

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 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 and Jay Monson. Administration present: Mayor Randy Watts, City Attorney Kymber Housley and City Recorder Teresa Harris. Excused: Holly H. Daines. Laraine Swenson participating in the meeting electronically.

OPENING CEREMONY.

Chairman Herm Olsen gave the opening thought and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Olsen welcomed those present. There were approximately 43 citizens in the audience at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the Council meeting from March 15, 2011 were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

Meeting Agenda. The meeting agenda was approved. Chairman Olsen announced at tonight's meeting there would be three public hearings. Finance Director Richard Anderson made a change to the budget adjustment-Workshop Item A.

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, April 19, 2011.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

Logan Citizen Doug Stark lives next to Baer Park in Logan and has a concern about the Sunday soccer league games being played at the park and the loud noise from music being played all day. He contacted the police department and was told that the soccer groups had permission to play the loud music at the park on Sunday. He said the league goes all day long and there is a lot of noise for the neighborhood to deal with all day long. He would like to know if the noise can be cut down and the hours of the soccer games be shortened.

Mayor Watts responded that permission was not granted from Logan City to allow the soccer leagues to play loud music on Sunday. A noise variance request has to be submitted to the Mayor to allow this to happen and he has not received such a request.

City Attorney Kymber Housley said the City does prohibit loud, amplified music on Sunday and because this location is owned and rented by the City we can set the terms and can ban the amplified music at this location.

MAYOR/ STAFF REPORTS.

Ratification of the new Logan City Community Development Director.

Mayor Watts asked the Council for ratification of Mike DeSimone to be the Logan City Community Development Director replacing Jay Nielson who retired in January 2011.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Monson seconded by Councilmember Quayle to ratify Logan City Community Development Director Mike DeSimone as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

City Recorder Teresa Harris gave Mike DeSimone the oath of office and he was sworn into office as the Logan City Community Development Director.

Citizens' Academy – Tami Pyfer.

Citizens' Academy organizer Tami Pyfer announced that another session of the Citizens' Academy will begin April 23, 2011 and will go for six weeks. There are currently 21 citizens that will attend. There will be 15 hours of class time with various topics being presented from City personnel which she thanked for helping with the academy.

Councilmember Laraine Swenson joined the meeting at this time via telephone.

Spring Flooding – Brian McInerney, Hydrologist with the National Weather Service.

Brian McInerney, Hydrologist with the National Weather Service gave a presentation on Spring flooding and the flooding potential for Logan City. He said the Logan and Blacksmith Fork Rivers have the highest flooding potential in the State of Utah. He said there is a 90 percent chance the Logan River will exceed flood stage and the Blacksmith Fork River has a 50 percent chance of reaching flood stage. The flood potential is broken down into three areas of autumn rains, snowpack and Spring weather. The heavy snowpack adds to the problem but doesn't always translate into flooding. He said the ranges of possibilities are that we are going to have floods this year. The Logan and Blacksmith Fork waterways both have a combination of very large snowpack, saturated soils and structures close to the riverbanks. Spring weather will determine how large a volume of runoff will come out of the mountains. Mild temperatures and below-average rain and snowfall will ease the threat. If the weather remains cold and wet, the flood threat will remain and increase depending on how cold and wet the weather will be. If the temperatures are mild and we don't have any large rainfall events, the snow melt will slow down and we will avoid flooding.

Logan City Webmaster Mike Christensen reviewed the flood information that is available on the City website at www.loganutah.org. Information posted on the website lists the current snowpack at Tony Grove and the river levels for the Logan and Blacksmith Fork Rivers. The website will also list current information on the Spring floods and contact information.

Councilmember Monson asked if the neighborhoods in the flood areas are getting information and know where to get sandbags if needed.

Public Works Director Mark Nielsen responded that neighborhood representatives have been notified and they are watching the river in their area. The affected neighborhoods are working closely with Logan City personnel on flooding concerns.

Chairman Olsen asked if citizens have been notified about flood insurance and is it too late to purchase flood insurance.

Mr. Nielsen responded if people are not in a flood plain area they are probably not aware of flood insurance. There is a time limit to purchase flood insurance and if outside the flood plain area, the insurance is not very expensive.

COUNCIL BUSINESS.

No council business to discuss at this time.

ACTION ITEMS.

PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustment FY 2010-11 appropriating: \$480,000 for 200 East Project; \$474,000 for the Dewitt Springs Hydroelectric Turbine Project; \$170,000 for property purchase of 11.49 acres located at approximately 200 South 1400 West – Resolution 11-28.

Chairman Olsen opened the meeting to a public hearing.

There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Quayle seconded by Councilmember Monson to approve Res. 11-28 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, absent

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of a proposed resolution approving the CDBG 2011-12 Annual Action Plan Draft Review – Resolution 11-26.

Chairman Olsen opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Kari Shakespeare representing Bridgerland Literacy addressed the Council. She said that Bridgerland Literacy has not been funded through CDBG funding this year and at this time she is asking the Council to reconsider reallocation of funding to Bridgerland Literacy. Bridgerland Literacy was located in the Logan City Library and had to close its doors due to lack of funding, they have since reopened at another location. They are requesting funding in the amount of \$3,000.

Jamie Wardell Chairman of Bridgerland Literacy addressed the Council and said they are helping a lot of people and would like to continue but need assistance. She asked the Council to please reconsider the allocation of funding in the amount of \$3,000.

Councilmember Monson feels that Bridgerland Literacy is a wonderful program and they help a lot of people in the community.

ACTION. Motion by Chairman Olsen to amend Resolution 11-26 allocating \$3,000 from the Logan City Sidewalk Program to Bridgerland Literacy seconded by Councilmember Monson. Motion failed by roll call vote.

Laraine Swenson, voted no

Dean W. Quayle, voted no

Jay A. Monson, voted yes

Herm Olsen, voted yes

Holly H. Daines, absent

Councilmember Swenson said these are all good organizations but she doesn't feel that we have the money and it's not the role of Logan City government to support and keep the nonprofit organizations operating.

Councilmember Quayle concurred with Councilmember Swenson and feels the recommendations from the CDBG Committee should remain.

Chairman Olsen closed the public hearing at this time.

Chairman Olsen feels it's inappropriate to abandon the nonprofits and the City should focus on people rather than using the money for "bricks and mortar" projects. He feels the nonprofits carry an immense load and are doing good things for Logan City and Cache County.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Monson seconded by Councilmember Quayle to approve Res. 11-26 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 no

Holly H. Daines, absent

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of a proposed resolution amending the CDBG 2010-11 Annual Action Plan, specifically per the allocation to the Cache Community Food Pantry – Resolution 11-27.

Chairman Olsen opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Cache Community Food Pantry Director Matt Whitaker thanked the Council for their support and consideration of this allocation.

Chairman Olsen closed the public hearing at this time.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Quayle seconded by Councilmember Monson to approve Res. 11-27 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, absent

Consideration of a proposed agreement between Parowan City, Logan City and Truckee Donner and Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems – Yuqi Zhao.

Light & Power Resource Manager Yuqi Zhao addressed the Council and explained the proposed Assignment and Assumption Agreement between Parowan City, Logan City and Truckee Donner and Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS). Parowan City has informed UAMPS of its desire to withdraw from the Master Firm Power Supply Project effective June 1, 2011. Logan City and Truckee Donner will assume Parowan's entitlement share equally as to its PPM Transaction Schedule in the Master Firm Power Supply Project. Logan City and Truckee Donner acknowledge and agree that they will execute a revised PPM Transaction Schedule to the Master Firm Power Supply Agreement for an additional 27.5 kW of Pleasant Valley wind power prior to May 1, 2011.

The Council approved and agreed to move forward to have Mayor Watts sign the agreement.

Consideration of a resolution approving a recommendation to reapportion the Logan City School Board Voting Districts – Resolution 11-29.

Mr. Zane Woolstenhulme, Business Administrator with the Logan City School District addressed the Council. He explained that the Logan City School District Board of Education met on February 22, 2011 and approved a recommendation to reapportion the board voting districts to better align the voting districts taking into account population, compactness and contiguity. The requirements of this section will be evaluated at least once every 10 years according to Utah State Code.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Monson seconded by Councilmember Quayle to approve Res. 11-29 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, absent

Councilmember Monson said he would like to have a discussion regarding districting of City Council seats. He feels that people from the West area of Logan don't feel they are represented. He feels the school district map is well organized and is something the Council should consider for future elections and there should be a council member representing a certain neighborhood area.

WORKSHOP ITEMS.

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; \$36,000 for the South Corridor Development Plan – Resolution 11-31 – Richard Anderson.

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

The proposed resolution will come back as a public hearing and action item at the April 19, 2011 Council meeting.

Affordable Housing Plan – Glen Goins.

Community Development Planner Glen Goins addressed the Council and said the housing plan is being brought forward for the Council's review. He said Logan City is in compliance with the State requirements and Logan City is holding its own in providing its share of affordable housing.

Councilmember Monson asked if housing is provided for veterans which he feels is needed in our area.

Affordable Housing State Representative Marci Milligan responded that the current Logan Housing Plan doesn't have anything specific to veteran housing but there are other programs people can access that offer veteran housing.

Mayor Watts said the Northwest area of Logan is high density and he feels that Logan has done its share in providing affordable housing. He feels there should be a balance between the City and the County and we should reach out to the County in regards to affordable housing programs.

Councilmember Monson asked about the Habitat for Humanity Program.

Ms. Milligan responded that Habitat for Humanity is listed in the Logan City Affordable Housing Plan. She said that Logan's Housing Plan is the most comprehensive plan in the State and they have included all the best practices. Logan City should be commended for the work they have done on this plan and it will score very high points for being a complete plan.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

ADJOURN.

Teresa Harris, City Recorder