

**MINUTES OF HARRISVILLE CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 28, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.  
363 West Independence Blvd  
Harrisville, UT 84404**

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**Present:** Mayor Michelle Tait, Council Member Clark Beecher, Council Member Gary Robinson, Council Member Ruth Pearce, Council Member Steve Weiss. [Council Member Grover Wilhelmsen is excused.]

**Staff:** Bryan Fife, Recreation Director, Jennie Knight, City Recorder, Rick Hill, Bailiff.

**Visitors:** Trevor Behunin, Jay Behunin, Nathaniel Hansen, Jacob Richey, Weston Hales, Hyrum Hales, Shayne Chambers, Jessica Chambers.

**7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Tait called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors.

**2. Opening Ceremony.**

Council Member Pearce led the pledge of allegiance and conducted the opening ceremony.

**3. Consent Items.**

a. Approve the minutes of July 10, 2018 as presented.

**MOTION: Council Member Weiss motioned to approve the minutes of July 10, 2018 as presented. Council Member Pearce seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.**

**4. Business Items.**

**a. Presentation of Book Exchange Eagle Scout Project**

Trevor Behunin introduced himself and explained his Eagle Scout project and provided pictures; which is a book exchange where people can donate a book and take a book to read. Mayor Tait asked if he will be stocking the books. He responded that he has collected plenty of books and will continue to restock the books, if they run out. He is proposing the east side of the parking lot to locate his book exchange. Council Member Beecher asked if the book exchange will be placed on an elevated stand and if there will be a sign attached. Trevor said he will use two posts as a support and he is working on a sign. Council Member Beecher asked if the front is made of Plexiglas. Trevor confirmed yes. Mayor Tait asked how many hours this project has taken. Trevor's Dad said more than 50 hours of work. Council Member Robinson asked if there is a check out process or a system that takes requests. Trevor said he can consider requests. Council Member Beecher said these are typically successful.

Council Member Pearce suggested Trevor work with Bryan Fife or Sean Lambert regarding the placement of the book exchange. Bryan Fife said the east side of the

parking lot is where they push snow from the parking lot during the winter months. He thought maybe closer to the building might be better. Council Member Weiss suggested maybe the island. Council Member Robinson asked who will be monitoring the books and whether he is sending out flyers to notify people. Trevor said these typically self monitor. Council Member Beecher suggested including an article in the newsletter. Trevor asked if Council would be willing to notify him when the exchange needs to be refilled. Mayor and Council agreed to have Trevor work with Bryan Fife and Sean Lambert for the book exchange location.

#### **b. Heritage Days Follow-Up Discussion**

Bryan Fife said he is looking to get feedback on the Heritage Days celebration from Mayor and Council; things they liked and didn't like and what they would like to add. Council Member Beecher asked about attendance numbers. Bryan Fife admitted the numbers were not as great as we'd hoped. Trevor White, our MC, even commented the numbers were likely down due to the conflict with Plain City and their event with Ryan Shupe and the Rubberband the previous month. Overall the breakfast numbers were up, a few more than last year. Our challenge is drawing people back to the park after the break. We are currently working toward an event that will draw them back. In the past, there was a lot of money spent on advertising. We didn't spend much, if anything, on advertisement. We would like to increase that but hesitate whether this is the best place to put this money.

Council Member Beecher asked about competing events. Bryan Fife said Roy Days has always been a competing event. We decided our event would be focused on supporting our residents. There are plenty of people to support our event. We will focus on what will draw them to our event. Mayor Tait expressed she enjoyed the evening concert and the layout. She would like to see that layout back again. We are currently working on when to have the appropriate break. Mayor and Council discussed the pros and cons of having breaks throughout the day. Jennie Knight explained the evening program ideas for next year's celebration. Bryan Fife explained the proposed free breakfast. Council Members gave feedback regarding their concerns with free events. Jennie Knight explained she has received feedback to include mostly free events. Council Member Pearce suggested including a free breakfast coupon in the newsletter to residents. Those without a coupon can pay the regular fee. Council Member Weiss suggested including more kids friendly activities.

Council Member Weiss suggested buying the griddles and grill rather than paying to rent them each year. He also suggested they could be rented out with bowery reservations. Council Member Weiss also commented on the participation of Bingo. Mayor and Council agreed they enjoyed the event and thanked Bryan Fife and Jennie Knight for their efforts.

Council Member Robinson asked if the parts have been received for the splash pad. Bryan Fife explained three parts were ordered but only two of the three worked. They have re-ordered the third part which is the most important piece for things to work independently from staff. The splash pad will close for the season on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. They will then fix the piece when received and winterize the splash pad once

things are functioning properly. Due to the dependency on staff, the splash pad has only been operating during business hours.

Council Member Robinson asked if the park issues have been addressed regarding the moss and weeds. Bryan Fife explained our new employee Robert DeVries has some experience with ponds; he previously worked on the Smith Family Park in Farr West City. There is a granular treatment and a chemical treatment for the pond. They must be careful not to affect the fish. The chemical is very expensive. They do need to go deeper with cleaning the moss. He recognizes this is unfishable currently as they try to figure this out. Bryan Fife said there are varieties of fish that eat the moss. Council Member Robinson said DNR has planted those types of fish in other ponds to help with moss problems. If those types are caught, they must be released. Bryan Fife said when DNR stocked the fish for the fishing tournament; they did mention types of fish that will eat that down.

Bryan Fife said they were completing the pond project with little to no monetary means. They will have to address the costs of treatment in the future. And also the potential of installing rocks on the south side.

#### **5. Public Comments - (3 minute maximum)**

Shane Chambers, 820 West Harrisville Road, said he came today to express his concern with parking issues on West Harrisville Road. The Townhomes on the Ogden side of the road have a red painted curb which creates a problem with people parking permanently in front of their house. They have witnessed three accidents so far. The "jog" in the road does not make sense to him. The housing needs somewhere to park but they are creating problems on the north side. They would like to keep the parking on their side but things need to change. These vehicles were parked over the winter months when the winter parking ordinance was in place. They showed pictures where cars are blocking their garbage pickup and also mail delivery. Neighbors have also experience blocked driveways by semi trucks along with other similar issues.

Nathaniel Hansen said there is increased traffic in front of the townhouses. He would like to have someone address the issue with turn lanes.

Mayor Tait said she will have staff look into this issue. She recommended these residents call the non emergency dispatch number to report cars that are not abiding by the parking regulations.

#### **6. Mayor/Council Follow-Up:**

Council Member Weiss reminded Council they are holding a staff barbeque on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Mayor and Council discussed who will be available to attend this end of year picnic for city staff.

Mayor Tait reminded Council of training sponsored by the Utah League of Cities and Towns from September 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **7. Closed Executive Session:** Utah State Code §52-4-205(1)(a): The Council may consider a motion to enter into Closed Executive Session for the purpose of

discussion of character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individual(s).

**MOTION: Council Member Pearce motioned to close the public meeting and enter into a Closed Executive Session. Council Member Beecher seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.**

<b>Council Member Weiss</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Beecher</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Pearce</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Robinson</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 4-0.**

Mayor and Council convened into a Closed Executive Session.

**MOTION: Council Member Weiss motioned to close the Closed Executive Session and re-enter the public meeting. Council Member Pearce seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.**

<b>Council Member Weiss</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Beecher</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Pearce</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Robinson</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 4-0.**

**8. Adjourn.**

Mayor Tait declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

**ATTEST:**

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**MICHELLE TAIT**  
Mayor

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**JENNIE KNIGHT**  
City Recorder  
Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018