

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 24, 2007 AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 83 WEST MAIN, HYRUM, UTAH.

CONVENED: 6:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor W. Dean Howard

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers Martin L. Felix, Paul C. James, Stephanie Miller, Craig L. Rasmussen and Douglas L. Stipes present.

CALL TO ORDER: There being five members present and five members representing a quorum, Mayor Howard called the meeting to order.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Administrator D. Brent Jensen and City Treasurer Lynn Coulam. Deputy City Recorder Maria Smuin recorded the minutes until 6:45 p.m. when City Recorder Stephanie Fricke arrived.

WELCOME: Mayor Howard welcomed everyone in attendance.

AGENDA ADOPTION: A copy of the notice and agenda for this meeting was FAXED to The Herald Journal, mailed to each member of the governing body, and posted at the Civic Center more than forty-eight hours before meeting time.

AGENDA

8. WORKSHOP:
 - A. 2007-2008 Budget Workshop.

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BUDGET WORKSHOP.

Mayor Howard said the City Council received a copy of the proposed 2007-2008 Operating Budgets on May 3, 2007. City Councilmembers should have had time to carefully review the budget proposals for each department and all utilities.

The proposed General Fund budget reflects an increase of only \$25,100 in expenditures over the 2006-2007 approved budget. This year the Cache County Service Area operated by Logan City will mandate recycling to all residents in the Valley. This should increase solid waste expenditures; however some residents will reduce the size of their garbage cans from 90 gallon to 60 gallon, which will decrease their monthly bill. The total amount of the increase is hard to predict. With the library and museum occupying their new buildings, the budgets of both departments have increased to provide additional personnel and maintenance costs. The contract with the Cache County Sheriff's office has also increased to provide for additional coverage to the residents of Hyrum.

The proposed General Fund revenues include transfers of \$150,000 from the Water Department and \$50,000 from the Electric Department.

The proposed General Fund expenses are estimated at \$2,724,200. Personnel costs continue to be largest expense of the General Fund followed by contract services and operation. Contract Services is made up of law enforcement and solid waste. Capital expenditures this year include: First Responders - \$6,000 to purchase medication bags, disaster trailer supplies, and updating the CPR mannequins; Fire Department - \$15,000 to repair the fire department roof, \$12,000 for a new hose and adapters; Animal Control - \$500 for a stun gun to control vicious animals; Roads - \$112,000 to widen and pipe the "T" intersection at 600 East 300 North and \$169,850 to level and lower the 200 East and 300 East intersections on 300 South; Shop - \$6,000 for a 12,000 pound vehicle lift; Parks - \$2,000 to replace garage door, \$12,000 to grade and seed park area east of Canyon Elementary School, \$3,500 to replace drinking fountain on City Square, \$12,000 to fertilize soccer fields, and \$7,500 for a leaf sweeper to be split between the Park and Electric Department; Library - \$3,000 for additional equipment; Cemetery - \$30,000 to resurface roads, \$10,000 to trim trees, and \$12,000 for sprinkler filters; and Transfer to Capital Projects Fund - \$12,000 towards the construction of the new fire station, \$502,000 transferred from the Hyrum Library and Museum Foundation; and increased the transfers from the Water Department to \$250,000, and Sewer and Electric Departments transfers increased to \$100,000.

Future Capital Improvement projects are: 1) Fire Station - \$1 million; 2) Park Development - \$90,000 an acre - \$3 million; 3) Sewer Drying Beds - \$475,000; 4) Culinary Water Storage Tank - \$1 million; 5) Electric Substation - \$1 million; 6) Transmission Line - \$750,000; 7) Remodel Civic Center - \$100,000; 8) Purchase Hawn's Bar - \$200,000; 9) Hyrum Shop Addition - \$500,000; 10) Enlarge Irrigation Ponds - \$500,000; and 11) Pipe Highline Canal - \$600,000.

Mayor Howard said Jeff McBride has offered to run and operate the Hyrum Museum for \$61,490 plus capital expenses a year. In exchange for the operation and staffing of the museum Hyrum City will pay Jeff \$5,124.16 a month. The contract is in effect for five years and will terminate on June 30, 2012. Jeff will also be responsible for writing grants, display and theme development, artifacts and acquisitions, and promoting the museum.

The City Council agreed to include \$61,490 in the budget to fund a contract with Jeff McBride to operate and staff the Museum.

The City Council discussed whether the City should renew its membership with the Utah League of Cities and Towns. For the past several years the City Council has questioned the benefits of being a member. The Utah League of Cities and Towns directs

the majority of its training and efforts to the cities on the Wasatch Front. City Staff and Elected Officials attend training offered by the Utah League of Cities and Towns several times a year and the difference in registration cost for members and nonmembers would probably pay a large portion of the membership dues. The City Council decided to keep money in the budget for the membership dues and to reevaluate its membership next year.

The City Council agreed to include \$5,000 in the budget to fund upgrades to the City's website.

Last year the City Council agreed to review the Certified Tax Rate every other year. Last year the City Council raised property taxes, so the proposed budget does not include a property tax increase for this year. Hyrum City provides approximately \$1,238.27 worth of General Fund services to each home (not including solid waste collection or utility services). This means that \$1,119.15 of those services must come from sources other than property tax.

The City Council asked for the property tax assessment graph to be included in a future City Newsletter.

AMENDED
07-05-07

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In 2006 Hyrum City purchased water rights from the Cache Valley Ranch Association to allow developers to purchase water from the City to credit towards their water rights. Hyrum City requires 3.0 acre feet of water per acre of ground on all annexations. With water rights becoming less assessable the City wanted to have a source where a landowner annexing property could get water. Upon approval by the City Council the landowner annexing the property can reimburse the City the cost of the water to provide his property with the required amount of water. Upon approval by the City Council the landowner annexing the property can purchase water available from the City, at the fees adopted by the City Council, to provide his property with the required amount of water.

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On December 7, 2006 the City Council made a motion to set the Cache Valley Ranch Association water at \$2,500 per acre foot of water, and to review the fee annually during the budget process. Since December 2006 the cost of water has increased and will most likely continue to increase as the demand for water escalates.

The City Council agreed to charge \$3,500 per acre foot for the Cache Valley Ranch Association Water, and to review the fee next year during the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION

There being no further business before the Council, the

Council Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

W. Dean Howard
Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Fricke
City Recorder

Approved: July 5, 2007
As Amended