

Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting
03/17/2011
6:25 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on March 17, 2011, in the City Council Chambers located at 75 North Main Street in Heber City, Utah.

Present: Mayor David R. Phillips

Council Members
Eric Straddeck
Nile Horner
Robert Patterson
Alan McDonald
Benny Mergist

Also Present: City Manager Mark K. Anderson
City Recorder Paulette Thurber
City Engineer Bart Mumford
Chief of Police Ed Rhoades

Others Present: Cathy Rhoades

Chief Rhoades & Lt. Bradley – Presentation on Emergency Management & Incident

Command: Chief Rhoades said in 2005 there was directive from the President of the United States which required a formulated plan on emergency management. He said it involved very strict and direct instruction to federal, state and local entities and that federal funds were used to train. He said it was important that people had received this training and also important they come back to the Council to pass on that training.

He asked what constituted a disaster or emergency. Anderson said something that exceeded the City's resources. Chief Rhoades said anything that demanded our resources was an emergency. He asked who declared an emergency. It was indicated the first in line would be Mayor Phillips, then Councilman Straddeck, and then Councilman Horner in that order and that portion was administrative. He continued, the declaration was important because if the City reached outside without a declaration in place, the City would be responsible for payment. If a declaration was in place, then maybe the state or federal government would step in to help with funding.

It was asked what the monetary value of a declaration was. Lt. Bradley said several million dollars in costs had to be exceeded before the federal government would help. He said there had only been six Declarations of Disaster in the state of Utah with the St. George flooding being one of those. Chief Rhoades said he wanted the Council to be aware that help was hard to get but it was there. Lt. Bradley showed the website for the EOC (Emergency Operating Center) on the overhead. He indicated it was important to keep taking time to do training.

Chief Rhoades said Wasatch County was no different than the City--they had the same line of authority. He said for the City it was city, then county, then state, and then federal—being a very narrow line of resources.

Chief Rhoades suggested the Council needed to talk about how the police and public works could communicate if cell service was down and also communication with Wasatch County. He indicated he was working on a grant for five or six radios. Mayor Phillips said the Council needed to know what the cost would be to allow communication. He indicated the Council was going into budget sessions and they needed this information and to make it separate from Police Department requests. Councilman Mergist suggested the City needed two ham radios and a satellite phone. It was suggested the satellite phone would, in the end, be the best. Chief Rhoades said he coordinated with Wasatch County as far as radios.

Mayor Phillips said the City was not prepared right now and he wanted Chief Rhoades to tell the Council what it would take to be prepared. Chief Rhoades indicated he would come prepared on Saturday to present some numbers.

ULCT Spring Convention – St. George – April 13-15 – Reservations have been made at the Hilton Garden Inn – (Please fill out registration forms in packet): Anderson reminded the Council of this Convention. He indicated in their packets tonight was registration forms. He asked that those be filled out and returned to Thurber.

Budget Meeting – March 19 – 8:00 a.m. if possible) – otherwise 9:00 a.m.: Anderson said in looking at the agenda he was hoping to start at 8:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. so they could be done by noon. The Council consented.

Scheduling of Budget Meeting – Proposed Date: Thursday – March 31 – 5:00 p.m.: Councilmembers Mergist and Straddeck were not available on March 31. The Council tentatively planned a meeting for April 1 - 5:00 p.m. The Council wanted pizza or something for dinner and to send an e-mail reminder. It was indicated food would be provided.

Council of Governments (Mayor only) – Midway Community Center – March 22, 2011 – 7:30 p.m. – Discuss priorities for Corridor Preservation Funds: Anderson reminded the

Council of this meeting. He said the City had submitted applications to Wasatch County for reimbursement on funds in which the City used to buy bypass access areas. He said the County had \$971,000 in the fund right now. He thought there were more than adequate funds in that fund to reimburse the City for its two projects.

Wasatch Irrigation Company Meeting – Wednesday – March 30 – 7:00 p.m. – Election of Directors: Anderson reminded the Council of this meeting. He said the Council needed to decide who could vote its shares and who to have as a City representative.

Update on David Becker Lawsuit: Anderson said he placed in the Council's packet tonight a letter from the court that the Becker matter had been thrown out and Summary Judgment made in the City's favor. Chief Rhoades said there was a 30-day appeal process.

Discuss leasing of Airport Hangars: Anderson said the City had an agreement with the folks in Texas to market the hangars and there had been a couple of people that had expressed interest already. There was concern expressed about having two tenants in the same hangar.

Reports from other Boards: Anderson said that Suzanne Hansen had had contact with Walmart about a business license and a beer license and the anticipated date for a ground opening was August 17. It was suggested the building would be finished in July.

As there was no further business, the Work Meeting of March 17, 2011, was adjourned.

Paulette Thurber, City Recorder