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Lehi City Council Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 7 p.m., Lehi City Council Chambers

Conducting: Mayor Pro-Tem Stephen Holbrook

Present: Councilmembers- Stephen Holbrook, James Dixon, Mark Johnson, Kaye Collins, and Johnny Revill.

City staff- Jamie Davison, City Administrator; Ken Rushton, City Attorney; Lorin Powell, City Engineer; Kim Struthers, Planning Director; Ron Foggin, Assistant City Administrator; Travis Ball, Power Director; Jim Hewitson, Public Works Director; Frankie Christofferson, Planner; Teisha Wilson, Interim City Recorder

Excused: Mayor Bert Wilson

Press: Cathy Allred- Daily Herald

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Stephen Holbrook as a regular session of the Lehi City Council at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the time, place, and agenda was provided to the Daily Herald and was posted in three public places, being the Lehi City Library, Planning and Inspection Building, and Lehi City Hall. The meeting agenda was also posted on the Utah State Public Meeting Website and the Lehi City Website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Those assembled were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Eddie Lobo, a local scout.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearing items at this time.

REGULAR SESSION

1. Community Awards

There were no Community Awards at this time.

2. 20 minute Citizen Input *(for input on items not listed on the agenda)*

Connie Nelson, a member of the Lehi City Historical Preservation Society, expressed her condolences for the passing of Richard Van Wagner, who was instrumental in preserving and recording the history of Lehi City, and served countless hours as a volunteer to the community.

Councilmember Holbrook echoed those condolences and asked that those assembled pause for a moment to reflect and honor the life of Richard Van Wagner.

3. Lehi City- Request for consideration of approval of an Ordinance amending Section 13.10.250 of the Lehi City Municipal Code – Cross- Connection Control and Backflow Prevention – by repealing the presently existing section and enacting a new Section 13.10.250- Cross-Connection and Backflow Prevention

James Hewitson presented this ordinance as a requirement of the Utah State Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Drinking Water. All municipal and culinary operators are required to have a backflow and cross connection ordinance. Lee Barnes, Lehi City Water Superintendent, prepared the ordinance with comments from the Division of Drinking Water, Utah Rural Water Users Association and the Lehi City Public Works Department.

MOTION: Kaye Collins moved to approve the Ordinance amending Section 13.10.250 of the Lehi City Municipal Code—Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention- by repealing the presently existing section and enacting a new Section 13.10.250—Cross-Connection and Backflow Prevention. Johnny Revill seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Johnny Revill-yes, Kaye Collins-yes, Mark Johnson-yes, James Dixon-yes, and Stephen Holbrook-yes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Lehi City- Well Equipping and Pump House for 500 West Well

Lorin Powell, City Engineer, informed the Council that the 500 West well is one of the older wells in Lehi City, and is a critical culinary source for residents. It currently has an inadequate pump house, piping, and no flush-out line. The City previously awarded a contract to pull the pumping equipment and renovate the well. An additional contract is needed to build a new pump house, install new pumping equipment and install a flush-out line. A bid opening was held at 2 p.m. on October 12, 2010.

It is Mr. Powell's recommendation that the Council authorize that the contract be awarded to K&P Plumbing, which is the low bidder, and set a cap of \$240,000 and allow staff to administer the contract.

Mr. Powell informed the Council that the well casing itself will not be replaced. A prior contract was awarded to K&P Plumbing to remove the old pump, and then brush, clean, and re-test the well. If there are no problems with the casing, then the new equipment will be installed. The project is expected to be complete before April 1, 2011.

Motion: Mark Johnson moved to approve and accept the bid from K & P General Contracting and K&P Plumbing to rebuild the well on 500 West, with a cost not to exceed \$240,000 and approve staff to administer the cost of the contract and any related items. James Dixon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Johnny Revill- yes, Kaye Collins-yes, James Dixon- yes, Mark Johnson- yes, Stephen Holbrook-yes. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Lehi City- SR92 Signal/Access Cooperative Agreement

UDOT, Lehi City, and Micron have worked together to identify current and future signals and access points along SR92 in Lehi City. The Lehi/UDOT/Traverse Mountain agreement has also been reviewed and included. The proposed agreement establishes the signal/access points along SR92 in Lehi City.

It is Mr. Powell's recommendation that the Council approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor's signature.

In regards to item #3 (page 2) of the agreement, there are no roads being cul-de-sac'ed (or equivalent) other than the one under construction on Bull River Road.

Discussion from the City Council and staff resulted in the following revisions to the agreement:

- There will be a review of the attached map to ensure it correctly correlates to the locations listed in the agreement.
- Traverse Mountain is not the correct legal entity that must sign the agreement, so that change will also be reflected in the agreement.

Motion: Johnny Revill motioned to grant the authorization of the Mayor's signature to approve the SR-92 Signal/Access Cooperative Agreement as presented and include the changes discussed by the City Council this evening. James Dixon seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Stephen Holbrook, Mark Johnson, James Dixon, Kaye Collins, and Johnny Revill. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

6. Action on Public Hearing Items

There were no Public Hearing items to take action on.

7. City Business

7.1 Discussion of Improvements on 200 South

Ryan Hales, with Hales Engineering, presented a summary of recommendations for improvements on 200 South, near the railroad crossing. The following is a list of those recommendations.

200 South Railroad Crossings recommendations for UTA:

- pavement markings (yellow raised bumps)
- Z gates or turn about gates
- Extend the pavement for the crossing 10 feet in either direction, so that Lehi City can tie the sidewalks into the improvements.

200 South improvement recommendations for Lehi City:

- Extension of 5 foot sidewalks between 300 West and 500 West beginning in fall 2010 or spring 2011, depending on how soon construction can occur.
- “Bulb-out” on the east side of the road at 500 West.
- Sidewalk improvements made to the south side of 200 South from 300 West to Center Street, before the full operation of FrontRunner in late 2012.

Safety recommendations for Meadow Elementary and PTA:

- Add bussing for children that live east of the railroad.

Remaining issues requiring further discussion include:

- Discussions with UTA regarding the speed of the Frontrunner trains. The lack of a clear line of sight is a significant concern.
- Recommendation for a crossing guard, which can be a parent or volunteer.
- The 500 West 200 South crosswalk should be evaluated for an additional “bulb-out” on the west side of the crossing. The east “bulb-out” would be included in the current sidewalk project. The west “bulb-out” could be constructed if a turn radius study permits one.
- Recommendations for the active treatments include automatic pedestrian gates, ground mount flashers, Z-gates, warning signs, cross-buck flashers, and signs on the counterweights.

Kaye Collins recommended that volunteers are not used as crossing guards.

Mr. Davidson suggested that part of the discussion with UTA should include the fact that UTA is creating the hazard in our community, and should therefore participate in a solution which may include providing crossing guards.

Mr. Hales noted that the “bells and whistles” and crossing arms at the tracks will come down early enough, however, children may not actually be able to see the train due to the bend in the tracks. The concern is that there may be a false sense of security because although the crossing arms are down, children cannot see a train, and therefore, may try to cross. This is another reason why speed concerns should be addressed with UTA.

Mr. Hales also commented that the sight distance is better when trains are traveling south. UTA may prefer that speeds are different in each direction. This was noted as a concern to the Council

because the different speeds, and time length that the cross arms are down, may confuse children by thinking they have more time to cross than they actually have.

Mr. Hales thanked the Council for their time and the opportunity to present their recommendations.

Councilmember Holbrook extended an invitation for citizens to express input on the recommendations.

Holly Broadhead, spokesperson for the community committee that worked with Hales Engineering to prepare its recommendations to the City, expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work with Hales Engineering on this project and urged the Council to adopt the recommendations made by Hales Engineering, particularly the sidewalk on the south side of 200 South before this winter. The PTA will not provide volunteer crossing guards, and believes that relying on other volunteers is not feasible. Ms. Broadhead also noted that push gates at the crossing are not suitable options, and that a “U” gate is the preferred option. One last concern is that UTA is building a fence on the south side of the tracks; however, it is not building one on Union Pacific’s side of the tracks. Ms. Broadhead believes that because UTA is creating the hazard, then it should build the fence on Union Pacific’s side as well. Ms. Broadhead concluded with a statement supporting the “bulb-outs” on the sidewalks.

Lorin Powell expressed appreciation for Hales Engineering and the community committee working together on the recommendations. Mr. Powell suggested that the Council authorize the sidewalk segment to be constructed on 200 South from 500 West to 300 West, with a bulb-out on the east side at 500 West. A radius study will need to be instigated on the west side to determine if a bulb out is feasible. If the study shows that traffic can move through the intersection with a bulb-out on the west side, then it is Mr. Powell’s recommendation that a bulb-out be constructed there as well. Also, Mr. Powell suggested the city include in the 2011 fiscal year budget, the construction of additional sidewalk segments on 200 South between 300 West and 200 West, and then from 100 West to Center on the south side. These segments could be included in the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Grant application. If the City receives grant funding for these segments, then the city’s budget could be dedicated elsewhere.

Holly Broadhead expressed safety concerns for the busy intersection at 200 South and Center Street. Her children are currently using 300 South to cross Center Street because there is a 4-way stop there. However, with the 200 South improvements, her children will begin using 200 South to cross, which presents a significant safety concern due to visibility, signage, and a 2-way stop at that intersection. Ms. Broadhead suggested that the 200 South Center Street intersection become a four-way stop, crosswalks be striped and additional signage be added to the intersection. Ms. Broadhead asked that if all the segments are not complete this year, then to please consider adding stop bars at the stop signs at the intersection of 300 South and Center.

Steve Holbrook suggested that it may be possible to add flashing red lights to the 4-way stop sign intersection on 300 South and Center for a few months.

Mr. Hales commented that once a “safe route to school” is established, it will be important to look at other crossing areas such as Center and 200 South, and make safety improvements to those areas if necessary.

Mark Johnson noted that the opportunity for striping and evaluating the need for signage will need to be the responsibility of the Streets Department. Also, Councilmember Johnson informed the other Councilmembers that SRTS funding is for 2010-2011 and grant applications are due to the state by November 1, 2010. It was also noted that SRTS applications for other schools in the community will be submitted as well.

Motion: Kaye Collins moved to install a sidewalk on 200 South from 300 West to 500 West and that a bulb-out be constructed on the east side at 200 South and 500 West, and pending a study, construct a bulb-out on the west side; and that the Streets Department evaluate striping on Center and 200 South and 300 South; and to move forward with the planned segments on 200 South between 300 West and 200 West, and between 100 West and Center in the next fiscal year. Johnny Revill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Johnny Revill-yes, Kaye Collins-yes, James Dixon- yes, Mark Johnson- recused, Stephen Holbrook- yes. Motions passed with a 4-yes, and 1-recused vote.

**Councilmember Mark Johnson recused himself from voting on this issue due to his involvement in the bulb out designs and the SRTS funding application.*

8. Approval of the Minutes

No action was taken on the minutes from September 28, 2010.

CITY COUNCIL ROUND TALBE

James Dixon asked if there were any updates regarding the water issue in Alpine City. Mr. Powell informed the Council that the water issue will be on next week’s agenda in a closed session.

Mark Johnson reported that the proposed Micron development is going to require some additional sewer infrastructure. Micron and the Timpanogos Special Service District (TSSD) are working on infrastructure needs. Once complete, Micron will ask that Lehi City make an official proposal or recommendation to TSSD to service the new development on Micron property. Based on the draft proposal, Councilmember Johnson believes that it will be in the best interest of the city, but that it will require some additional facilities.

Kaye Collins asked that staff assist her in gathering all the bylaws of every citizen committee supported by the city. The current bylaws for the Parks, Trails and Trees Advisory Committee

require a 6-year commitment from members. Kaye believes this term is too long, and recommends that there be a standard term for years served on all citizen committees.

Johnny Revill shared an e-mail that the Council received from a concerned resident regarding the property maintenance of undeveloped lots in the Jordan Willows subdivision. The e-mail will be forwarded to Code Enforcement Officer Marshall for investigation.

Mr. Davidson informed the Council that the Code Enforcement Committee meets once a week to address code enforcement nuisance issues. If the Council is concerned about a particular property, please inform Mr. Davidson, and he can forward the request to the committee for review, investigation, and enforcement.

Mark Johnson noted that as part of each SRTS Grant application, each school involved must provide a SNAP plan (Safe Neighborhoods Access Plan) to complete the grant application process. Councilmember Johnson explained that it has been difficult to gather these plans from the schools involved. It was suggested to contact Alpine School District Board of Education Member Donna Barnes to assist in the process, or contact the school's community council. Most schools do not realize the quickly approaching deadline, or the importance of this application.

ADJOURN TO A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Johnny Revill moved to adjourn to a closed executive session for the purpose of discussing reasonably imminent litigation, pursuant to Section 52-4-205(1)(c) of the Utah Code, Annotated. Mark Johnson seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Stephen Holbrook, James Dixon, Mark Johnson, Kaye Collins, and Jonny Revill. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Regular City Council meeting recessed at 8:12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation

An executive session was held at 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation, pursuant to Section 52-4-205(1)(c) of the Utah Code, Annotate. Those in attendance were: Councilmembers Stephen Holbrook, James Dixon, Mark Johnson, Kaye Collins, and Johnny Revill; staff members Jamie Davidson, Ron Foggin, Travis Ball, and Teisha Wilson

The closed executive session adjourned at 9:23

MOTION: Kaye Collins moved to authorize staff to settle fines with Western Electrical Coordinating Council (WECC) of up to \$25,000. Johnny Revill seconded the motion. Roll call vote: James Dixon-yes, Mark Johnson-no, Kaye Collins-yes, Johnny Revill-yes, Stephen Holbrook-yes. Motion passed with a 4-yes, 1-no vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Johnny Reville moved to adjourn. Kaye Collins seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes Approved November 9, 2010

**Teisha Wilson
Lehi City Interim City Recorder**