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Minutes of the **Regular Session** of the **City Council** held Tuesday, **January 11, 2011**, at 7:05 p.m. at the Lehi City Administration Building, 153 North 100 East, Lehi, Utah.

Members Present: Bert Wilson, Mayor
Kaye Collins, Council Member
James Dixon, Council Member
Steve Holbrook, Council Member
Mark Johnson, Council Member
Johnny Revill, Council Member

Others Present: Jamie Davidson, City Administrator; Ken Rushton, City Attorney; Ron Foggin, Assistant City Administrator; Kim Struthers, Planning Director; Lorin Powell, City Engineer; Jim Hewitson, Public Works Director; Travis Ball, Power Director; Chad Skinner, I.T. Manager; Brenn Bybee, Assistant to the Administrator; Marilyn Banasky, City Recorder; and approximately 51 citizens.

Mayor Wilson welcomed everyone and noted that all Council members were present. Jordan Bersage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. 20 Minute Citizen Input (for public comments on items not listed on the agenda)

Doug Basset, UDOT Region 3 Representative, read a statement regarding increasing the speed limit on a section of Pioneer Crossing from 45 mph to 50 mph. He stated that after the new road between Redwood Road and the American Fork interchange opened, they received feedback that the speed limit was too low from Redwood Road to 2100 West and it was suggested that a traffic study be done. Mr. Basset distributed a handout outlining the results of the study. He reported that the 85% percentile shows that most drivers are traveling between 50 mph to 55 mph and the study supports increasing the speed limit 5 mph in that section. He stated that UDOT agreed with the recommendation and notices were sent to the cities on December 8, 2010, and asked for the cities to respond by December 24, 2010. He stated that they didn't receive any response from Lehi City until last week and that none of the other cities have responded. He reported that their experience shows that people drive the speed they feel most comfortable with and that the driving environment dictates speed and not the number on the speed limit sign. He explained that the speed profile data shows that drivers are already driving over the 45 mph speed limit because they feel comfortable doing so. Mr. Basset stated that there is a concern that raising the speed limit will increase crashes and stated that when historical crash data is analyzed they find that crashes are not a function of speed. He stated that they are aware of frequent enforcement of the 45 mph speed limit by the Lehi City Police Department and feels the key is consistent enforcement of the posted speed limit. He stated that he is aware that there are some issues along the corridor regarding the location of traffic signals and that Center Street doesn't have a traffic signal which causes concern as emergency vehicles need to cross at that intersection.

Mayor Wilson gave Mr. Basset a petition from citizens in that area who are against increasing the speed limit. He stated that they are also concerned that the noise level would increase. Councilor Johnson inquired why the speed limit was originally set at 45 mph. Mr. Basset replied that the road was designed for a speed limit of 45 mph, but that the traffic and safety division has allowed for roads to have higher speed limits if other factors in the study are acceptable. Councilor Johnson inquired as to how much time savings there would be for drivers going 5 mph faster. Mr. Basset replied that he is not sure as the studies don't give them feedback on that. Councilor Johnson reported if they are driving at the posted speed, it would be less than a minute faster and he doesn't know if that is worth the citizen's concerns that have to cross those roads. He stated that he has tried to cross the roads at the unsignalized intersections and feels it is difficult. He feels that the risk is too high. Councilor Collins expressed concerned about the entire thought process of increasing the speed limit because 85% of the people are speeding. She thinks increasing the speed limit would encourage them to go even faster and feels it is a safety concern for Lehi. Councilor Revill reported that he loves the road and drives it every day. He feels those citizens have been sold something that they aren't going to get. He disagrees that if the speed limit is higher that drivers will go the speed they feel comfortable with. He feels they will go faster. He suggested that if the speed limit is increased to 50 mph, he would like to see the same speed profile done in six months to compare data. He stated that if the road was designed for 45 mph, they should leave it at 45 mph. Councilor Holbrook reported that during the public hearing meetings the citizens expressed concerns and were told that the speed of the road was going to be 45 mph. He is 100% opposed to increasing the speed limit as it was promised to those who live there and cross it that it would be 45 mph and he doesn't want to see traffic increased on other roads as they try to get to a signalized intersection.

Kim Beck from the Lehi Fire Department stated that their concern is the three intersections that are not controlled and trying to cross the road with their emergency vehicles.

Sergeant Toby Peterson from the Lehi Police Department stated that since October they have not seen most people abide by the posted 45 mph speed limit. He agrees with the study that the majority of people are driving faster. He reported that since October the Lehi Police Department has issued 408 citations and made 3 DUI arrests on that road. He reported that from October to January there have been 29 traffic accidents, which included 8 with injuries. He expressed concern with the three uncontrolled intersections, especially the one children use to get to and from school. Sergeant Peterson stated that the Lehi Police Department believes that by increasing the speed limit people will drive 10 to 15 mph faster than the posted speed limit. He expressed concern that the increase of speed limit will result in additional traffic accidents.

Mr. Basset proposed increasing the speed limit between Redwood Road and 2300 West so that no cross streets would have the increased speed limit. He stated that another idea would be to increase the speed limit to 50 mph for six months to a year and then do a study to see what the data is. Mayor Wilson stated that they will send a letter to UDOT with their response.

Camille Purchard reported that this road is in her backyard. She stated that she did not sign the petition as she felt that 50 mph would be great, until she heard tonight's discussion. She stated that she usually drives around 50 mph on the road. She stated that the road section that Mr. Basset is talking about for a test section, is the worst as it is curvy and goes over a bridge. She feels it should stay at 45 mph, if it was built for 45 mph. She feels that drivers will get comfortable on the road and will then speed. She stated that the noise is annoying.

3. Presentation by John Roberts

Mayor Wilson reported that this item will be heard after Item 13.

4. a. Hold public hearing on Matt Gneiting's request for approval of a Zone District and Zone District Map Amendment on approximately 3 acres of property located at 400 North 1200 East from a TH-5 (Transitional Holding) zone to an R-3 (High Density Residential) zone.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Matt Gneiting reported that this is a final zoning step to allow him to continue progress on the Assisted Living facility. He stated that he is requesting to change the zone from TH-5 (Transitional Holding) to R-3 (High Density Residential). Councilor Johnson stated that he wants to ensure that the zone change can be tied to the development. Ken Rushton stated that the motion could include that finalization of zoning approval be concurrent with the project. Kim Struthers reported that comment #2 in the staff report suggests that the zone change approval be contingent on an assisted living center project being built on this location. Mr. Rushton also recommended that the zone change be held until the bond is posted. Mr. Gneiting stated that he is fine with holding the zone change until final site plan approval is given and the bond posted.

There were no comments from the public

b. Close public hearing

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

c. Consideration of Ordinance #01-2011 approving a Zone District and Zone District Map Amendment on approximately 3 acres of property located at 400 North 1200 East from a TH-5 (Transitional Holding) zone to an R-3 (High Density Residential) zone.

Motion: Councilor Dixon moved to approve Ordinance #01-2011 approving a zone district designation amendment and zoning district map amendment for Matt Gneiting with the contingency that the zone change becomes effective after the project is approved and the bond has been posted, and that all Development Review Committee and Planning Commission notes are included. Councilor Revill seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Revill, Yes; Councilor Collins, Yes; Councilor Dixon, Yes; Councilor Johnson, Yes; and Councilor Holbrook, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of Ryan Bybee's request to allow an exception for the Spring Ranch Subdivision model home.

Ryan Bybee with Cadence Capital, reported that he is requesting an exception for a Parade of Homes home and not a model home. He stated that he is requesting to pull a building permit prior to having the horizontal improvements installed, in order to meet the Parade of Homes timeframe. He stated that he needs to pull the building permit by March 1, 2011, and the improvements won't be done by that time, but will be finished prior to the Certificate of Occupancy being issued. Mayor Wilson inquired as to when the home has to be complete in order to participate in the Parade of Homes. Mr. Bybee replied that the home has to be completed by May 31, 2011. Councilor Collins inquired when he plans to have all the roads in. Mr. Bybee replied that the contractors need to be done by mid-April. Councilor Dixon stated that the code provides for exceptions and he feels this is relevant. He feels it will lead to marketing and sales and is worthy of consideration. Jamie Davidson stated that the City has a good relationship with Mr. Bybee and that they have done similar things in the past for other Parade of Homes homes. He stated that the Development Review Committee had some concerns and recommended that if an exception is granted that Mr. Bybee signs a Hold Harmless agreement. Kim Struthers reported that the discussion at the Development Review Committee was that some members were opposed to granting the exception, particularly the Power Department, as they feel the need for infrastructure to be in place before building begins. Mr. Struthers stated that Mr. Bybee's home is right next to an existing developed subdivision. He stated that the Development Review Committee was concerned that this would set a precedent. He stated that the Power Department was definitely opposed to it as they have had similar issues in the past, but the others had mixed feelings. He stated that it was not a united recommendation. Mr. Bybee stated that he would be willing to sign a Hold Harmless agreement.

Motion: Councilor Johnson moved to grant an exception to allow the building of the Parade of Homes home in the Spring Ranch subdivision and to include that the Development Review Committee's comments be met. Councilor Collins seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Collins, Yes; Councilor Dixon, Yes; Councilor Johnson, Yes; Councilor Holbrook, Yes; and Councilor Revill, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of awarding a contract to HADCO for the design and construction of a sewer extension from 1700 West 900 North to 2100 North and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract and the staff to administer the contract up to a maximum of \$600,000.

Lorin Powell reported that this sewer extension from 1700 West 900 North to 2100 North is part of the Master Plan. He stated that it would be wise to build this segment now as it will be more difficult once the work is finished on 2100 North. He stated that the cost and limits allowable for a Design Build without going out for bid is \$250,000, based on Lehi Municipal Code. He recommended limiting this contract with HADCO to \$250,000 for the Design Build and set the cap for the project at \$300,000 as he will need to purchase some easements.

Councilor Collins inquired how the project will be funded. Mr. Powell replied that sewer impact fees are available. Councilor Holbrook inquired why it was originally set for \$600,000 and is now \$300,000. Mr. Powell replied that he will have to come back and bid the other piece and that this segment won't finish the project. He stated that if they waited to go through the bidding process they would miss the window to finish the project before 2100 North is finished.

Motion: Councilor Dixon moved to award the contract to HADCO for the design build and construction of a sewer extension from 1700 West 900 North to 2100 North and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract and staff to administer the contract up to \$300,000 with the cap for HADCO at \$250,000. Councilor Holbrook seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Dixon, Yes; Councilor Johnson, Yes; Councilor Holbrook, Yes; Councilor Revill, Yes; and Councilor Collins, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign letters to UDOT selecting Civil Science Inc. to provide engineering design and construction services for the next phase of 2300 West Roadway Project.

Lorin Powell reported that UDOT pre-selects engineers and creates a pool of engineers for municipalities to choose from without going out to the bidding process. He stated that Civil Science is in the pool of UDOT's engineering firms and he recommended that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign letters to UDOT selecting Civil Science, Inc. to provide engineering design and construction services for the next phase of the 2300 West Roadway Project.

Motion: Councilor Revill moved to select Civil Science, Inc. from the UDOT local pool to provide engineering design and construction services for the next phase of 2300 West Roadway Project. Councilor Dixon seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Johnson, Abstained; Councilor Holbrook, Yes; Councilor Revill, Yes; Councilor Collins, Yes; and Councilor Dixon, Yes. The motion passed with four in favor and one abstention.

8. Consideration of staff to pursue relocating the 1200 West/Bull River Road intersection and authorize the use of Impact Fees to facilitate the project.

Lorin Powell reported that he has had many conversations with the property owners that would be involved to relocate the intersection at 1200 West/Bull River Road and one property owner does not want to participate in the project. He recommended that the Council deny this request.

Motion: Councilor Holbrook moved to reject the S.R. 92 and 1200 West connection as has been proposed to them for the reason of personal property owners not wanting to participate in the project. Councilor Collins seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consideration of Resolution #2011-03 adopting the 2010 Mountainland Association of Governments Pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Ron Fogg reported that FEMA requires that a group of cities adopt a Pre Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to receive funding in the case of an emergency. He stated that he and others have attended the Mountainland Association of Governments meetings and that the Plan identifies different types of hazards in Utah County and surrounding communities that have been known to happen and allows for planning against the worst disasters. He recommended approving the Plan.

Motion: Councilor Collins moved to approve Resolution #2011-03 adopting the 2010 Mountainland Association of Governments Pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilor Holbrook seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Holbrook, Yes; Councilor Revill, Yes; Councilor Collins, Yes; Councilor Dixon, Yes; and Councilor Johnson, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Consideration of Resolution #2011-01 requiring notice of claim of interest in cemetery parcel and providing for termination of interest for Henry and/or Roberts, Juliet and/or John Sr.

Marilyn Banasky reported that this is a requirement of Utah State law in order for the City to sell abandoned cemetery lots. She stated that these lots meet the requirements to be declared abandoned and that interest has been expressed to purchase them. She stated that a Resolution must be adopted by the Council and then a notice must be published in the newspaper once a week for three weeks stating the desire to purchase the lots and giving a 60 day timeframe for someone to come forward and claim the abandoned lots.

Motion: Councilor Dixon moved to approve Resolution #2011-01 requiring notice of claim of interest in cemetery parcels and providing for termination of interest for Henry, and/or Roberts, Juliet and/or John Sr. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Revill, Yes; Councilor Collins, Yes; Councilor Dixon, Yes; Councilor Johnson, Yes; and Councilor Holbrook, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Consideration of Resolution #2011-02 requiring notice of claim of interest in cemetery parcel and providing for termination of interest for Henry and/or Harry Seville.

Marilyn Banasky reported that this is a requirement of Utah State law in order for the City to sell abandoned cemetery lots. She stated that these lots meet the requirements to be declared abandoned and that interest has been expressed to purchase them. She stated that a Resolution must be adopted by the Council and then a notice must be published in the newspaper once a week for three weeks stating the desire to purchase the lots and giving a 60 day timeframe for someone to come forward and claim the abandoned lots.

Motion: Councilor Collins moved to approve Resolution #2011-02 requiring notice of claim of interest in cemetery parcels and providing for termination of interest for Henry, and/or Harry Seville. Councilor Holbrook seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Collins, Yes; Councilor Dixon, Yes; Councilor Johnson, Yes; Councilor Holbrook, Yes; and Councilor Revill, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Consideration of report for the fiscal year 2010 comprehensive annual financial report.

Dave Sanderson reported that the Lehi City FY 2010 audit has been completed within the State requirement timeframe, which is December 31st. He stated that Osborne, Robbins & Buehler completed the audit. He introduced Dennis Robbins and Carolyn Hoffman. Dennis Robbins discussed the audit results and reported that the audit shows the Total Assets are \$253,517,471, Total Liabilities are \$110,226,143, leaving Total Net Assets of \$143,291,328. He reported that the City is in very good financial condition. Carolyn Hoffman distributed the Single Audit report, Management Letter, and a letter outlining their findings to the Mayor and Council. She reported that the Single Audit is a new report as the City received grants from the Federal Government in an amount that required this report. She stated that the other two reports are for State audit compliance.

Motion: Councilor Revill moved to accept the report for fiscal year 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial report as presented. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

13. Consideration of Resolution #2011-04 approving a Legal Representation Agreement with Smith Hartvigsen, PLLC.

Dave Sanderson stated that he would like to hire Smith Hartvigsen to represent the City in regard to the two Citizen Initiatives that have been filed with the City as the City has no experience in this area. He reported that he has done some research regarding firms with legal expertise in this area and recommends approving the legal representation agreement with Smith Hartvigsen. He stated that they will use their services to the point the petition signatures are certified and possibly if there is any litigation on the initiatives in the future.

Motion: Councilor Holbrook moved to accept that the firm of Smith Hartvigsen, PLLC be hired to represent the City in regard to the two Citizen Initiative petitions as presented to them. Councilor Dixon seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Dixon, Yes; Councilor Johnson, Yes; Councilor Holbrook, Yes; Councilor Revill, Yes; and Councilor Collins, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentation by John Roberts

John Roberts stated that he wanted to give the Mayor and Council information on Transwest. He reported that he is here because he received a letter from the City stating that he needs to downsize his wrecking/salvage yard back to what it was 10 to 15 years ago. He explained that means that his 30 to 40 employees would be down 20 employees. He stated that he talked to Planning and Zoning but they said they don't have any wiggle room. He stated that

he asked Mayor Wilson what to do and he said to come to the City Council. Mr. Roberts gave an overview of how his business started and has grown. He reported that Transwest is in four counties and the businesses operate salvage yards and auto sales. He explained that they recycle automobiles at the Lehi location. He stated that when he requested to annex into Lehi City he didn't think he would grow the way he has and that he began to put overflow vehicles into the fenced area. He explained that he used that area for storage. He reported that he received a letter from Mayor Greenwood when it was half full that he needed to move his cars. He stated that he talked to Mayor Greenwood and was told to do his business and no one would bug him. Mr. Roberts reported that he received another letter in 2010 to move his cars. He stated that he talked to the Planning Department and was told that people didn't like seeing the cars from the freeway, so he put up another fence and hasn't heard anything more until he received this last letter. He stated that this property has supported families and has provided taxes into the city. He is asking if there is something he can do to alleviate the situation, such as raise the fence ten feet or something. He stated that his cars sit on top of the ground and the EPA inspects him. He stated that his business hasn't stopped or hindered development in the area and he would like them to put their minds together to see if they can make everyone happy. He understands that he has expanded into land he shouldn't be in and asked them to understand that his business has grown and he feels he didn't have a choice.

Mayor Wilson stated that they will discuss this issue and get back with him.

14. Consideration of Resolution #2011-05 creating a policy regarding residency and response time requirements for Lehi City employees.

Brenn Bybee reported that he researched the residency and response time requirements of 36 cities and took input from Department Heads to come up with this policy. He stated that the current ordinance requires that all employees live in Lehi and that the City Council can grant relief. He explained that this policy states it is preferred that employees live within the City limits and that hiring preference may be given to individuals residing within or near the City limits. He discussed the three categories of employees as outlined in the policy: Category A employees who must live within the City limits; Category B employees who must live within 20 miles of City limits; and Category C employees who must live within 25 miles of City limits. He stated that the categories were established based on response time requirements for public safety employees. He reported that the survey of cities showed a strong trend or tendency to establish response requirements instead of residency requirements with a 26 minute or 18 miles from the City limits as an average for response times.

Councilor Collins wondered which standard is legally defensible – distance or response time. Ken Rushton replied that he doesn't think there is any difference. Councilor Collins expressed concern at the 20 or 25 mile radius as being drawn in a circle as it includes Tooele and Heber City. She feels that those locations are too far for an employee to live in and still respond timely to an emergency. Mr. Bybee stated that in order to maintain the existing hiring pool the City has enjoyed, he feels that the mile radius is a better way to go rather than trying to establish a response time based on minutes. Councilor Dixon inquired if the City currently has any employees who live outside the 25 mile radius. Mr. Bybee replied that the 25 mile radius captured the majority of employees. He stated that the Department Heads analyzed the radius criteria and made that call themselves as they know their employees,

where they live, and what the response area should be. He stated that it is the intent of the policy that there would be a certain amount of grandfathering for existing employees. Councilor Collins inquired where the 20 to 25 mile radius came from. Mr. Bybee replied that the survey showed the average mile radius for public safety employees was 18 and they felt 20 miles was a reasonable distance for response time. Councilor Dixon stated that the circular target areas outside of the city limits is deceiving as they don't represent travel corridors and how long it would take to travel to Lehi City. Mr. Bybee replied that establishing a minute criteria is difficult as there is questions as to what authority you go by, i.e. google maps, mapquest, GPS. Councilor Dixon stated that he likes the policy and thinks there might be an underlying current about occupational dedication to the City because of residency, but in his estimation, Lehi City is an organization that is called upon to execute functions, rather than whether employees are residents. He thinks this policy makes sense and seems reasonable.

Mayor Wilson stated that Mr. Bybee put in a great deal of effort in surveying 36 cities and likes the mile radius as everyone drives differently. Councilor Collins stated that she thinks the circles are far too simplistic and is not OK with people who have key functions in the City who they might need in an emergency living in Tooele for example. She feels the circle should be more of an oval along the Wasatch Front. Councilor Johnson inquired what the average response time was for the surveyed cities. Mr. Bybee replied that the average response time was 26 minutes or 18 miles. He reported that they ranged from 1 hour to 10 minutes but the average was 26 minutes. Councilor Johnson stated that GPS has the capabilities coupled with Garmin or Google to be able to successfully chart a time period away from Lehi City center. He would like to see a map that charts 20 or 25 minutes along transportation corridors and come up with some kind of reasonable shape on a map. He suggested looking at who the emergency personnel are and who needs to be here in an emergency, and chart it. Jamie Davidson suggested limiting the mapped area using the Ochre Mountain range and the Wasatch Mountain range as the east and west boundaries. A discussion was held regarding what the response times should be for different employees and which category of the policy they should fall under. It was discussed that category A was fine, but that some employees from category C may need to be moved to category B and maybe some from category B to category A, or if category C was needed at all. Ken Rushton stated that it would be possible to have both a mileage requirement and response time requirement and go with whichever is less. Mr. Bybee displayed a map outlining an area that is 30 minutes away from Lehi City center. It was discussed that Mr. Bybee will provide a new map, the Mayor and Council will bring back suggestions to the policy at the next City Council meeting, and that Items 14 and 15 will be placed on the next City Council agenda.

15. Consideration of Ordinance #02-2011 amending Lehi City Code Title 2, Administration and Personnel; Chapter .04, Mayor; Section .050(B) Officer and Employee Appointment Authority.

This item will be placed on the January 25, 2011 City Council agenda.

- 16. Approve meeting minutes from:**
September 28, 2010 Regular City Council
October 26, 2010 Regular City Council
November 9, 2010 Closed Executive Session
December 7, 2010 Work Session
December 7, 2010 Closed Executive Session
December 14, 2010 Pre Council
December 14, 2010, Regular City Council

Councilor Collins stated that her first name was misspelled. Ms. Banasky stated that she would make that correction.

Motion: Councilor Collins moved to approve the meeting minutes as listed with the noted corrections. Councilor Revill seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

17. City Business

17.1 Consideration of appointing an alternate to the Planning Commission and appointing the Planning Commission Secretary.

Councilor Johnson stated that the Planning Commission bylaws require appointing the Planning Commission Secretary and he recommended appointing Noreen Edwards. He reported that he spoke with former Planning Commissioner Janys Hutchings and she expressed interested in serving as an alternate to the Planning Commission. He reported that Ms. Hutchings previously served three terms as a Planning Commissioner but has been off the Planning Commission for over a year. He recommended appointing Janys Hutchings as an alternate to the Planning Commission.

Motion: Mayor Wilson moved to appoint Noreen Edwards as Planning Commission Secretary and Janys Hutchings as an alternate to the Planning Commission. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Roundtable

Councilor Holbrook reported that the Green Eggs and Ham event has been moved to February and that he asked for the Council's help with cooking. He stated that this is a community event and the Rotary Club will be involved as well. He stated that breakfast will start at 8 a.m.

Councilor Johnson suggested having Hales Engineering help the city prepare a response letter in regard to Pioneer Crossing.

Councilor Johnson reported that there is a pressurized irrigation connection issue for the communal gardens and wondered how that could be handled. Jamie Davidson stated that

they have talked about that and that this property is in a TH-5 zone and the water has never been dedicated. Mayor Wilson stated that Kim Struthers will be working on that.

Councilor Johnson stated that he would like to continue discussions on having a city wide wi-fi system. He reported that from time to time he gets complaints and is personally having a hard time getting service for an appropriate price. He wondered if they should actively pursue finding a company that may be interested in this project. Jamie Davidson stated that they have not dropped the topic but have dropped discussions with the previous vendor. He reported that he had a conversation with Comcast before Christmas and that nationally, Comcast has a big infrastructure push. He stated that they asked if Comcast would be interested in putting that in Lehi. Comcast replied that they would be and are also interested in running fiber in Thanksgiving Point and providing Comcast service in Traverse Mountain. He reported that there is a private easement that runs across the Traverse Mountain lots on the frontage in which limits any sort of utility to cross it without their consent. Councilor Johnson stated that some communities have experimented with wi-fi communication services and feels it has reached the point of necessity. Chad Skinner reported that over the next two years there will be huge advancements in wireless internet as the switch from analog TV broadcasts to digital frees up more airwave frequencies that can be used for this purpose. Mr. Davidson stated that they will pursue discussions on the matter and inquired if the Council was interested in further exploring having Comcast look at going in the Traverse Mountain area. He stated that Comcast stated that they would fight the easement if there was demand for their service. Councilor Johnson stated that he would like to know what the options are and would like to have an opportunity to go out for bids. Mr. Davidson stated that they will get an internal group together to discuss and provide options and will also talk to Comcast and see if there can be more momentum on that discussion.

18. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Councilor Holbrook moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 p.m.

Approved January 25, 2011

Attest:

Bert Wilson, Mayor

Marilyn Banasky, City Recorder