



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 5:30 PM
Court Room/Council Chambers (2nd Floor) and Online

Minutes

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Kirk Hunsaker
Council Member Nick Miller
Council Member Betsy Montoya
Council Member Lynn Mecham
Council Member David Hathaway

ABSENT

Council Member Jennifer Bowman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Jason Bond.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Led by Jason Bond.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion – Representative Doug Welton Regarding Legislative Session

State Representative Doug Welton gave a brief update on the most recent legislative session. Welton was aware of the need for a UDOT update of the Main Street highway interchange and advocated for that and though he feels he helped bump it up the UDOT list it is not funded for this coming year. The billboard bill failed and Representative Welton discussed how he feels the best governments are governed locally and such local issues should stay local.

Welton asked the Council what questions the Santaquin City Council had. Mayor Hunsaker thanked Representative Welton for his desire to be involved with the City Council and asked about the bill on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's). Representative Welton said this bill did pass and takes away authority from the local governments from regulating ADU's.

Council Member Montoya thanked representative Welton for his involvement and asked for his email. Welton gave his email dwelton@le.utah.gov and his number for both the Council and the public.

2. Discussion – Regarding 3-Year Sewer Collection Maintenance Contract

Public Works Director Jason Callaway gave his proposal for a new sewer maintenance contract that includes cleaning, manhole inspections, acoustic assessments, and camera assessments of the sewer system. This would be a \$35,000 increase annually but all of the needed equipment to provide the mentioned services would be upwards of \$450,000 plus the necessary manpower that the city doesn't have at this time. This would not only save money and improve our sewer system but also helps with insurance costs if the cities insurance carrier knows the city is doing all of the mentioned services to the system.

Some updates on Public Works, Cannon Miner and Bryan Mecham have been doing amazing in maintaining buildings, parks, and with the new snack shack project. Callaway asked if the Council had any questions.

Mayor Hunsaker asked how the sewer system was doing as a whole and what issues existed. Callaway said that there was an increase in grease in the system though this could be a combination of restaurants and residential homes. Overall, the cities sewer infrastructure is in good shape.

Council Member Mecham asked what the contract term was and Callaway responded that this was a 3-year contract. Council approved the idea of the contract and that it would be on the Council agenda.

3. Review Upcoming Meeting Items

City Recorder Shirley gave a presentation on the possibility of switching from multi-member districts to single-member districts as this is year after a census it's an opportunity to redistrict that won't be available until the year following the next census in 2031. Shirley discussed the pro's and con's of single-member districts and said there were administrative and policy points to consider. From an administrative perspective it would add a burden to the City Recorder office and from a policy perspective it's really about whether or not the Council feels the city is being properly represented not necessarily how big the city is getting population wise - Orem City for example, is 100,000 plus in population and still has multi-member districts.

The Council decided they did not want to pursue single-member districts.

City Manager Reeves went over the upcoming items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kirk Hunsaker, Mayor



K. Aaron Shirley, City Recorder