

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, August 2, 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, Holly Daines, Laraine Swenson and Jay Monson. Administration present: Acting Mayor Mark Nielsen, City Attorney Kymber Housley and City Recorder Teresa Harris. Excused Mayor Randy Watts.

### **OPENING CEREMONY.**

Councilmember Holly Daines gave the opening prayer and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Chairman Olsen announced that the Temple Barn Rezone that was noticed for a public hearing tonight has been withdrawn by the proponent.

**Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the Council meeting from July 19, 2011 were reviewed and approved with minor changes.

**Meeting Agenda.** The meeting agenda was approved. Chairman Olsen announced at tonight's meeting there would be two public hearings.

**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, August 23, 2011. There will not be a council meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL.**

Citizen Andrea McCulloch addressed the Council. She is the proponent of the Temple Barn project that was withdrawn as a public hearing tonight. She was advised on the correct way to bring this project forward and the process it needed to go through. Her regret is she really didn't do her homework in how the neighborhood had fought to clean up this area and what they wanted for their neighborhood. She said it was unfortunate that she didn't gather more information and sit down with the Council and explain her project. She said communication in any relationship is important and there needs to be dialogue with everyone talking and involved. She would like the Council to look at ways to create a platform and come together and strive to troubleshoot before questions are asked.

Councilmember Swenson said a good way to do this is to hold a neighborhood meeting before any projects are started and get input from people before a project begins.

Ms. McCulloch said this is only as good as the neighbors that will come to the meeting. She would like to have not only the neighbors involved but also city council involvement.

Chairman Olsen said there has been intensity from the neighborhood on the Temple Barn issue and it has been a very emotional issue. He feels there should be a way to gauge what is going to be an intense neighbor issue that might create dialogue and compromise. Most of the issues that come before Planning and Zoning don't have this kind of response and it's hard for everyone involved to know how the response will be.

Ms. McCulloch said there is potential for other properties similar to the Temple Barn project to come forward and she feels there is a right way and a wrong way to do development. She believes the restriction of neighborhood centers is too black and white and too strong in a lot of areas and it should be on a case by case basis.

Councilmember Monson said there are neighborhood council meetings and the council members are invited to attend which they do. He personally doesn't think the Temple Barn project would have gone through. The neighbors in the Temple Barn area feel this is a historic building and they have very strong feelings of what should happen. He said this is nothing against Ms. McCulloch but the neighbors want to keep this as a historical building.

Ms. McCulloch feels she was heard but doesn't feel she was effective in the forward advanced options.

Councilmember Monson said the opposition wasn't against Ms. McCulloch personally but against the project she was presenting.

Councilmember Quayle feels Ms. McCulloch's interest in this building has put things in motion and something needs to happen with the building and keep it historical.

Ms. McCulloch said her comments are not about her decision to withdraw but to find a way to work together and have more dialogue. She proposed the council look at the scenario of bed and breakfast areas and she asked the Council what the process would be to explore this issue.

City Attorney Kymber Housley stated the code addresses this and it would require a text change and would start with the Community Development Department by completing an application. He doesn't feel that now is the appropriate time to ask the Council their feelings on a text change and suggested that Ms. McCulloch meet with council members individually. It should also be an agenda item so others who are interested can participate.

Chairman Olsen said the Land Development Code is a living, breathing document and changes can be made.

## **MAYOR/ STAFF REPORTS.**

**Presentation: Report from the Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Board – Robert Davies.**

Robert Davies, member of the Renewable Energy and Conservation Advisory Board (RECAB) gave a report of the activities of RECAB. The RECAB began in the Spring of 2007, Logan City's Municipal Council voted to reject further participation in the IPP3 coal power project. This decision came after 13 months of research and consideration, which included workshops on energy efficiency, costing, and environmental impact. The initial proposal from the power board to the city council was to purchase 20 megawatts of power from the IPP3 project (a small fraction, roughly 2% of the project's total proposed capacity). Initial investments in the project had already been made by Logan; the full proposed buy-in was \$42 million. What the council eventually voted on and rejected was the purchase of 10 MW. Projections presented to the Council by Logan City Light and Power suggests this power would be needed by the year 2018 and comprises about 8% of the city's need through 2030.

The Council came to see coal as the fuel of the past, that alternatives were available and it was time to move the city away from a nonrenewable, toxic, 10th Century fuel whose days are numbered, it was and is time to move our community forward.

In the weeks following the IPP3 decision, it was suggested that, since we weren't continuing the route of the past 70 years, we needed to proactively and aggressively seek out new energy sources for Logan's future. The Council agreed with this proposition and the Renewable Energy and Conservation Advisory Board (RECAB) was formed. The RECAB constitutes a group of people educating themselves on new energy technologies, energy efficient and energy conservation. These people come from a broad spectrum of the community and share an interest in Logan's future and moving it forward in a way that will do well by our community, both present and future. In the first year, they spent much of the time educating themselves, and that continues today. Two things happened almost immediately that have been exceptionally helpful. Emily Malik was hired as the city's conservation coordinator and Jeff White was hired as the Director of Logan Light and Power. Neither Emily nor Jeff serves formally on the RECAB, though both have been instrumental in advising and guiding the efforts of the board.

After four years, RECAB is almost half way to find replacement for energy such as wind, solar panels, etc. moving forward the choice is staggering on what we can do with wind and solar. Geothermal is also a strong possibility along with ground source heat. The choice going forward from bio to geo thermal, wind to solar. RECAB is looking at people who want to do this and investigate new possibilities. RECAB meets once a month for 90 minutes and this board gives new direction as they examine new choices and they have a good cross section of what can be done. Prospects moving forward are that prices are dropping for wind and solar.

Mr. Davies stated that Logan City's efforts in the realm of renewable energy places us near the lead in Utah. RECAB is determined to take us forward and to provide for energy security of this and future generations. Based on trends within the renewable energy industry, it is clear that the energy landscape of the year 2030 will be substantially different that it is today. By 2050 it's likely we will be completely transformed, energy is one of the critical issues on our horizon. The further ahead in the game we can be the better. Consequently, RECAB believes it would be of considerable benefit for the

Mayor's Office and the City Council to actively discuss the topic, and actively promote the steps taken to secure affordable, renewable and clean energy. Specifically, RECAB would like to see our public official's promote these investments in our community which are to purchase blocks in the Green Power Program, Purchase shares of the solar project and create awareness of efficiency and conservation programs. He said we are headed in the right direction.

Councilmember Daines announced that RECAB will have a booth at the Cache County Fair and will provide various information to the community.

Councilmember Swenson stated when it was suggested that we buy coal the projections for usage in the City were on a curve that they are not on right now because of conservation. Conserved energy is the least expensive that we buy. We are not at all where we anticipated being with our usage due to conservation efforts.

Councilmember Daines recognized and thanked Emily Malik and Jim Goodwin, Director at the Western Rural Development Center at USU who both serve on RECAB.

Chairman Olsen expressed his thanks to RECAB for all they do in promoting conservation and finding ways to make things better for the community.

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS.**

No council business at this time.

#### **ACTION ITEM.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – Budget Adjustment FY 2011-12 appropriating: \$25,000 for the Youth Alcohol Prevention Grant; \$322,973 for RAPZ 2011; \$91,500 for the 2012 Youth Connections Grant – Resolution 11-57.**

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. 11-57 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **WORKSHOP ITEM.**

**Budget Adjustment FY 2011-12 appropriating: \$11,200 donation for football helmets – Resolution 11-60 – Richard Anderson.**

Finance Director Richard Anderson addressed the Council regarding the proposed budget adjustment which is a private donation for the purpose of the Little League Football Program to purchase football helmets.

This will be an action item at the August 23, 2011 council meeting.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.**

Councilmember Quayle stated the recent activities at the Logan Cache Airport, National Glider Competition and the Osprey have been well attended. The National Champion of the Glider Competition is Tim Taylor from Logan. Both events have been a positive experience for Cache Valley.

## **RECESS TO MEETING OF LOGAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.**

### **ACTION ITEM:**

### **PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of a proposed resolution approving Agency Assistance to the Cache Business Resource Center – Resolution 11-59 RDA.**

Economic Development Director Kirk Jensen introduced Brian Carver-Community & Economic Development Director at BRAG and Cindy Roberts.

Mr. Carver stated the reason they are here today is to request assistance for the Cache Business Resource Center. The Cache Business Resource Center (CBRC) operates as a department of the Bridgerland Applied Technology College (BATC), provides job counseling, training, and technical assistance for local businesses and entrepreneurs since 2007. Since 2009, the CBRC reported providing direct assistance that led to the start up of 116 new businesses, retention of 144 jobs and the creation of 185 new jobs in Cache County, 80% of which were within Logan City. Since 2009, BRAG and BATC have been jointly providing funding assistance to staff and operate the Center. In fiscal year 2011, BRAG contributed over \$39,000 in wages and benefits for staff while BATC contributed \$15,000 towards staff as well as significant in-kind contributions of office and incubator space, business related training courses, and facilities management. Additionally, the Resource Center has recently received a grant of \$20,000 from the State of Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development to augment programs and training services.

Ms. Roberts stated that at this time she does not have a dollar figure of what the Center provides. The Center helps new and existing businesses and they are the first point of contact. Their role is to help with the frustration of starting a new business and also helps with State Resource Centers.

Chairman Olsen opened the meeting to a public hearing.

There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

Councilmember Swenson said her philosophy is and has been for the past eight years to try and extricate Logan from supporting operations of organizations that are not directly affiliated with the City and she will not support the proposed resolution for this reason. The City has a lot of directly related obligations and we need to fund the essentials that we can rather than pay operating expenses to an organization.

**ACTION.** Motion by Councilmember Daines seconded by Councilmember Quayle to approve Res. 11-59 RDA as presented. Motion carried 4-1 (Swenson voted nay).

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

**ADJOURN.**

Teresa Harris, City Recorder