

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Logan City Hall Conference Room, 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah. Chairman Herm Olsen conducting.

Council members present: Chairman Herm Olsen, Vice Chairman Dean Quayle, Laraine Swenson and Jay Monson. Administration present: Mayor Randy Watts, City Attorney Kymber Housley and City Recorder Teresa Harris. Holly H. Daines participated in the meeting electronically.

Chairman Olsen welcomed two Logan City Scout Troops who were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

OPENING CEREMONY.

Councilmember Laraine Swenson gave the opening prayer and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Olsen welcomed those present. There were approximately 54 citizens in the audience at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the Council meeting from April 5, 2011 were reviewed and approved.

Meeting Agenda. The meeting agenda was approved. Chairman Olsen announced at tonight's meeting there would be one public hearing.

Meeting Schedule. 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, May 3, 2011.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

No comments for the Mayor or Council.

MAYOR/ STAFF REPORTS.

Merit Award from the American Society of Landscape Architects – Russ Holley.

Logan City Senior Planner Russ Holley stated that he serves on the Utah Chapter of the America Society of Landscape Architects and this year they received 15 projects ranging from local, statewide and internationally. He said that 7 out of the 15 projects received an award and the Logan City Justice Building expansion received an outstanding achievement award. He congratulated all those involved in this project and presented Mayor Watts with a Merit Award.

Public Works Director Mark Nielsen presented the LEED Silver status award for the Justice Building.

Brent Davies from Architectural Nexus congratulated the City of Logan for their efforts in receiving this award.

Mayor Watts thanked Councilmember Swenson for her vision in raising the Justice Building to a higher level so it could be recognized and receive the LEED Silver status. This is the first building in Cache Valley that has received this award.

Board Appointment – Mayor Randy Watts.

Mayor Watts asked the Council for ratification of Beth Saul to serve on the Neighborhood Council in the Ellis District. This appointment is a three year term.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Swenson seconded by Councilmember Monson to ratify the board appointment of Beth Saul to the Ellis Neighborhood Council as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Laraine Swenson, voted yes

Dean W. Quayle, voted yes

Jay A. Monson, voted yes

Herm Olsen, voted yes

Holly H. Daines, voted yes

Youth City Council Update.

Stefanie Hawkes and Neil Montero addressed the Council and gave an update from the Youth City Council. During the month of March they did the *Books for Hope* with Utah State University. They collected and organized over 6,000 books and distributed them between the different learning centers in Logan. They also attended USU leadership activities for three days and listened to motivational speakers. During the month of April they will be working with the Head Start Program to help children read.

Earthquake Preparedness – Steve Krebs, Questar Center Manager.

Questar Representative Steve Krebs addressed the Council and showed how to turn off a gas meter in the event of an earthquake. He also gave safety information about natural gas. To report a natural gas problem call 1-800-541-2824.

Mayor Watts gave an update on the flood situation. He thanked Logan City personnel for continuing to watch and help with flooding. Logan City crews will continue monitoring the rivers in the coming weeks. He also thanked all the volunteers that have helped with sandbagging.

COUNCIL BUSINESS.

No council business to discuss at this time.

ACTION ITEM.

PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustment FY 2010-11 appropriating: \$75,000 for consulting services to determine the Impact on water and sewer infrastructure on the 1000 West project between 200 North and 2500 North, 1000 West project; \$48,000 for the South Corridor Development Plan – Resolution 11-31.

Chairman Olsen opened the meeting to a public hearing.

There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

City Treasurer Tyson Griffin made a change to the budget adjustment for the South Corridor Development Plan from the amount \$36,000 to \$48,000.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Quayle seconded by Councilmember Monson to approve Res. 11-31 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Laraine Swenson, voted yes

Dean W. Quayle, voted yes

Jay A. Monson, voted yes

Herm Olsen, voted yes

Holly H. Daines, voted yes

WORKSHOP ITEMS.

Budget Adjustment FY 2010-11 appropriating: \$3,300 for the Police Department Banquet held in May; \$56,398 for the 911 Phone Maintenance Grant – Resolution 11-33 – Tyson Griffin.

City Treasurer Tyson Griffin addressed the council and explained the proposed budget resolution.

The proposed resolution will come back as a public hearing and action item at the May 3, 2011 Council meeting.

Consideration of an ordinance adopting the Flood Plain Management Plan – Ordinance 11-30 – Bill Young.

Logan City Engineer Bill Young addressed the Council regarding the proposed ordinance adopting the Flood Plain Management Plan. The proposed ordinance commits Logan City to enforce the requirements of the code of federal regulation as it relates to flooding and development. It adopts flood maps and a flood study and designates a flood plain administrator and requires a special permit for any development inside a flood plain. It has specific design standards and designates an appeals process for citizens and identifies penalties for noncompliance. We currently have a code and guidelines in the Land Development Code but the proposed ordinance would address the requirements from FEMA.

Councilmember Swenson asked how much Logan City has spent each year on areas that have flooded.

Mr. Young responded that he is not prepared to answer that question at tonight's meeting, but he will get the information and report back to Councilmember Swenson.

City Attorney Kymber Housley said if there is a flood area this ordinance puts the regulations in place to give us the ability to prohibit building and we can have more restrictions for future building.

Chairman Olsen feels that if an area floods year after year the government has to pay and he feels it's "irritating" that people continue building, get flooded and the request assistance from the government. You cannot predict a tornado but you can predict a river course and he feels Logan City should be very diligent and have restrictions in place or home association fees that people have to pay and those who build in a flood plain area should understand that the general population will not take care of their flooding problems.

Mr. Housley stated that is the goal of the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Swenson said she would also like to know what other communities are doing and how they manage new development in a flood plain. Just because it doesn't flood every year doesn't mean there shouldn't be restrictions and homes should not be built in an area prone to flooding.

Councilmember Monson concurs with Councilmember Swenson and said if he were buying a new home in Logan he would want to know if the home was in a flood plan area.

Mr. Young stated that without this particular ordinance as drafted by FEMA our flood insurance maps are no longer valid and we would have to forfeit our flood insurance as a City. He is currently the Flood Plain Administrator and he will provide the City Council with flood plain maps as soon as the ordinance is adopted. He will put the maps on the Logan City website.

Mr. Housley said that other cities that have flood insurance in place and also have an ordinance similar to what is being proposed.

The proposed ordinance will come back as a public hearing and action item at the May 3, 2011 Council meeting.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

No other considerations at this time.

RECESS TO MEETING OF LOGAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

WORKSHOP ITEM:

Consideration of a resolution approving Agency Assistance for the Bear River Association of Governments' Emergency Home Repair Program – Resolution 11-32 RDA – Kirk Jensen.

Economic Development Director Kirk Jensen addressed the Council. He stated the proposed resolution is a \$20,000 request for the Emergency Home Repair Program, administered by the Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) and sponsored by the City of Logan. The program provides grants up to \$2,000 per eligible Logan City household for minor home repairs, excluding repairs to and replacement of appliances and other unattached personal property, that if neglected pose a potential health and safety threat, such as roof repairs, bathroom repairs, correction of faulty electrical systems individual utility hook up repairs which repairs are made to correct hazardous situations and to keep dwellings in safe, livable condition. The Logan City Redevelopment Agency unanimously recommended to the Council approval of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Swenson said she has concerns of using one-time money for projects that come up over and over. She feels there is a purpose for this money and the request from BRAG is not the purpose.

Mr. Housley stated this money has to be used for affordable housing projects and the money cannot be used for economic development projects.

The proposed resolution will come back as a public hearing and action item at the May 3, 2011 Council meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN.

Teresa Harris, City Recorder