

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Logan Municipal Council Chambers, 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah. Vice-Chairman Herm Olsen conducting.

Council members present: Vice Chairman Herm Olsen, Holly H. Daines, Dean W. Quayle and Laraine Swenson. Administration present: Senior City Attorney Lee Edwards, Mayor Randy Watts and City Recorder Teresa Harris. By Phone Chairman Jay A. Monson. Excused: City Attorney Kymber Housley.

OPENING CEREMONY. Assistant Fire Chief Will Lusk gave the opening prayer and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Olsen recognized a Logan Scout Troop from the Central Stake who were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Vice Chairman Olsen welcomed those present. There were approximately 13 citizens in the audience at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the Council meeting from January 5, 2010 were reviewed and approved with minor changes. Vice Chairman Olsen polled the Council with regard to the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dean W. Quayle, voted yes

Laraine Swenson, voted yes

Herm Olsen, voted yes

Holly H. Daines, voted yes

Jay A. Monson, voted yes

Meeting Agenda. The meeting agenda was approved. Vice Chairman Olsen announced at tonight's meeting there would be two public hearings regarding a proposed resolution approving changes in the Parks reservation fees, an increase in the power golf carts at the Logan River Golf Course and a proposed budget resolution.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

No questions or comments for the Mayor or Council.

MAYOR/ STAFF REPORTS.

Board Appointments – Mayor Randy Watts

Mayor Watts asked the Council for ratification of Allison Hale to the Planning Commission which is a four year term and Dave Johnson to the Board of Adjustment which is a five year term.

Mayor Watts introduced Dave Johnson who was in attendance at tonight's meeting.

ACTION. Motion to approve ratification of Allison Hale and Dave Johnson. Vice Chairman Olsen polled the Council with regard to the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dean W. Quayle, voted yes
Laraine Swenson, voted yes
Herm Olsen, voted yes
Holly H. Daines, voted yes
Jay A. Monson, voted yes

Mayor Watts stated the Forestry Board is in need of three board appointments and asked the Council for any suggestions of names that would be willing to serve on this and other boards in the City.

COUNCIL BUSINESS.

Meeting Schedule. Vice Chairman Olsen 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, February 2, 2010.

ACTION ITEMS.

Consideration of an ordinance amending Title 10 of the Logan Municipal Code Deleting the Time Frame allowed for Removing a Vehicle Immobilization Device – 10-01.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Quayle, seconded by Councilmember Daines to approve Res 10-01 as presented. Vice Chairman Olsen polled the Council with regard to the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dean W. Quayle, voted yes
Laraine Swenson, voted yes
Herm Olsen, voted yes
Holly H. Daines, voted yes
Jay A. Monson, voted yes

PUBLIC HEARING – Consideration of a resolution approving changes in the Parks reservation fees and an increase in the power golf carts at the Logan River Golf Course – 10-02.

Vice Chairman Olsen opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Citizen Steve Stokes addressed the Council and asked if the Council would be willing to waive some of the fees when Scout groups or youth groups such as the Boys and Girls Club are participating in events throughout the City.

Vice Chairman Olsen said this is something that can be considered and he asked Parks & Recreation Director Russ Akina to look at the possibility of waiving some of the fees.

Vice Chairman Olsen closed the public hearing.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Swenson, seconded by Councilmember Daines to approve Res 10-02 as presented. Vice Chairman Olsen polled the Council with regard to the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dean W. Quayle, voted yes
Laraine Swenson, voted yes
Herm Olsen, voted yes
Holly H. Daines, voted yes
Jay A. Monson, voted yes

Consideration of a resolution approving the 2009 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan: Bear River Region, Utah as required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 2000 – 10-03.

Councilmember Swenson asked if Logan City is obligated in any way financially or any other way by participating in the Disaster Plan.

Assistant Chief Lusk responded that Logan City is not obligated to carry out the project but to identify projects where we can apply for federal monies which are not in our mitigation plan. In no means are we required to carry out any of the strategies listed in the plan.

Councilmember Daines said she was very impressed with the amount of work that went into completing the Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Councilmember Quayle said there are a lot of things that have been completed in Logan City that were not listed in the Mitigation Plan and they should be.

Assistant Chief Lusk read several other accomplishments that have completed such as being a storm ready community and improved infrastructure of our GIS database system. He stated that Logan City is eligible for funding on the Canyon Road landslide mitigation. We are not the property owner but we can work as a partner with the canal companies and the State of Utah on applying for funding. Logan City did not qualify for federal funding on the landslide because this was not declared a disaster by the State of Utah or the United States government.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Quayle, seconded by Councilmember Daines to approve Res 10-03 as presented. Vice Chairman Olsen polled the Council with regard to the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dean W. Quayle, voted yes
Laraine Swenson, voted yes
Herm Olsen, voted yes
Holly H. Daines, voted yes
Jay A. Monson, voted yes

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget Adjustment FY 2009-10 appropriating: \$4,185 for the Purchase of Defibrillators \$6,000 for Crash Training at Airport; \$539,000 for Class C Road Projects – 10-04.

Vice Chairman Olsen opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Vice Chairman Olsen closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Swenson asked why the Parks & Recreation Department received a donation for defibrillators.

Parks & Recreation Director Russ Akina responded that a request was made to acquire defibrillators to place in locations where we do business with the public. In the past they have unfortunately had the experience of needing defibrillators because people have gone into cardiac arrest. The intent was to request funding through Logan Regional Hospital and funding was granted to place devices at the Recreation Center, Logan River Golf Course Pro Shop and the Aquatic Center. Staff will be trained on how to use the defibrillators for the purpose of helping to save lives.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Daines, seconded by Councilmember Quayle to approve Res 10-04 as presented. Vice Chairman Olsen polled the Council with regard to the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dean W. Quayle, voted yes

Laraine Swenson, voted yes

Herm Olsen, voted yes

Holly H. Daines, voted yes

Jay A. Monson, voted yes

Consideration of a resolution authorizing Logan City, Cache County and the State of Utah to borrow funds from the Utah Drinking Water Board and to execute a promissory note in the face amount of \$1,425,000 (subject to debt forgiveness of \$700,000) in connection with Logan City's acquisition and installation of a micro turbine power generator to be used with Logan City's drinking water system – 10-05 – Jeff White.

Light & Power Director Jeff White stated this resolution is the Dewitt Springs project. He compared costs to other renewable resources such as solar which is equivalent to 750 kilowatts in energy of what solar panels would produce. That amount would cost four million dollars or more. Also, when comparing our renewable incentive and to get the incentive we pay on panels would be about t 1.5 million dollars. The cost is very competitive at 1.4 million dollars and \$725,000 would be our cap. In comparing renewable resources, he feels this is good idea.

Finance Director Richard Anderson said the loan on this will be paid off as soon as the grant is accepted. It will come back to the Council with a budgetary resolution for the \$725,000 that would be paid back in late spring or early summer. He does not want to be indebted to the State of Utah and the loan will be paid backed immediately. The money would come from reserves from the Light and Power Department. Approximately \$200,000 has already been expended and the remaining balance to be approved will be approximately \$500,000 and will reduce fund balance.

Vice-Chairman Olsen asked if the micro turbine generator is the optimal size for the Dewitt Springs project and can we use a larger generator.

Mr. White responded the generator and the turbine have to be sized for the project and the amount of pressure and flow rate. He will be putting in the largest turbine possible. This generator will work for the future and the generator has enough capacity to handle a larger load.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Swenson, seconded by Councilmember Quayle to approve Res 10-05 as presented. Vice Chairman Olsen polled the Council with regard to the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dean W. Quayle, voted yes

Laraine Swenson, voted yes

Herm Olsen, voted yes

Holly H. Daines, voted yes

Jay A. Monson, voted yes

WORKSHOP ITEMS.

Budget Adjustment FY 2009-10 appropriating - \$76,932 for State of Utah Liquor Law money; \$800 for RDA professional development; \$2,000 RDA economic summit; \$52,520 Bridgerland Literacy program – 10-06 – Richard Anderson.

Finance Director Richard Anderson explained the \$76,932 is a grant and is for liquor law money for police officers to perform alcohol shifts looking for drunk drivers and other abuses of alcohol.

The \$800 is for training that we have requested and received in the Economic Development Department. The \$2,000 is for marketing for an Economic Development summit that will be held later this year.

We budget out of Logan City monies \$25,000 for Bridgerland Literacy which is our subsidization of this program. The rest of the program is funded through donations and fundraising. The \$52,520 is to fund the remaining fiscal year. Bridgerland Literacy is not a Logan City function and is heavily subsidized. They serve all of Cache County but their offices are within the Logan City Library building. The \$52,520 is donations that Bridgerland Literacy has received from prior years and it has been set aside. There is a concern about how much money Bridgerland Literacy will have in the future and depending on their donations this year he anticipates they will have to reduce their services in the future.

Mr. Anderson further explained that funding will not come from the Library fund without first coming to Council for approval. Bridgerland Literacy might have to make a choice to cut services or try and raise more money. Cache County does not provide any funding assistance for the Bridgerland Literacy program. Occasionally they have received funding from CDBG grants for various activities.

Councilmember Daines asked for the percentage of Logan City and Cache County residents that are participating in the Literacy program.

Mr. Anderson stated this information can be provided by Bridgerland Literacy through Library Director Ronald Jenkins. The Council should be aware of the future plans for the

Literacy program and how they intend to fund their program. If funding does not come in they should be prepared to cut services. The \$25,000 we subsidize is strictly operational monies and does not cover their portion of the building they occupy or any overhead. The only thing the \$25,000 covers is the cost of providing computer resource as well as subsidizing salaries and supplies. The money comes from the Library and not the general fund.

Councilmember Swenson asked for the total costs of Bridgerland Literacy.

Mr. Anderson will get more information from Library Director Ronald Jenkins for the next Council meeting.

This will be an Action Item at the next Council meeting to be held on February 2, 2010.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

Vice Chairman Olsen stated that in the past few weeks, residents of Logan and Cache County may have noticed the inversion that has settled into the valley. He would like to remind the citizens of Logan City and Cache County that Logan City does have an anti-idling ordinance that provides that it is illegal to idle your vehicle for more than three minutes while that vehicle is stationary. Violations of this ordinance occur all day, everyday in all areas of the City. The most important time we should not idle is during the inversion times when the temperature is cold. The ordinance does provide that if the temperature is above 34 degrees then you cannot idle and if below 35 degrees then the law allows the idling.

Senior Attorney Edwards clarified this is only allowed if the vehicle is attended and cannot idle at any time if the vehicle is unattended.

Vice Chairman Olsen asked that everyone be cognizant and cautious and aware of the problems we create for ourselves, our children and our health when we are not careful about idling and generating additional pollution into our inversion situations.

Councilmember Daines asked if there has ever been any effort with the downtown association to talk with businesses that have drive through areas and to encourage people and to voluntarily close drive through windows during red air days.

Community Development Director Jay Nielson said in the past there was a voluntary request to close drive through windows. He said there isn't anything in the Land Development Code and nothing has been proposed to disallow drive through windows. It is not uncommon in other communities to have a prohibition of drive through's on a permanent basis.

Vice Chairman Olsen said the bottom line is that we have an inversion problem and there isn't a simple solution and it might just be that changes are made family to family and things will get worse as the population and vehicles increase.

Mayor Watts stated that Dr. Ed Redd from the Bear River Health Department recently spoke about the inversion problem. Dr. Redd stated the importance of emission testing.

He stated that Cache Valley has a 300-400 foot ceiling that traps the bad air. Dr. Redd agrees that the problem is the amount of vehicles coming in, the population increasing and the other contributing factors of our area.

Councilmember Swenson said it will likely be part of the plan that Cache County will be required to participate in emission testing in the future.

Vice Chairman Olsen stated that Dr. Redd said the cost of doing emission testing is very costly and it's the older vehicles and farm equipment that cause problems. Newer vehicles do not have as many problems. Dr. Redd said the peculiarity of our area makes the problem worse.

Councilmember Quayle reminded everyone that we should also consider agriculture in our area.

Mayor Watts stated that between the radio and the newspaper we need to get information out about the inversion and let people know whether we are having a red or yellow air day.

Councilmember Swenson said that people in Cache Valley tend to drive their cars longer and there are a lot of older vehicles being driven and people will continue to drive these older vehicles.

Councilmember Daines said we could move forward and address this issue in the City of Logan Transportation Master Plan and look at the potential traffic growth that is coming and do things that might impact air quality. She asked does it make sense to move ahead and make recommendations for the Transportation Master Plan and prioritize funding. She would like to have a workshop to review in detail the Master Plan.

Public Works Director Mark Nielsen said the Transportation master Plan has been used to plan for capital projects in the upcoming fiscal budget year.

Community Development Director Jay Nielson said the Downtown Master Plan includes a transportation component. He feels we should not delay adoption of the Transportation Master Plan by waiting for the Downtown Master Plan to be adopted.

Public Works Director Mark Nielsen responded that the Transportation Master Plan will need Council approval and he is working now to get input from neighborhoods and how it will them in the next 5-10 years. Once he has this information, he will come to the Council for approval of the Master Plan. He stated he would be willing to have a Council workshop to address and answer questions about the Master Plan. The Council is also welcome to attend any of the neighborhood meetings when the Master Plan is discussed.

Councilmember Swenson said we can go ahead and approve the Transportation Master Plan and it gives something to work from and we can make changes as we go along. She feels it has been very carefully prepared and everything has been covered. She feels the Council should approve the Master Plan and let changes come later if needed.

Vice Chairman Olsen also stated that a Logan citizen talked with him regarding the Merlin Olsen skating rink and said what a great job the parks department is doing with the rink and the public really appreciates the efforts of the parks department in maintaining the rink.

ADJOURN.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Teresa Harris, City Recorder