

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 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.

Logan Troop #319 from the Lundstrom 2nd Ward and Troop #379 did a flag ceremony and reading of the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Candidate Holly Daines gave an opening thought.

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 September 15, 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 one public hearing regarding a budget adjustment.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

Citizen Keith Meikel addressed the Council. Mr. Meikel represents the Logan, Hyde Park and Smithfield Canal Company. He is also here in behalf of his father John Meikel who is the President of the Logan and Northern Canal Company.

Mr. Meikel publicly thanked Logan City and the administration for their help with the Canyon Road landslide. The Canal Company realized very quickly this would not be an easy fix and Logan City was there to help from day one. Help was also given with Logan City allowing a pipe to go through Lundstrom Park.

Councilmember Olsen asked if an analysis has been done to see if there is something the Canal Company recommends that Logan City enact to assist them in their operation, inspection and delivery of water.

Mr. Meikel responded they will be doing a large construction project and would ask that Logan City assist when doing this construction which will cross City property. Due to the failure of the canal, federal engineers have a plan to resolve the problem. No water will ever go in the Canyon Road canal again and they will continue to work with the public works department. This will be the largest water project that Northern Utah has seen in 20-30 years. It will benefit Logan City, all of the municipalities to the North and for the future of the entire valley. Their hope is it will provide secondary water for the citizens and take pressure of the culinary water system.

Councilmember Monson asked about the pipe in the Lundstrom Park area and asked how long it will be there.

Public Works Director Mark Nielsen responded the pipe will be there next summer and in service, the road will open this winter.

MAYOR/ STAFF REPORTS.

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

Mayor Watts announced that the ratification of Police Chief Gary Jensen will be postponed at this time.

Chief Jensen addressed the Council; he would like absolute confidence in his new position as the Police Chief of Logan City and feels that postponing the ratification at this time is appropriate until all questions have been answered.

Mayor Watts recognized Chief Jensen's family who are attending tonight's meeting.

Holly Dyer and Emily Jones from the Youth City Council gave an update on their recent activities.

Holly and Emily reported on their recent activities. They helped with a lemonade booth at the Cache County Fair. They entered a mural in the Fair and received a blue ribbon. They have been invited by CAPSA to help with their events. The theme this year is "The Leaders of Tomorrow serving Today".

Amy Nielson and Arissa gave an update on CAPSA's Youth City Council's activities.

Amy and Arissa reported on CAPSA's events. They do a lot of fund raising regarding rape prevention and education in the school systems. All of the proceeds from these events go to CAPSA. They also reached out to other high schools to help them, the majority coming from Logan High School. They currently have 30 members participating in the CAPSA Youth City Council.

Councilmember Jay Monson introduced and read a Proclamation regarding National Arts and Humanities Month.

***PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH
OCTOBER 2009***

Whereas, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades;

Whereas, a tradition of arts and humanities has thrived in Cache Valley since early settlement in the early 1860's and has contributed to the quality of life and culture in the valley;

Whereas, many individuals travel to Cache Valley to attend performing arts events, bringing valuable tourism dollars and impacting the area's regional and national reputation by sharing the nature of their experiences,

Whereas, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of individuals, families, and our communities through accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination;

Whereas, education and participation in arts and humanities leads to overall improved literacy, academic performance, social development, problem-solving, and skills for workplace success;

Whereas, the nonprofit arts industry in Cache Valley strengthens the local economy by generating an estimate of \$14,400,000 in total economic activity annually, by supporting the full-time equivalent of an estimated 420 jobs, and by providing about \$622,000 to local governments as a result of the expenditures made by Cache Valley arts organizations and audiences;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Randy Watts, do hereby proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities Month in Logan City, Utah and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our community and nation and to specifically encourage greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns, cities, and schools.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Logan, Utah to be affixed this sixth day of October, 2009.

Councilmember Monson recognized and thanked those in the audience from the art community.

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, October 20, 2009.

Chairman Swenson announced the Envision Cache Valley Meeting that will be held on October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Logan Tabernacle. Governor Gary Herbert will be the guest speaker; the public is invited to attend.

ACTION ITEM.

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget Adjustment FY 2009-10 appropriating: \$75 for Boulevard Lighting Project; \$14,000 for new EMPG grant – 09-74.

Chairman Swenson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Council Candidate Steven G. Stokes addressed the council and asked for clarification on the EMPG grant and what it stands for.

Chairman Swenson responded this is an Emergency Management Performance Grant and is for the fire department.

Chairman Swenson closed the public hearing.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Olsen, seconded by Councilmember Monson to approve Res 09-74 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP ITEMS.

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

Mr. Housley stated the proposed resolution is a technicality because the property is located within 5,000 feet of a runway and requires council approval by resolution. Community Development Director Jay Nielson and Airport Manager Rich Steimeier recommend approval

Councilmember Olsen stated he attended the Logan Cache Airport meeting this morning and the airport masterplan has been completed. He requested that the masterplan be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

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 – Richard Anderson.

Richard Anderson explained the proposed budget adjustments. The Downtown Redevelopment Agency will give \$50,000 towards the land purchase, working toward the goals of the RDA.

Parks and Recreation Director Russ Akina stated the \$13,000 for the steam boiler is shared with the Logan School District and Mr. Akina has met with them regarding this fund.

Mr. Anderson explained the \$42,000 is fund reserve in the 911 Dispatch account and is equipment specific to 911 Dispatch.

Chairman Swenson requested when presenting a fund reserve to put if it is coming from a restricted, specialized fund or from the general fund.

Mr. Anderson responded that he will add this information to future verbiage on the agenda.

This will be an Action Item at the October 20, 2009 council meeting.

Consideration of a resolution adopting the City of Logan Transportation Master Plan – 09-76 – Mark Nielsen.

Public Works Director Mark Nielsen addressed the council and introduced Grey Turner from Wilbur Smith Associates. He stated that Mr. Turner will mainly focus on functional classifications which are what impacts Logan with the masterplan.

Mr. Turner addressed the Council and gave a broad overview stating that in the transportation plan, he looked at all transportation related issues and how they relate and interact together. He summarized a series of ideas and recommendation and at the very end of the document it lists the cost of each project which are prioritized. He addressed roadway classifications listing the primary arterials and collectors.

Chairman Swenson asked about the difference of a major arterial and a minor arterial.

Mr. Turner stated the minor arterial roads have two travel lanes with a median and a shoulder and the major arterials is an additional lane. The 10th West road will remain the same and is not in UDOT's plan to function as a major arterial only as a bypass road. He stated the biggest problem in Logan is Main Street and trying to capture the traffic before it reaches Main Street, where vehicles then travel east or west. He suggested extending traffic and taking traffic through Main Street to the West side.

Councilmember Olsen stated that Center Street is in the historic district and he asked about the notion of moving traffic to 100 North.

Mr. Turner stated as part of the study, they were not able to get traffic counts on every movement. They tried to formulate a plan that would be consistent throughout Logan City.

Chairman Swenson said if one way couplets are implemented first this could change the flow from Main Street to the West side.

Mr. Turner responded that yes, this would be a big benefit which is called "origin destination" and this would be a great source of information but is something he doesn't have at this time. He said there are several schools in Logan City that have been built in the wrong place in regard to traffic. There also concerns with historic districts.

Councilmember Monson mentioned Woodruff Elementary and the change that was made in this area that helped with traffic and children traveling to and from school.

Mr. Turner said regarding couplet options, if he could propose anything for Logan it would be Option E which would be a 100 West to 200 West connections could work in conjunction with a connection from Main to 100 West allowing both of these two way streets north of 900 North to transition into the Main-100 West couplet. This would make it easier for west-side trips to reach the core without using Main Street. He stated the traffic counts on Main Street are comparable to Bangerter Highway in Salt Lake City with high traffic loads.

Mr. Turner said that public workshops have been held and a public opinion survey was sent out and they received over 1,000 responses. The comments received from the resident feedback was used toward the goals for the transportation plan. A big issue in Logan are the discontinuous sidewalks. They looked at the routes to the different schools and looked at improving those routes for children walking to and from school.

Mr. Turner said that a study for destination origination can be easily done.

Mr. Nielsen stated before adoption of the transportation plan, the Council will still need to address Center Street and other roads.

Councilmember Pyfer would also like to talk about options for 400 North.

Mr. Nielsen suggested doing a five year projection and further studies will require changes to be made. The 400 North road will remain in the five year plan.

Mr. Turner stated that several public open houses were held and this information was also posted on the Logan City website.

Councilmember Monson suggested the five year plan should be prepared and sent back out for public comment.

Chairman Swenson said this is a process that has gone on for several years and she feels the Council should adopt at some point and additional updates can be made. This will always be a work in progress and it has already been five years since discussion began.

Councilmember Monson said he was not aware that Center Street was a major through road and he feels the public will want to give their input and be involved as much as possible.

Chairman Swenson said the transportation information has been on the City website for a year now and again this will always be a work in progress.

Mr. Nielsen feels that a short term plan should go out to the public for now and it should be reviewed every year and make changes as it goes along. He will complete a draft of a five year plan and will then take it to the public. He will also complete a Center Street traffic study and the couplet issue will also be addressed.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

No other considerations were addressed.

ADJOURN TO MEETING OF LOGAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

ACTION ITEM.

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget Adjustment FY 2009-10 appropriating: \$100,000 for infrastructure on 1200 West – 09-73 RDA.

Chairman Swenson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Chairman Swenson closed the public hearing

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Olsen seconded by Councilmember Monson to approve Res. 09-73 RDA as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP ITEM.

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

Richard Anderson explained this proposed budget adjustment.

This will be an Action Item at the October 20, 2009 council meeting.

ADJOURN.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Teresa Harris, City Recorder