

MINUTES OF HARRISVILLE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 22, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
363 West Independence Blvd
Harrisville, Utah 84404

Present: Mayor Richard Hendrix, Council Member Bruce Richins, Council Member Paula Knighton, Council Member Michelle Tait. [Council Member Wilhelmsen and Council Member Allen are both excused.]

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

Visitors: Ruth Pearce, Jeff Pearce, Penny Hanzlik, Shaylie Bott, Dale Hanzlik, Dave Bott, Josh Knight, AJ Morgan, Tiffany Parslow, Don Knighton, Jenn Jensen, Braden Hansen, Jaycob Nelson, Davin Blades, Michael Stahle.

7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Hendrix called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. He excused Council Member Wilhelmsen and Council Member Allen.

2. Opening Ceremony.

Council Member Richins led the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Hendrix conducted the opening ceremony.

3. Consent Items.

- a. Approve the minutes of September 24, 2013 as presented.
- b. Review the September 2013 check register.

MOTION: Council Member Knighton motioned to approve the minutes of September 24, 2013 as presented. Council Member Richins seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

4. Business Items.

a. Moderate Income Housing Report

Bill Morris said the Moderate Income Housing Report will be updated to show today as the approved date. He explained this report is required for the city to be eligible for CDBG grant money. He informed Council the state statute designates this report must be updated every two years. HUD specifies the income for people in metropolitan areas must include affordable housing. Harrisville City is classified as located in the Ogden/Clearfield area. The median income is \$70,000 per year. This is based on the number of houses and their value. Harrisville City has about 1800 housing units. 1700 of these are within the moderate income range. We have very affordable housing in Harrisville. There were 37 built since the 2010 census report. These statistics show we are well within the guidelines; showing the city has taken the appropriate actions to preserve current policies that are not limiting progress of moderate income housing developments. Reporting will provide all Harrisville's information to other interested cities when it's submitted to the state. The collaborating documents include the Census data, the number of building permits issued, and the home mortgage data.

Council Member Knighton pointed out a discrepancy in the total area included in both the Moderate Income Housing Report and the Capital Investments Plan. The Capital Investments Plan has 2.7 square miles vs. 3.0 square miles listed in the Moderate Income Housing Plan. Bill Morris explained there has been some annexation since the previous Capital Investments Plan. He said the figure in the Moderate Income Housing Plan is more accurate and he will update the Capital Investments Plan to reflect the correct number. He recommended approval with these changes. Council Member Richins asked when this plan was last updated. Bill Morris responded in 2010.

MOTION: Council Member Tait motioned to approve the 2013 Moderate Income Housing Plan with the proposed changes. Council Member Richins seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

b. Discussion/possible action on adopting the Capital Investments Plan for 2013-14. Bill Morris explained the Capital Investments Plan is for all intents and purposes the city wish list. Once approved, the plan is submitted to the Wasatch Regional Council to apply for CDBG grants. One of the items listed is to bring the entrance of the city office building into ADA compliance. His hope is that the city will receive a grant to pay for this improvement. A few clerical errors such as typos included in the vision statement under leadership, the square miles of the city boundary, the word conscious was changed to conscience were corrected. Council Member Knighton said she would send a few suggestions to reword some of the sentences.

Bill Morris said the parking lot west of the park was the completion of phase 3 of the Park Renovation Project. The overlay of 1100 North has been completed as well as the slurry seal. The slurry seal will be a recurring project. Phase 4 of the Park Renovation Project is the paving of the parking lot on Hwy 89 north of Ben Lomond Animal Hospital where the old houses that were demolished used to be. This may or may not be done. Other items on a 5-10 year plan are the reconfiguring of Franklin Circle trails, golf and recreation items. A new pathway plan is to be adopted. The Storm drain item should be \$4 million not \$8 million. Appendix B has this listed as \$4 million. Council Member Knighton asked for clarification that \$4 million is the correct and planned number. Bill Morris confirmed this is correct based on a study conducted in 2001. It could be less than that. Another 5-10 year project is the widening of Larsen Lane from Hwy 89 through Washington Blvd. The projected cost is \$3 million for this project. Bill Morris requested approval of this plan to allow for the appropriate public hearing processes to be met. The projected cost of Main Park Renovation Project Phase 4 was updated to \$200,000.

MOTION: Council Member Richins motioned to approve the Capital Investment Plan for 2013-14 including the changes discussed. Council Member Tait seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

c. Play Unplugged Discussion
Council Member Richins gave a brief overview of the Play Unplugged Program he was introduced to at the Utah League of Cities and Towns training in September. This program is designed to encourage kids to choose activities that promote being active rather than playing video games or other electronic devices. Started in Heber City, this program is paid for by the local businesses that participate. The program drives up business by attracting people and encouraging students to turn off electronics and go do something. The kids in turn earn a brag tag by participating in some kind of activity. Council Member Richins passed out an example of the brag tags that are collected. Some of the success has been driven by peer

pressure to obtain the most tags in a certain time frame. He reported some statistics of how inactive lifestyles have affected the youth and exposed young people to elicit information. He suggested possibly recruiting other neighboring cities to join in the efforts to create a program like this one. The individuals credited for the program are willing to come present a 30 minute presentation on how the program works. The businesses are the ones that sponsor and promote this. They provide the tags. The businesses do not necessarily have to be an activity. They can simply sponsor an activity and provide the tags when the kids participate. The cost to the businesses is about \$1 per tag. The age targeted by this program is kindergarten through 9th grade. Council Member Richins encouraged the other Council Members to view the website and give their opinion.

Council Member Knighton agreed she would like to look into this program. She suggested trying to get residents involved. Mayor and Council agreed holding a work session and inviting other neighboring cities to attend might be a good way to start. They gave discussion on when to setup a meeting and decided to check with other cities to see what kind of interest develops before scheduling the presentation. Combining with others cities could help defray any associated costs. Mayor Hendrix pointed out if the businesses are the ones supporting this program the start up costs should be minimal. Mayor and Council agreed to send out the information to other cities and check to see what kind of interest might develop.

- d. Discussion/possible action to approve Harrisville City Resolution 2013-11, a resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, increasing the rates for sewer services; and providing an effective date.

Bill Morris reminded Council the 2013-14 budget included a proposed increase to the sewer rate by \$1 per ERU. Council Member Richins asked if this is a graduated increase, and when the last increase was implemented. Mayor Hendrix said the last increase was implemented last year. Each city handles the sewer increases differently, and sewer rates vary between cities. This money helps build up the sewer maintenance fund in case of necessary repairs and allow for future planning. There is a minimum fee the sewer district assesses and then a percentage is collected by the city for the sewer fund for maintenance and future planning. Mayor Hendrix informed Council that Public Works Director Gene Bingham is able to view ¼ of the city's sewer system each year to watch for areas that may need to be addressed. Every 4 years the entire sewer system is reviewed.

MOTION: Council Member Tait motioned to approved Harrisville City Resolution 2013-11, a resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, increasing the rates for sewer services, and providing an effective date. Council Member Knighton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

**Council Member Richins Yes
Council Member Tait Yes
Council Member Knighton Yes**

Motion passed 3-0.

Council Member Wilhelmsen and Council Member Allen were excused.

- e. Discussion/possible action to approve Harrisville City Resolution 2013-12, a resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, imposing the rates for sports fees; and providing an effective date.

Bill Morris pointed out this resolution is not increasing the sports fee but bringing the policy up to date with procedure. City administration and staff decided to include the cost of jerseys for basketball and a shirt and hat for baseball in the sports fee. This will just bring the policy into

compliance with current practices. The \$35 sports fee includes the jersey or shirt and hat. Previously residents were required to purchase these at an additional \$15. The recreation director has been working towards maintaining the jerseys so they can be reused. Mayor and Council discussed current sports fee practices include the option for online payments that has already been implemented. A few clerical issues were address such as the wordage was changed in the title to reflect the imposed sports fees instead of increasing sports fees. The rate increase was changed to fees.

MOTION: Council Member Knighton motioned to approve Harrisville City Resolution 2013-12, a resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, imposing the rates for sports fees; and providing an effective date including the changes. Council Member Tait seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Council Member Richins Yes
Council Member Knighton Yes
Council Member Tait Yes

Motion passed 3-0.

Council Member Wilhelmsen and Council Member Allen were excused.

5. Public Comments.

Jennifer Jensen – expressed her concern about the recreation fees, she suggested Council not increase the rates. She said last year a third grade baseball team could not be filled. She said Majestic Elementary is a large school. She asked if staff could give a flyer to each child in the school. She recognized the flyers are sent to both elementary schools, but hoped having one sent home with every child might help get more kids involved.

Her second concern is with 2550 North regarding the changed bus schedule with Weber County School District. The kids are walking in front of the cabin house to the east of the school on 2550 North. She said she heard they are considering putting an asphalt walk way through this area. She is worried about kids walking down the road. She suggested having a safety crossing guard until the paving takes place. She encouraged Council to at least discuss this.

Mayor Hendrix said all three cities have met to discuss this issue recently on more than one occasion. Harrisville staff has made some suggestions to Pleasant View as to how to address this. Ultimately the decision is up to Pleasant View as they own the road. Council Member Tait suggested the PTA be contacted to help address this issue. Mayor Hendrix admitted this has been a difficult situation to address. He gave a brief history of when the Wildflower development continued the end result connected the roads and opened up a walkway for all of these homes that are now within the 1.5 mile distance for walking. Bill Morris said the school district can vary their standards, but they are not choosing this option. Mayor and Council suggested the PTA contact the school district to express their concerns.

6. Mayor/Council Follow-Up.

a. Youth City Council.

Mayor Hendrix pointed out the two people currently overseeing the Youth City Council are now both running for Mayor. He informed Council that Council Member Tait has agreed to assume the leadership role with the Youth City Council. Council Member Richins agreed to meet and introduce Council Member Tait to the kids who are involved. Council Member Knighton pointed out the Youth City Council participants are excited about the prospect of holding fund raisers and having more activities.

Council Member Knighton said the local LDS emergency preparedness leaders will be holding a meeting at the cabin on October 24th. Lieutenant Keith Wheelwright will be in attendance to see what direction this will take.

Council Member Richins said he was contacted by Chad Titensor who is handling the city facebook page. He requested the page be included in the newsletter for advertisement. He encouraged Council and residents to promote the page to help spread the word. Mayor and Council gave discussion about how to spread the word with this new informational option. Chad Titensor has spent a few hours at a time updating the page. This is a great communication tool for city needs.

Bill Morris said he recently met with the Utah League of Cities and Towns on the cloud technology. This new technology is being delayed just a bit. They are currently moving towards a portal system.

He also met with them regarding a possible partnership with our website provider to offer online municipal codification.

He recently met with Governor Herbert to accept the business friendly award for Marriott-Slaterville and would like to repeat that award in Harrisville.

Bill Morris said staff has recently addressed some complaints about political and campaign signs. He admitted he was being lenient with campaign signs due to the 1st amendment rights that protect them. There is case law that supports campaign signs, and makes enforcement of campaign ordinances virtually impossible with the free speech rights. After receiving these complaints a letter will be sent to all candidates encouraging compliance with the current campaign sign ordinance.

In addition Ken Martin will be notifying businesses of any violations to the temporary sign ordinance to bring them into compliance. He explained that Ken Martin does this from time to time even though code enforcement is based on a complaint basis.

7. Adjourn.

Mayor Hendrix motioned to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

RICHARD HENDRIX
Mayor

JENNIE KNIGHT
City Recorder