

Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting
04/07/2011
6:30 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on April 7, 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
City Planner Anthony Kohler
Chief of Police Ed Rhoades

Others Present: Larry Hartley, Devin McKrola, Paul Shelton, and Jennifer Shelton.

Presentation by Devin McKrola and Larry Hartley regarding Spring Runoff Concerns:

McKrola said he wanted to give the Council a water supply update. He made a PowerPoint slide presentation which demonstrated through graph charts the amount of water this year compared to other years. Slides and graph charts also compared the snowpack this year to other years and the moisture of the soil. He explained the soil was full already and thus there was a lot of ponding taking place. He showed slides of mountain goats moving down because the snowpack was forcing them down from the high country. He indicated that at the Daniels site, the snowpack was the highest in 33 years of keeping record. He showed graph chart slides projecting runoff. He showed a number of pictures comparing snowpack in different areas. He said there would also be twice the amount of water into the Colorado River this year and showed additional slides outlining storage in local reservoirs. All reservoirs were expected to be full this year. He discussed slides that showed the level of reservoirs right now. He said they would be trying to bring the Jordanelle Reservoir down 8,000 acre feet in the next month. Councilman Horner wanted to know how many acre feet would be flowing into the Jordanelle. McKrola said if it was

about empty, it would possibly fill this year. He said it had a capacity of about 320,000 acre feet and they would have it down to about 220,000 acre feet at projected runoff time. Another slide showed what was being released from the reservoirs normally and what was being released in today's circumstances in order to make room for the current snowpack.

McKrola said they knew already there was record snowpack and high soil moisture saturation levels this year. He said the City would want to keep staff involved and in knowing what to do for flooding. Discussion about flood routes. McKrola said the natural route was right through the heart of Heber City. He said, too, they had set up a meeting with City staff on Monday to discuss flooding issues. He thought it likely the City would have to find a route through the streets of Heber to keep flood water in control. Discussion about what streets would be sand bagged to control flooding: Center Street, 600 South, Main Street.

Wasatch County Water Efficiency Project - CUP

McKrola gave a summary of the Program and showed slides of some of the facilities. He said the purpose and goal was to manage and distribute water. He discussed the benefit of secondary water which provided savings of culinary water. He said the community had benefited several millions of dollars in savings since this project was built.

McKrola indicated they had started a Moss Prevention Program this year, had done some repairs to wells, lined canals, drained systems, stabilized banks, controlled icing, built new structures, and also had had to do some snow removal.

McKrola said they would like to come back in a year to give another update to the Council.
(See attached slide show document)

ULCT Spring Convention – St. George – April 13-15 – Reservations have been made at the Hilton Garden Inn: The Council was reminded of this Convention next week.

UDOT Annual Visit – April 21 – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Wasatch County Commission Chambers: (Information for Council)

Tree City USA – Recognition Luncheon – Tuesday – April 19 – Murray 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.:
(Information for Council)

Scheduling of Budget Meeting – Proposed Date: April 29th or 30th: Council agreed on a meeting April 30, 2011, 8:00 a.m.

City Manager will be in St. George April 10-13 (Utah City Managers Association) and April 19-22 (Utah Government Finance Officers Association) for training: (Information for Council.)

Identify Representative to serve on the Wasatch Irrigation Board: Mayor Phillips asked if the Council would support Councilman Mergist on the Wasatch Irrigation Board. The Council said yes they would and agreed to Councilman Mergist representing them on the Wasatch Irrigation Board.

Discuss proposed land lease agreement with Wayne Buell: Anderson discussed this property and said it was new property obtained from the new Elmbridge development and consisted of 10.2 acres. Anderson indicated the property did not have access except through the park which was fenced. Normally these types of issues were put out to bid but in this case only adjacent property owners had access to the ground. Councilman McDonald felt the City should show due diligence by advertising. Additional discussion about access/no access. The Council indicated they were okay with the proposed lease.

Discuss Flood Damage done to LaRen & Nick Provost corral: Anderson suggested the City, per State Code, was immune from responsibility for this damage and recommended not honoring the request. Councilman Mergist did not agree with Anderson's recommendation and/or the insurance company's opinion. Anderson had talked with the insurance company and they referred him to State Code 63-G-701. Anderson said the concern was when dealing with an emergency situation quick decisions had to be made. Does one jeopardize 10% of the community or 100% of the community and that was why governments were immune from nature damages. He said it was clear the City did not have a legal responsibility. Mayor Phillips asked if the Council would be setting precedence if this request was honored. Mumford indicated the City had also had a request from Bill Spiker because of driveway damage. Anderson asked, "How do we know for sure the City caused the damage because the water was already breaching the road." Councilman McDonald said his heart says to give it to them but if the Council granted the request then where would that lead. Councilman Straddeck agreed and said he was not in favor of paying for damage to the corral. The consensus was: Councilman Mergist - yes, Councilman McDonald - no, Councilman Patterson - no, Councilman Straddeck - no. Councilman Horner said if three loads of gravel showed up on his driveway one day, then that was the way it was.

Review cost to purchase a conference phone - \$653: Councilman Mergist was in favor of purchasing a conference phone for the cost of \$653. The rest of the Council agreed.

Discuss request from Cowboy Poetry to place a wagon in the City Park in October: Councilman Mergist was okay with placing a wagon in the Main Street Park for the month of October. The rest of the Council agreed.

Discuss lease offer (\$400 month) from Terry Small for Hangar #12: Councilman Mergist was okay with this lease proposal. After discussing comparable leases, the rest of the Council agreed.

Update on School District Impact Fees: Mumford indicated he had sent the latest impact fee update to the School District that added the football field and a concession stand. A copy of the letter had been provided to the Council.

Reports from other boards: No reports were given.

After discussion on the above items, the meeting adjourned.

Paulette Thurber, City Recorder

Approved 05/05/2011