

MAPLETON CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 21, 2014

PRESIDING AND CONDUCTING: Mayor Brian Wall

Members in Attendance: Ryan Farnworth – Excused at 7:42 pm
Scott Hansen
Jim Lundberg
Mike Nelson
Jonathan Reid

Staff in Attendance: Cory Branch, City Administrator
Gary Calder, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Sean Conroy, Community Development Director
Dean Pettersson, Police Chief/Public Safety Director

Minutes Taken by: Cory Branch

Mayor Wall called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Scott Hansen gave the invocation and Raymond Case led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2014:

Motion: C1 Lundberg moved to approve the January 7, 2014 City Council Minutes.
Second: C1 Nelson seconded the motion.
Vote: Passed 5:0

The Agenda Items were not heard in the same order as shown below:

Item 2. Consideration of a discussion item regarding roads and road infrastructure as it relates to assessment fees and bonding options.

Brian Wall, Mayor, introduced the item to the council. He turned the time over to Corey Norman who is a Mapleton resident and also works as the Deputy Mayor and Public Information Officer for Provo City. Mr. Norman stated that this was an educational outreach for the citizens of Provo, who when they were educated had an eye opening moment when they realized what it really does take to keep roads in good condition. Provo City looked at doing a bond for road maintenance, but if this route is chosen then it takes longer and is more expensive to pay back because interest is added onto this. Other cities were studied and it was Provo's decision not to bond. A video was presented to explain the Utility Transportation Fund. Provo feels they solved problems without having to involve the legislatures. Cl. Nelson inquired how this fee works when new homes are built. Mr. Norman stated that every 5 years an adjustment will be done. Public meetings were held and City Council studied this out and none were opposed. Mr. Norman explained that community outreach will have to be done and the ordinance will specify that this fee will only be used for road maintenance. Mayor Wall stated that this will take time to inform the public and to make sure all is set in place.

Item 3. Consideration of a discussion item regarding Economic Development efforts within the City.

Sean Conroy, Community Development Director, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance. Sean explained that it is important for the city to increase its sales tax base to help with its revenue and help fund increasing operational costs. Many cities in Utah County have adopted a long range Economic Development plan as a way to identify opportunities for improved economic revenues. A benefit of the market research is that many cities are finding that they have more land zoned commercial than the market can bear.

Sean reviewed a table that showed comparisons of various cities in Utah County that share similarities with Mapleton. Staff would recommend a three step concept, determine what the commercial vision is for the city, hire a consultant to prepare a market study and draft an Economic Development Element of the General Plan. The council was in favor of hiring a consultant to conclude what the economic vision is for the city.

Item 4. Consideration of a nomination for the appointment of the Fire Chief.

Dean Pettersson, Police Chief, reviewed the Staff Report for those in attendance. He explained that the Fire Department votes on the Fire Chief after nominations have been brought forward. The Chief would recommend that Ryan Withers be appointed to Fire Chief. Ryan thanked the Council and Mayor and said that he is ready to move forward. The Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation to the Fire Chief and the Department for their hard work in keeping the city safe.

Motion: C1 Nelson moved to approve a resolution appointing Ryan Withers as Fire Chief until January 2016.

Second: C1 Reid seconded the motion.

C1 Reid Aye

C1 Nelson Aye

C1 Hansen Aye

C1Lundberg Aye

C1 Farnworth Aye

Vote: Passed 5:0

Resolution No. 2014-04

Item 5. Consideration of a resolution to authorize the Police Chief to purchase three Ford vehicles for the Police Department.

Dean Pettersson, Police Chief, reviewed the Staff Report for those in attendance. By approving this purchase the city would be saving money to purchase the vehicles versus leasing them. If the economy were to drop the city would still have a lease payment. Mayor Wall stated that a possible shortfall would be made up by the vehicles being surplus. The Chief stated that in discussions with Cory Branch and Debbie Sanchez, the Finance Director, it would be more feasible to get on a 5-7 year plan for future purchasing of police vehicles. Instead of purchasing 2 or 3 vehicles yearly it could be rotated and moved to 1 every other year. C1. Hansen inquired how many vehicles are in service at one time. Chief Pettersson stated that on week days during the day there could be as many as 4 but most times there are just 2. C1. Lundberg inquired about the rational of having 3 F-150s versus just your standard police cruiser. Phil Bringhurst, Police Sergeant, stated that the weather conditions are the main concern. He stated that his vehicle is the Charger. If there is any snow it makes it very difficult for his vehicle to be out patrolling. For instance during the first snow storm this year he had to stay in the station rather than being out, because it would have been more of hazard and he would have most likely got stuck. There is a lot more snow on the east side of Mapleton than on the highway or in Springville. Also, the resale value on the

trucks is much better than those of the traditional police cruiser. Chief Pettersson stated that its most important to make sure our officers get to the call and you will also see that Spanish Fork City has gone to all wheel drive vehicles and have added trucks to their fleet. Cl. Hansen inquired about each of the vehicle replacement funds and asked how the amount that is saved is determined. He is concerned that other vehicles may need to be purchased for other departments other than the Police Department and stated maybe it would be most feasible to purchase 1 instead of 3, whereas Public Works Department has stated that they are in need of a snow plow which could be more expensive. Cl. Lundberg stated that he believes that Mapleton City's public safety and roads are very important, but he believes that if there was just one call that our police could not respond to because of a storm or something, it is unequivocal that the precedence should be set for public safety.

Motion: Cl. Lundberg moved to approve a resolution to authorize the Police Chief to purchase three Ford vehicles for the Police Department.

Second: Cl. Reid seconded the motion.

C1 Nelson Aye

C1 Hansen Nay- Cl. Hansen stated his reasoning for his vote was he believes that 1 vehicle could be purchased rather than 3 due to other expenses coming up.

C1Lundberg Aye

C1 Reid Aye

Vote: Passed 3:1

Resolution No. 2014-05

Item 6. Consideration for the Mayor to sign an inter-local agreement between Mapleton City and the following cities; Elk Ridge, Goshen, Payson, Salem, Santaquin, Springville and Spanish Fork, with regards to chip seal operations.

Gary Calder, Public Works Director/City Engineer, reviewed the Staff Report for those in attendance. Mapleton City has participated in this agreement in the past even though the city has not chip sealed during the last few years. He further stated that the agreement has been updated. The 8 cities work together to save money. He stated that it hasn't been determined if Mapleton City will chip seal this year, but the agreement will be in place shall we decide to do so.

Motion: Cl. Hansen moved to approve the Mayor to sign an inter-local agreement between Mapleton City and the following cities; Elk Ridge, Goshen, Payson, Salem, Santaquin, Springville and Spanish Fork, with regards to chip seal operations

Second: Cl. Reid seconded the motion.

C1 Hansen Aye

C1Lundberg Aye

C1 Reid Aye

C1 Nelson Aye

Vote: Passed 4:0

Item 7. Consideration of a resolution for the reappointment of the City Administrator, Police Chief, City Recorder, Treasurer, and Justice Court Judge.

Brian Wall, Mayor, reviewed the Staff Report for those in attendance.

Motion: Cl. Nelson moved to approve a resolution to reappointment of Cory Branch, City Administrator; Dean Pettersson, Police Chief; Camille Brown, City Recorder; Julie Hancock, Treasurer; and Sherlyn White Fenstermaker, Justice Court Judge.

Second: Cl. Reid seconded the motion.

C1Lundberg Aye
C1 Reid Aye
C1 Nelson Aye
C1 Hansen Aye
Vote: Passed 4:0
Resolution No. 2014-06

Item 8. Consideration of a resolution for the appointment of the Mayor Pro-tem.

Brian Wall, Mayor, explained that this should be voted on by the City Council and the code reads that the Mayor Pro-tem would conduct a meeting when the Mayor is absent or unable to. Cory Branch stated that he reviewed the concept that was brought forward at the last meeting to have this duty rotated between the City Council for a 6 month term. With that concept in mind, he proposed Jonathan Reid from now until June 30, 2014, followed by Scott Hansen, Mike Nelson, and Ryan Farnworth.

Motion: Cl. Lundberg moved to appoint Jonathan Reid as Mayor Pro-tem from January 21, 2014 to June 30, 2014 and the following to supersede him in the proposed order for 6 months at a time: Scott Hansen, Mike Nelson and Ryan Farnworth.

Second: Cl. Nelson seconded the motion.

C1 Reid Aye
C1 Nelson Aye
C1 Hansen Aye
C1Lundberg Aye
Vote: Passed 4:0
Resolution No. 2014-06

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sean Conroy reported that Crown Castle, representing Verizon has contacted the city and is requesting to install a cell tower in the city park. There is currently a tower in the park, but Crown Castle is requesting to construct a structure that is larger than the proposed area currently allows. The existing facility is screened by large mature pine trees and two of these trees would need to be removed in order to allow for the shed. The council would not be in favor of this due to the mature trees and would recommend the company come back with other options.

Chief Pettersson reported that the officers are doing more DUI shifts. He further stated that he is concerned with texting and how dangerous it is. He has had contact with individuals about the speed limit at 2600 South off of Hwy 89. There are conflicting speed limit signs that need to be addressed. Citizens have received citations on the Mapleton side and they are concerned that the signs are not consistent . One direction shows 25 and the other shows 35. Whichever the city wishes to go to, consistency needs to be applied. Mayor Wall stated that the County could be contacted and the 35 MPH speed limit sign could be replaced with a 25MPH or vice versus.

Jonathan Reid inquired about his new assignments. Mayor Wall asked that Camille Brown send out the new assignments and times that the different committees meet.

Mike Nelson stated that he is interested if EBCo has come forward with a concept plan. Cory stated that yes they have reviewed the proposed concept plan and they have issued comments thus the ball is back in EBCO's court. This should come before the City Council in a February meeting.

Scott Hansen stated that everyone has a difference of opinions. He does not believe that anyone has a personal or political agenda, everyone is just trying to do what's best. Everyone has their own strengths and agendas and this is what makes the city council get things accomplished.

Mayor Wall reported that today himself, Cory, Sean and the Chief had a meeting with Division of Natural Resources with regards to migrate deer problem. They said that there are two ways you can deal with the issue. Either have land owner tags or the way that Highland is currently handling it. They have a local archery club issuing the permits and it makes it a little easier for the city. He further explained how Highland is handling the actual killing of the animals and it has worked well because of the professionalism of how the animals are taken. There will have to be some trapping because there are areas in our town that you could not shoot the deer without disturbing the citizens. A new ordinance will have to be put in place for this purpose.

Jim Lundberg gave an overview of the meeting held on January 16th with SUVMWA regarding the groundwater feasibility study. Brian Wall stated that SUVMWA was looking at the property by Hobble Creek as well as the CUP land along Hwy 89. Jim stated that water is going to be an issue for other communities in the near future.

Cory Branch reported that in the February City Council meeting there will be the reopening of the budget. Also, all future projects such as roads, water PI and those type of things will be available for the city council to review and the council will need to look through those and see what needs to be added or taken off from the list.

Cl. Lundberg stated that he has had a few citizens ask about beer sales on Sunday. Sean Conroy reported that at the last council meeting the manager of the Holiday Oil inquired about this. Since then staff has looked at other cities to see what they have done and there will be a public hearing and a proposed ordinance brought before the council in the future.

Motion: Cl. Lundberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 pm.
Second: Cl. Hansen seconded the motion.
Vote: Unanimous

APPROVED: February 4, 2014

Cory Branch, City Administrator