

MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 5, 2012 AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 83 WEST MAIN, HYRUM, UTAH.

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

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor W. Dean Howard

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** City Recorder Stephanie Fricke led the governing body and the citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Councilmember Woolstenhulme

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of June 21, 2012 were approved as written.

**ACTION** Councilmember Felix made a motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2012 as written. Councilmember Rasmussen 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 James made a motion to approve the agenda for July 5, 2012 as written. Councilmember Woolstenhulme seconded the motion and all five councilmembers voted aye.

AGENDA

8. SCHEDULED DELEGATIONS:
  - A. Roma Christiansen - To request City sponsorship for a benefit dance to be held at the Elite Hall.
  - B. Larry Allen - To discuss weedy lots and fire hazards.
9. OTHER BUSINESS:
  - A. Mayor and Council Reports.
10. ADJOURNMENT

***SCHEDULED DELEGATIONS:*****ROMA CHRISTIANSEN - TO REQUEST CITY SPONSORSHIP FOR A BENEFIT DANCE TO BE HELD AT THE ELITE HALL.**

Councilmember Felix said Roma Christiansen was not able to attend tonight's Council Meeting but discussed a benefit dance she wants to hold at the Elite Hall. Deb Reynolds is a teacher at Lincoln Elementary School and her son was recently diagnosed with leukemia. To help with medical costs Roma and others want to host a benefit dance at the Elite Hall in August. She asked if the City would help sponsor the dance by waiving the rental and deposit fees.

Roma Christiansen benefit dance. Felix motion Rasmussen second all aye.

**ACTION** Councilmember Felix made a motion for Hyrum City to help sponsor a benefit dance for Kenton Reynolds at the Elite Hall by waiving the rental and deposit fees. Councilmember Rasmussen seconded the motion and all five councilmembers present voted aye.

**LARRY ALLEN - TO DISCUSS WEEDY LOTS AND FIRE HAZARDS.**

Larry Allen said he lives at 1388 East 50 South and is concerned about fire hazards in this area. For the past four years he has contacted the City about dry weedy lots in his neighborhood. Two years ago, after numerous complaints, the City removed the dry and dead debris from two lots in his neighborhood. He is concerned about the fire danger caused by these weedy lots. He has lived in other communities where the City employed a contractor to clear the fire hazard land. The contractor or city then billed the property owner. If the bill wasn't paid a lien was recorded on the property. The City has an ordinance on weedy lots but does not enforce it. He asked if the City would immediately clear any lots with dried weedy lots. Burned homes are not popular in a community.

Mayor Howard said there are weedy lots in Hyrum and he understands Mr. Allen's concerns. However, it is not an easy process to get a property owner to abate a nuisance or for the City to file a lien. He recommended the neighbors with weedy lots take control of the situation and help clean the lots of dead weeds. He has seen many vacant lots where neighboring property owners dump grass clippings and weeds, which doesn't help the problem.

Councilmember Miller said the majority of the weedy lots in Hyrum are bank owned properties. It is difficult for the City to enforce its nuisance ordinance when a house or lot is being

foreclosed on.

Councilmember Rasmussen said his neighbors have joined together a couple of times to remove debris and weeds from properties in his neighborhood. Working for the common good of the neighborhood brings people together.

Mayor Howard thanked Mr. Allen for bringing his concerns to the City Council.

***OTHER BUSINESS:***

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Councilmember Woolstenhulme said National Night Out Against Crime is Tuesday, August 7, 2011 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on the City Square. He has arranged for several organizations to be in attendance.

Councilmember Miller thanked the City Council and City Staff for their help with the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

**ACTION**            **There being no further business before the City Council, the Council Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

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W. Dean Howard  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Fricke  
City Recorder

Approved: July 19, 2012  
As written