

MAPLETON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 21, 2009

PRESIDING AND CONDUCTING: Mayor Laurel Brady
Council Members: Ben Christensen
Mike Cobia
Michael Nelson
Ann H. Tolley
Brian Wall

Also Present: Gary Calder- Public Works/Engineering Department
Cory Branch- Community Development Director
Robert Bradshaw- City Administrator
Dean Pettersson- Police Chief arrived at 8:00 pm

Minutes Recorded by: Camille Brown- City Recorder

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Brady called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. John Higgins gave the invocation and Stephanie Olsen led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM: No comments were made

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of City Council meeting minutes- January 7, 2009.

Motion: Cl. Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2009 City Council meeting

Second: Clw. Tolley seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed 5:0

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Public Safety Building

Cl. Cobia stated that he has been discussing with the Mayor and Bob over the past few months about moving forward with the Public Safety Building and the City Administrator has more information from the architect with what we can accomplish. Cl. Cobia said he would like to go forward with a bid to see how far they could get with the money that is available. He said there is a concern about doing it with this method, but it may be possible to build the building in phases. He also stated that this project should be put out to bid. Bob Bradshaw, the city administrator reiterated that by state law the project would have to go out to bid. The Mayor stated that the chief has spoken to a source where a grant may be available and will be applied for to build the structure. She also said that the old fire station was built out of donated labor and supplies and perhaps by doling that again we would be able to afford to build more of the building. She said it may be feasible to build the garage portion at the minimum.

The Mayor recognized members of the Fire and Ambulance Associations and invited them to speak on this matter.

Roger Michaels, fire chief, stated that there have been some important points made tonight and the fire station is 50 years old. He does not feel that the old fire station can be saved, he doesn't think the old building is attractive enough to keep it.

Grace Nay stated that she wanted to thank the council for their interest. The working conditions that the Fire and Ambulance work in are not adequate and would invite you to come and see what they have to work with. She stated that she has seen some plans, and many other plans, but nothing is ever followed through on. She expressed a preference to get the whole building done right even if it means waiting a bit longer.

Josh Diamond stated that he appreciates the fact that someone is going to move on this. This is the third go around that the Public Safety Department has been told that they are going to have a building built. He suggested that if a building is going to be built, that it should be built right the first time. He said that is you build just a shell you are going to do the fire department a disservice.

John Higgins state that it would be appreciated if the city would get with the Fire Chief and the Ambulance director prior to plans being complete and that the architect meets with them. There are certain items that we have now in the ambulance bays that would be a necessity in the new building.

Bob Bradshaw, the City Administrator stated that if the city decided to build the whole structure the total cost would be \$1.7 million dollars, the city could apply for a bond through Zions Bank and pay down this bond at about \$100,000 a year from the general fund. He is not advocating this, but this is one option. The Mayor talked with the Police Chief today and with the proposed federal stimulus package, that would specifically address public safety facilities. It may be difficult for us to qualify for this, but on possibility would be an addition onto the garage for an Emergency Operations Center, we could also have some office space as well, if we just built the garage.

This item will await the details from the architect at the next city council meeting.

The Mayor thanked all those volunteers that were in attendance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2. Shad Tree Commission – nomination to fill vacancy of chairman

Bob Bradshaw, the City Administrator introduced the item by stating that Orpha Dee Johnson has expressed interest that she would no longer be able to act as chairman for this board. Cl. Christensen recommended that Hal Black should be put in as the Chair of the Shade Tree Commission. He also stated that the city should continue to qualify for Tree City USA, promote planting of trees and see if there is anything else that the Shade Tree Committee would like to take on, which might include beautification and other kinds of things and report back to the council.

Motion: Cl. Christensen moved to appoint Hal Black as the Chairman to the Shade Tree Commission

Second: Clw. Tolley seconded the motion

Vote: Passed 5:0

Cl. Christensen Aye

Cl. Cobia Aye

Cl. Nelson Aye

Clw. Tolley Aye

Cl. Wall Aye

3. Planning Commission Membership

The Mayor stated that there are two alternate's whom terms have expired. They are Bill Bleggi and Steve Roden. They have served very diligently and come to all meetings for the last 12 months, but at this time

they have expired and we thank them for their service. The Mayor asked the council to think of recommendations for alternates to Planning Commissions and turn those names in to the Mayor.

4. Federal Stimulus monies

The Federal Stimulus monies will be available and earlier this week we received further clarifications to how the package will operate. The mechanics of it have been a little cloudy. Mayor Ralph Becker coordinated a conference call last week with all Mayor's of various cities in Utah and outlining the proposals for consideration. The Utah League of Cities and Towns have stepped forward and volunteered to collect the information from the cities, and the list of Mapleton's projects was circulated to the council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5. Prohibiting smoking in city parks, recreational areas, cemeteries, public place or public meeting, and near mass gatherings.

Motion: Cl. Cobia moved to remove the item from the agenda because it is redundant and already taken care.

Second: Cl. Christensen seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed 5:0

Cl. Christensen	Aye
Cl. Cobia	Aye
Cl. Nelson	Aye
Clw. Tolley	Aye
Cl. Wall	Aye

6. Outsourcing of Parks Department functions.

Consideration was given to the City Administrator's staff report. He introduced the item by giving a brief history of the department and a progress report of where the staff are at the moment in preparing the preliminary documentation for putting together a detailed specification document to bid out the entire parks and some recreation functions of the department. The City Administrator stated that in preparing this he wanted to provide the council with a snapshot of the volume and complexity of the actual documentation necessary before bids were invited.

Stacey Child, the Park Department Director stated that there are currently 1 ½ employees in the Parks Department. Neil Burt is fulltime and Kris Ollerton is part time working 19 hours.

Cl. Wall stated that four years ago when a BYU feasibility study was done, it was shown at that time that it was not feasible to outsource the parks department and now the city has at least 4 to 5 more parks to maintain.

Cl. Cobia stated that he does believe that there are some areas where there could be some outsource bidding, such as the janitorial area for the restrooms in the park area.

Clw. Tolley stated that it seems like with our own employees there is flexibility and in looking through that list there is variable demand, which it is hard to anticipate from week to week depending on the varied use of the building or the parks, whereas a contractor would do the work on their time, not necessarily when it fits the priorities for the city.

The City Administrator added that Mapleton City has one of the best recreation programs in the County and a lot of citizens from other cities participate in our programs.

The Recreation Director outlined the procedure for completing work orders to deal with complaints.

It was AGREED:

- (i) that no further action be taken in the preparation of contract documents for outsourcing of the Parks functions; and
- (ii) that the Recreation Director would identify any areas of savings that need to be addressed and if any functions, such as custodial duties need to be outsourced she would take this on a case by case basis.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Cory Branch: Mr. Doman has approached him and the expiration for his temporary use permit is approaching for the nursery on 1600 west and he would like to seek the council's views on this. He stated that he told Mr. Doman that he would need to go through the proper channels which would include the planning commission and then to the city council. Cl. Wall stated that if he would like to come in and change the zone to an A2 then it may work.

Impact Fees – Cory stated that he is working with the Home Builders Associations on impact fees which will be coming to the council soon.

Cory stated that with regards to the old C&A building, the owner, Dr. Miner's would like to come in and talk with the council, he is wondering how the council would like to handle this. They stated he would need to be put back on the agenda.

Gary Calder: He commented on Cl. Christensen's request for the Transportation Master plan and stated that it would be complete in 2 months. He has spent a substantial amount of time on the new Gibby plans. He has returned the plans to Dr. Gibby's new architect for changes to be made.

Crowd Canyon line – a construction company has taken the plans for a bid.

Westwood Well is up and running.

Sewer cleaning is starting next week.

Mike Nelson: Library committee is meeting tomorrow at 4:30 pm.

Ann Tolley: Senior Citizen exercise facility downstairs we get certain requests. They have remained to stick by the rules so no exceptions are made. Winter Wonderland Ball is on Saturday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mike Cobia: The neighbors are upset with where the new South Utah Solid Waste Plant is located, this issue could end up in court.

Mayor Brady spoke with Mayor Mangum from Springville and he approached her about possibly entering into an agreement for a joint recreation facility. She stated that the City Administrator will set up a meeting with their Mayor and Recreation Director.

Also, an update was received from the Utah League of Cities and Towns with regards to the bills that will be looked at during the legislative session.

City Administrator suggested that a date be set to have a joint meeting with Planning Commission.

Motion: Cl. Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Cl. Cobia seconded the motion

Vote: Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Camille Brown, City Recorder

APPROVED: February 18, 2009