

**MINUTES OF HARRISVILLE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 9, 2019
363 West Independence Blvd
Harrisville, UT 84404**

Present: Mayor Michelle Tait, Council Member Grover Wilhelmsen, Council Member Gary Robinson, Council Member Ruth Pearce, Council Member Clark Beecher, Council Member Steve Weiss.

Staff: Bill Morris, City Administrator, Jennie Knight, City Recorder,

Visitors: Blake Leonelli, Nathan & Rosemarie Averill, Jacob Schlegel, Austin Moffitt, Kevin Shakespeare.

6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Mayor and Council Members participated in a tour of the Weber County Animal Shelter located at 1373 Fairgrounds Drive, Ogden UT 84404.

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 Weiss led the pledge of allegiance and conducted the opening ceremony.

3. Consent Items.

- a. Approve the minutes of June 25, 2019 as presented.

MOTION: Council Member Weiss motioned to approve the minutes of June 25, 2019 as presented. Council Member Pearce seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

4. Business Items.

a. Waste Management Presentation on Recyclables

Blake Leonelli introduced himself to Council and thanked them for the opportunity to present. He is over all public entity accounts and encouraged Council to have a conversation or discussion on recyclable materials. He reviewed the diversion report for 2018; 10% diversion was processed as recyclables, which constitutes 245 tons that were recycled and diverted from waste facilities.

Past history of recycling included capturing items and increase participation which made the stream less desirable. They are now trying to educate the acceptable materials to eliminate the amount of waste being included in recyclable materials. Recyclable materials include clean cardboard, paper, plastic bottles, and metal containers. Plastic

bags gum up the system creating a very labor intensive process. Historically China was taking the bulk of recyclable materials but this has changed and now cities are taking a hard look at recycling programs. Local services have hired more people to sort and clean up the material. There has been an increase in domestic buyer and paper mills and additional avenues for local opportunities. Quality of the recyclable materials impacts the price as well. They educate through social media and other resources to encourage people to recycle often. Additionally bad information is circulating as well. They suggest when in doubt, throw it out; as well as getting back to the basics of recycling.

Council Member Beecher asked if stickers could be added to the recycling containers outlining the acceptable materials. Outreach programs have been explored and cities can work together with Waste Management to help educate through social media, bill inserts, or even tagging contaminated material with cards. He encouraged Council to consider what the best approach would be for our city. Landfills will always have a need, but recycling is very important. They also have a national ad campaign to help educate. Recycle often, recycle right is their campaign, rorr.com. He can also email myth buster information to Council to help distribute accurate information.

Council Member Weiss asked about the Deseret News article that stated recycling companies are just dumping the waste into landfills. Blake Leonelli responded he can only address how Waste Management processes recyclables. He confirmed some materials that are too far contaminated are eventually sent to landfills; but the materials that do get processed have avenues and outlets. Sometimes the commodity does not have value and they must dispose of the material. They work directly with Recycled Earth in Ogden.

Council Member Robinson asked what the saturation level is of paper or card board. Blake Leonelli responded what is not damaged beyond what is usable. Food is an absolute contamination; for example, pizza boxes. The goal is to get the cleanest materials. Council Member Robinson asked about steel cans. Blake Leonelli asked for individuals to make their best effort to clean those cans before recycling.

Mayor Tait asked if material is contaminated by being dumped into the same truck. Blake Leonelli explained this is not ideal but for the most part does not contaminate the other materials. Mayor Tait asked for specifics on plastic bags. Mr. Leonelli said no plastic bags should be put into recycle containers; whether bags themselves, or used to collect multiple recyclables. They unfortunately cause too much effort with the machinery; ultimately slowing down the system.

Council Member Weiss asked if they could attend Heritage Days and have an area displaying items that can be recycled. Mr. Leonelli stated he cannot promise to attend this year with such short notice but could consider future attendance options. Council Member Weiss asked for educational material that could be distributed. Mr. Leonelli said he could provide what is available. He would be interested in a community outreach with enough advance notice. Council Member Wilhelmsen asked if these notices could be uploaded to the website. Staff will follow up with the website.

Mr. Leonelli said he cannot speak for other waste companies but Waste Management is the largest recycler in the United States and they would like to avoid items taking the long way around to the landfill at all costs. His recycling message is changing back to how we used to recycle.

b. Discussion/possible action to approve 2019 Polling Location and Poll Workers for 2019 Municipal Primary and General Elections.

Jennie Knight explained the 2019 Polling Locations and Poll Workers must be approved by Council before the primary election on August 13, 2019. Because the election is held vote by mail, registered voters are allowed to drop off their ballot or cast their vote in person at any vote center throughout Weber County.

MOTION: Council Member Pearce motioned to approve the 2019 Polling Location and Poll Workers for 2019 Municipal Primary and General Elections. Council Member Wilhelmsen seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

5. Public Comments - (3 minute maximum)

No public comments were offered.

6. Mayor/Council Follow-Up:

Council Member Weiss said he has been approached by numerous neighbors who are concerned about the fire hazard at the Ben Lomond Golf Course. Bill Morris said Planning Commission will be reviewing a new Mixed Use Ordinance in August which will then be sent on for Council approval after. Additionally the Annexation Policy is complete and ready to be presented to Planning Commission. Mayor Tait said there is a farmer bailing the grass. Council Member Weiss asked if they can turn the water back on. Bill Morris said that is up to the owners of the golf course. Consideration will need to be made during development to protect the downstream water users who are affected. Council Member Robinson asked about liability if this causes an issue. Bill Morris said home owners insurance covers these items and holds the responsible party accountable.

Council Member Robinson asked if there would be an increase in the Waste Management rate. Bill Morris said he does not a proposal at this time, but this will be reviewed if there is not enough to cover the costs. We try to buffer the costs to cover inflation.

Council Member Robinson said in his opinion the park fencing project has not gone well. There was miscommunication between the contractor and Bryan on the mow strip. He has talked to other fence providers and discovered the above ground mow strips are common. His concern is with this blocking water drainage. He said this is not the best workmanship. Bill Morris said he will pass on the information to staff.

Council Member Beecher asked about the splash pad. Staff does not have an update on the part that was ordered.

Council Member Pearce said she is concerned about the neighbor building across the street from her. They are installing a gate on the fence between commercial and residential. Bill Morris said staff will follow up on that.

Jennie Knight asked any members of Council who are available to help with the Rise N Shine breakfast or cover an hour of Bingo. Council Member Weiss asked if donations for the animal shelter could be included and advertised at Heritage Days.

7. Adjourn.

Mayor Tait declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

MICHELLE TAIT
Mayor

JENNIE KNIGHT
City Recorder
Approved this 27th day of August, 2019