

HEBER CITY CORPORATION
75 North Main Street
Heber City, Utah
City Council Meeting
May 1, 2008

6:30 p.m.
Work Meeting

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on May 1, 2008, in the City Council Chambers in Heber City, Utah.

Present:	Mayor	David R. Phillips
	Council Members	Jeffery Bradshaw Elizabeth Hokanson Eric Straddeck Nile Horner Robert Patterson
Also Present:	City Manager	Mark K. Anderson
	City Recorder	Paulette Thurber
	City Engineer	Bart Mumford
	City Planner	Allen Fawcett
	Chief of Police	Ed Rhoades

Council of Governments Meeting – May 13 – 7:30 p.m.: Mayor Phillips reminded the Council of this Meeting and that it would be held in the County Council Chambers.

Recognition of Community Emergency Responses Team (CERT): Continued.

Introduction of Lee Ivie, Airport Manager: Mark Anderson introduced Lee Ivie to the Council as some Councilmembers had not yet met him. He asked Ivie to share with the Council some of his experience.

Ivie said he was from Sun Valley, Idaho, and had worked at Friedman Memorial Airport for 12 years. He said he started as Chief of Maintenance and ended up Operations Manager. He said he saw some similarities with that airport and Heber's with the exception of commercial flights. He continued that he purchased equipment for snow removal and fire protection and was also in charge of fence security. He said that right now at the Heber Airport the emphasis had been on replacing lighting which had been hit hard this past winter. Many of the runway lights and signs were out because of snow plows, etc. He said right now he was spending most of his time getting the airport back to standard. He said he had also been sending out letters to operators who use the field and had them come in and get to know him and fill out forms for access cards to the three gates that would be put into operation in mid May. It was felt these gates would provide some security to the field and provide a better perimeter to prohibit wildlife on the field.

He said that had been well received by those using the airport and as soon as the light project and major cleanup was done, there were some other areas to be worked on to provide for better safety.

Mayor Phillips asked who would get the security passes. Ivie said pilots, hangar owners and others who had businesses on the field. He said the purpose was not to keep people out—it was for security and also gave an accurate count of planes and the types of planes using the airport which information helped when submitting grant applications.

Anderson indicated this coming year Wasatch County would no longer do property tax assessments on the planes and that information would be gathered by individual airports.

Councilmember Straddeck mentioned the City was considering building additional hangars and if the City undertook the management of that, the City would look to him to coordinate that. He asked how comfortable Ivie was in managing the building of hangars. Ivie said he had been the foreman on several construction crews and felt comfortable with that. Ivie said he had been a CNC mechanic for 15 years.

Councilmember Horner asked how he felt about working part-time versus working full-time. Ivie said right now he was working as a mechanic to fill in the hours he was not working at the airport and was looking forward to working full time.

Councilmember Horner said he had a call from a citizen about some cows in a pasture that the City leased to Rick Stratton. The complaint was the cows got out every year and he wanted to make sure Ivie was aware of it. Anderson talked about the fence being replaced after some signatures on the fence line agreement were received. He said, too, the grant for fencing had been approved. Ivie said he recently attended an airport conference and the main topic was wildlife activity on the field. He said they got very good training on that subject at the conference.

Tentative Budget – Financial Statement for Quarter Ended March 2008: The tentative budget was given to the Council. It was indicated Councilmember Straddeck had asked for \$100,000 for technology. Anderson said he put that in the Administration budget for right now, but that over the next few weeks, the tentative budget would be refined. Also provided to the Council was a report of the quarterly budget. Anderson encouraged the Council to come in and talk to him about any of the budget issues they had questions or concerns about.

Discussion regarding the Bypass Corridor Alignment: It was indicated that at a meeting a month ago the Parkside Annexation was addressed. Anderson suggested it would be well to have a quick review of that by Mumford to enlighten those Councilmembers that were new. He felt a review would help the Council when they met with the Wasatch County Council on the 15th. Anderson said, too, that based on the concerns of Gertsch from a few meeting ago, the Council needed to know some history.

An overhead was shown as well as a paper map provided. Mumford reviewed the proposed bypass. He pointed out the properties the City had acquired through annexation and pieces that would be acquired through future annexations.

Anderson said that based on land the City had already acquired, it was felt there were not any real alternatives north of Midway Lane. Mayor Phillips pointed out this was the alignment the City and County had agreed on.

There was discussion about future development in the County and the alignment that had come out of the meeting with UDOT on intersection studies. Councilmember Horner said one of the frustrations of Gertsch was that he was not aware of a change from the Southfield alignment to the alignment showing now. He said he, too, was not aware of that change. Anderson said the County had suggested at times that Southfield Road be used as the bypass. However, the City had not embraced that because of the homes that face on that road as well as the recreation complex.

Discuss Ordering of Police Vehicles: Anderson said when the Council met on Tuesday he failed to discuss the issue of deadlines with regard to ordering police vehicles. He said the Police Department would like to purchase some 4-wheel drive vehicles. He thought, if the Council could give some direction, the City might be able to order now and save with those discounts offered as the new vehicles would be out soon.

Chief Rhoades said every year they had this deadline when the manufacturers stop making one year's model and start building the next year's model. He thought some vehicles might still be available on some lots. He suggested they could order them now and have them delivered after the new budget year.

Anderson said the difference in a Crown Victoria and an F150 was about two miles per gallon. He said Ford was the most aggressive on fleet pricing. Chief Rhoades said he was partial to the F150 and the Ford Explorer. It was indicated the Department had 15 vehicles.

Councilmember Horner said he would be in favor going half and half this year with two being 4-wheel drive and two not.

Councilmember Bradshaw said he had been around politics enough to know there was reality and then there were impressions. The public would ask why the Police Department had 4-wheel drive vehicles when 90% of the area was flat.

Councilmember Straddeck said he was inclined to wait until there was a greater justification for 4-wheel drives. After discussion, however, he said either way was O.K. with him. Anderson said it would be a process of educating the public.

Councilmember Patterson said he preferred cars to trucks.

After further discussion, the Council decided to buy four trucks.

Other Discussion: Mayor Phillips said the City had a letter from Tom Bonner asking if the City would consider cancelling the Farmer's Market during the County Fair. The Council was O.K. with that. Anderson said they may have their posters printed and hung and the talent chosen for each week. He thought this might cause the Market to lose momentum. After further discussion, it was decided the Council would be O.K. with cancelling the Market for that one week.

As there was no further business for the Heber City Council Work Meeting for May 1, 2008, the meeting adjourned.

Paulette Thurber, City Recorder

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