

MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2011  
AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 83 WEST MAIN, HYRUM, UTAH.

**CONVENED:** 6:30 p.m.

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor W. Dean Howard

**ROLL CALL:** Councilmembers Martin L. Felix, Paul C. James, Thomas C. LaBau, Craig L. Rasmussen and Stephanie Miller 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 seven citizens. City Recorder Stephanie Fricke recorded the minutes.

**WELCOME:** Mayor Howard welcomed everyone in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Rasmussen led the governing body and the citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Councilmember James

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION** Councilmember LaBau made a motion to approve the minutes of a special meeting held on October 6, 2011 and the minutes of a regular meeting held on October 6, 2011 as written. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and all five councilmembers voted aye.

**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.

**ACTION** Councilmember Felix made a motion to approve the agenda for November 3, 2011 as written. Councilmember Rasmussen seconded the motion and all five councilmembers voted aye.

#### AGENDA

8. SCHEDULED DELEGATIONS:

- A. Chris Haramato, Hyrum State Park Manager - To introduce himself and to report on the Hyrum State Park.
- B. Corey Nielsen and Jared Clawson - To request revision to a previously approved field connection to the pressurized irrigation system.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Acceptance of Silver Willow P.U.D.

- B. Mayor and City Council reports.  
11. ADJOURNMENT

***SCHEDULED DELEGATIONS:***

**CHRIS HARAMATO, HYRUM STATE PARK MANAGER - TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF AND TO REPORT ON THE HYRUM STATE PARK.**

Chris Haramato said he is the new Hyrum State Park Manager. For the past eight years he has been the Assistant State Park Manager at the Antelope State Park in Davis County. The State Legislature directed the Utah State Parks to develop a plan to transfer management of selected state parks to county or local governments and to present the plan to the Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee by October, 2011. In August, the State Park Manager asked Hyrum City if it would be interested in managing the park if the Legislature cuts the State's funding for parks. It was just a preliminary plan and it did not mean that it would happen. Hyrum City wrote a letter to the Utah State Park Director expressing an interest in managing the park based upon the review of financial records and other pertinent information. The Subcommittee is now reviewing all of the plans submitted by each State Park Manager. After the Subcommittee reviews the plans and budgets for each park it will make a recommendation that include reductions of budgets to closures of State Parks. Last year Hyrum State Park's expenses were \$100,000 more than generated revenue. He wants to try to find a way to increase revenue and reduce costs, so the Hyrum State Park is self sufficient and does not need funding from the State. He wants to have a Winter Festival at the Park that includes ice skating, winter volleyball, snowmobile drag races, and private concessions. He has contacted the Cache County Visitors Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce for help with promotion and directing tourists to the park. He is looking at holding Fishing Derby in the spring where he would tag 100 fish with prizes from local businesses. In order for Hyrum State Park to be successful it will take community involvement from the businesses and residents.

Mayor Howard said Hyrum State Park is an asset to the community and he does not want to see it closed. It is important to Hyrum City and its residents and if he needs help promoting events to contact the City Offices.

**COREY NIELSEN AND JARED CLAWSON - TO REQUEST REVISION TO A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FIELD CONNECTION TO THE PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION SYSTEM.**

Jared Clawson said he met with City Administrator D. Brent Jensen to determine an amount the City will charge him and Nielsen to water their fields with the pressurized irrigation system. They will pay \$30 per acre for 113.88 acres for a total of \$3,416 per

year. Seven second-feet normally flows through the O'Berry Canal at peak and he estimates their pumping peak won't exceed three second-feet. This should give the City at least an additional three second-feet of water. They are receiving funds from the NRS for sprinkler pipes and before the NRS approves funding it has to review the rates and water schedule. The NRS rejected their original water schedule (nine days on and nine days off) and will not grant funding for a water schedule less than seven days on and four days off. Currently, they are flood irrigating the fields every 18 days but a sprinkler system will require the fields to be watered more frequently for a lesser amount of time. Thirty percent of their ground is usually planted in grain and they water grain only once or twice a season. They are finished irrigating the other crops by September. He asked the City to approve the proposed water schedule of seven days on and four days off. Hopefully in the next year or so they will convince the other farmers irrigating their fields using the O'Berry Canal to connect to the City's system. If all of the O'Berry Canal users were to switch from flood irrigation to sprinkler systems, the O'Berry Canal could be completely dried out and giving Hyrum City additional amounts of water.

**ACTION**

**Councilmember James made a motion to approve a revision in the water schedule from nine days on/nine days off to seven days on/seven days off for the Nielsen and Clawson farm ground located at approximately 6200 South Highway 165. Councilmember Felix seconded the motion.**

Councilmember James said approval of the new water schedule does not give them permission to water on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Jared Clawson said they will adjust their water schedule to ensure they are not watering on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. In dry years the City can adjust and limit the number of heads they use to irrigate their fields.

Councilmember Rasmussen asked what would the proposed watering schedule of seven days on and four days off do to the existing O'Berry Canal user's schedule. Meters may have to be installed to determine an accurate cost for the amount of water being pumped.

Jared Clawson said the change in water schedule will not affect any of the other water users. They will install meters if the City requires it.

**Councilmember Rasmussen recommended amending the motion to require Clawson and Nielsen to install water meters.**

**Councilmember James and Felix accepted Councilmember Rasmussen's amendment to the motion and all five councilmembers voted aye.**

Jared Clawson said he will have their attorney draft an agreement with the revised water schedule, usage, costs, etc.

Mayor Howard said the agreement may need to be revised after the first year to review meter data, reevaluate costs, and usage.

***OTHER BUSINESS:***

**ACCEPTANCE OF SILVER WILLOW P.U.D.**

Mayor Howard said City Engineer Craig Neeley is recommending final acceptance of Silver Willow P.U.D. with the durability period retroactive to September 15, 2011.

**ACTION** Councilmember Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Silver Willow P.U.D. and for the durability period to be retroactive to September 15, 2011. Councilmember James seconded the motion and all five councilmembers voted aye.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Councilmember James said he is working on the City's website to provide on-line building rentals.

Councilmember Miller said several Youth Council applications were received. The Youth Council Advisors will review the applications, and hold interviews. Hyrum City's Holidays at Hardware Ranch is on Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She is having a difficult time finding volunteers to restore the cabins on Main Street. With construction being slow she could probably find a contractor to restore them at a competitive price and in a timely manner. The City Council agreed and suggested she get a couple of bids.

Mayor Howard said the ribbon cutting ceremony for the water effluent project is Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

**ACTION** There being no further business before the City Council, the Council Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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W. Dean Howard  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Fricke  
City Recorder

Approved: November 17, 2011  
As written