The meeting agenda was approved. Chairman Swenson announced at tonight's meeting there would be two public hearings regarding a budget adjustment and annexation request.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

Citizen Gary Joy addressed the Council. He expressed his appreciation for Mayor Watts, the City Council and City employees.

Regarding park strips, he has a sister that lives in an apartment and the only place she can park is in the street.

Councilmember Swenson stated the policy has not changed and the parking will either be on site or the landlord will have the opportunity to purchase a permit for their tenants.

Mr. Joy also stated there is a problem regarding angled parking between 200 and 300 East on 200 North with vehicles that have extended cabs/truck beds and when these vehicles park, it does not allow for other parking. He would like the Council to consider parallel parking in this area. Also, the parking on 300 East between 100 and 200 North on the East side has been painted red with no parking. Currently, there is parking on both sides of the boulevard and the road is even narrower. He requested that one side of the boulevard also be painted red.

Community Development Director Jay Nielsen addressed the Council and responded that Councilmember Monson brought these same issues to his attention and his department is looking at these concerns. There has been a tolerance of not ticketing in those areas for a long time and this is something that will come back to the Council for their direction. He suggested that Public Works Director Mark Nielsen be contacted with the red curb issues.

Councilmember Olsen stated the boulevard itself is very narrow and he was told that the right of way widths for a federally funded trail had to be a certain width and that is the reason the road is so narrow. The trail is now in place with the road and parking on both sides of the road needs to be addressed.

Public Works Director Mark Nielsen stated on the boulevard there should only be parking on one side of the street. Signage and a red curb will be done immediately.

MAYOR/ STAFF REPORTS.

Ratification of Gary Jensen as the new Logan City Police Chief.

Logan City Police Captain Jeff Curtis addressed the Council. He stated on behalf of the Logan City Police Department, they fully support Chief Gary Jensen as the new police chief.

Mayor Watts asked the Council for ratification of Gary Jensen as the Logan City Police Chief.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Monson, seconded by Councilmember Quayle to approve ratification of Gary Jensen as the Logan City Police Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Olsen stated there were concerns brought to Mayor Watts and the Council. He has discussed the nomination with several people and there were concerns raised due to a lack of information. He feels the right decision has been made and the Council should move forward with ratification of Chief Jensen.

Councilmember Pyfer stated she appreciates the extra two weeks to make sure everyone feels good about this ratification, but this is not a formality and the Council takes this ratification very seriously. What she has found is the comments regarding Chief Jensen have fallen into two categories, one are people who know Chief Jensen well and others are people that don't know Chief Jensen and know him only through the media. She is anxious for Chief Jensen to build his relationship with the media and the press and continue an open dialogue. After consideration of all the input, she feels that we are on the right path and Chief Jensen has a lot to offer Logan City and the police department. She has full confidence in Chief Jensen and feels he will be an asset to this great community and she pledged her support.

Mayor Watts expressed his appreciation to the Council for their due diligence in this process and he is very supportive of Chief Jensen in his new position.

City Recorder Teresa Harris gave Chief Gary Jensen the oath of office and he was sworn into office as the Chief of Police for Logan City.

Chief Jensen expressed his thanks and excitement to serve as Chief of Police. He looks forward to the future of the police department and his complete dedication to Logan City. He looks forward to increasing the professionalism at the police department and he has full respect for the Council in their position. He looks forward to learn about the politics and the media of the community and looks forward to his career with Logan City.

Chairman Swenson stated that Chief Jensen has the full support of the Council, the administration and staff and they look forward to his service.

Parks and Recreation Department Accreditation Award.

Parks and Recreation Director Russ Akina addressed the Council and announced that after four years of hard work, the Parks and Recreation Department received National accreditation on October 13, 2009. Several staff members including Mayor Watts and Councilmember Monson traveled to Salt Lake City for the accreditation ceremony. He expressed appreciation to his staff for their work in receiving this award. They will need to complete an annual report to maintain the accreditation and he mentioned that Logan City is one City of eighty-eight in the United States to receive this award and the first and only in the State of Utah.

Mr. Akina recognized his Administrative Assistant Launa Murdoch who over the past four years organized and helped with the process of the accreditation.

Councilmember Monson thanked Russ Akina for his leadership and he feels Logan City has the best parks and recreation system in the United States.

COUNCIL BUSINESS.

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, November 3, 2009.

ACTION ITEMS.

Consideration of a proposed resolution of the Logan Municipal Council's consent to the Annexation by North Logan of Land near Logan-Cache Airport – 09-75.

Chairman Swenson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

North Logan City Recorder Scott Bennett addressed the Council and stated that he is here tonight to answer any questions the Council might have. He stated this parcel of land is currently surrounded by North Logan and they would like to annex this property and receive the tax revenue. A portion of this parcel is within 5,000 feet of the airport and that is the reason for coming to the Logan City Council for approval.

Councilmember Quayle stated it would be his hope that in the future if there are boundary issues that Logan City might bring to North Logan that there would be some reciprocation if needed.

Chairman Swenson closed the public hearing.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Pyfer, seconded by Councilmember Monson to approve Res 09-75 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustment FY 2009-10 appropriating \$4,200 for the zoo support grant; \$13,000 for steam boilers at the Recreation Center; \$42,000 to upgrade the 911 server room fire suppression system; \$34,195 for 911 software expenses; \$7,868 for the Library lender support grant; \$350,000 for the purchase of land at 303 North Main Street – 09-77.

Chairman Swenson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Chairman Swenson closed the public hearing.

City Attorney Kymber Housley gave a historical background on the property purchase of 303 North Main Street. With the exchange of the Municipool Logan City received an option to purchase the property at 303 North Main Street for \$400,000 or the appraised value which ever was higher. In negotiations with the property owner Lowell Huber, he agreed to take the \$400,000 without an appraisal and he also requested to purchase 3 acres of wetland property by the landfill in an unincorporated area of Cache County with no utilities. The property was sold at market value so the purchase price is \$400,000 minus the \$22,800 for the property at 1900 West. Additional terms require Mr. Huber to clean up the outdoor storage area by Café Sabor within two years. The intent is in the future to sell the 303 North Main property to a developer.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Pyfer, seconded by Councilmember Quayle to approve Res 09-77 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP ITEM.

Budget Adjustment FY 2009-10 appropriating: \$2,487 for the Youth City Council – 09-79 – Richard Anderson.

Finance Director Richard Anderson addressed the Council and explained the proposed budget resolution.

This will be an Action Item at the November 3, 2009 council meeting.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

Councilmember Monson stated that the Youth City Council is disappointed they cannot hold their meetings in the City Hall Council Chambers. The Youth City Council currently meets at the Recreation Center.

Mayor Watts explained the reasons for the Youth City Council not being able to meet in the City Hall Council Chambers because the building is locked at 5:00 p.m. and also because the heating and cooling system changes in the evening hours. There is also a concern about the security of the building after 5:00 p.m. He will consider this request and will respond back to Councilmember Monson.

ADJOURN TO MEETING OF LOGAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

ACTION ITEM.

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget Adjustment FY 2009-10 appropriating: \$50,000 for the purchase of land at 303 North Main Street – 09-78 RDA.

Chairman Swenson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Chairman Swenson closed the public hearing

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Quayle seconded by Councilmember Pyfer to approve Res. 09-78 RDA as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Teresa Harris, City Recorder