

Heber City Corporation  
City Council Meeting  
06/01/2006

6:30 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on 06/01/2006 in the City Council Chambers in Heber City, Utah.

Present:	Mayor	David R. Phillips
	Council Members	Terry Wm. Lange Vaun Shelton Jeffery Bradshaw Elizabeth Hokanson
Absent:		Councilmember Lazenby
Also Present:	City Manager	Mark K. Anderson
	City Recorder	Paulette Thurber
	City Engineer	Bart Mumford

Others Present: Mike Johnston, David Gardner, George Bills, Joshua Yeates, Delyn Yeates, and Matt Yeates

**George Bills and David Gardner – Discussion Regarding Water Rights:** Mike Johnston represented Bills and Gardner. He wanted to discuss and bring to the attention of the Council water issues. Johnson indicated he had talked to staff and others about this problem.

Johnston indicated the Wheeler Park property needed 153 acre feet of water and were 64 acre feet short of having enough water for the entire project. Johnston said they had looked for months for the additional water to do the project. He talked about the increase in price. “The water market has disappeared—there is no water market,” he said. He indicated some people were now asking \$23,000 per share. “Water has become gold,” he commented. Johnston referred to a letter to Wasatch Irrigation share holders from a few months ago that encouraged people to hold onto their water so it could stay in the valley. He said he was not asking for anything but wanted the Council to be aware there was no water to buy at any reasonable price.

It was indicated the City did not use near the water they owned and were sitting on 100 acre feet of water that wasn’t being used because there wasn’t a need for it right now. Johnston said he knew water was going to be an issue in the future and the City needed to look at the situation. Anderson talked about 207 monies and applying jointly with the sewer plant upgrade treatment and provide reuse. He explained the City had water rights not being used because subdivisions

were not built yet. Mayor Phillips discussed the time in which the rest of the City would be on pressurized irrigation and the City acquiring the irrigation water rights because of that. He asked Mumford to get with McKrola to see if they could determine what water was available. Additional discussion about how much water was available to the City. Johnston cautioned the Council to not ignore the issue.

Anderson pointed out the City had developed a relationship with WWET and maybe they could help the City get access to water. Johnston said he felt there was some conflict there and the City needed to be careful. Anderson talked about annexations and developments and the requirement to furnish water.

Johnston suggested possibly the City could use some of their own water, especially for development critical to City water maintenance. Johnston asked the City Council to consider some new ideas. Councilmember Shelton suggested the state engineer might be the one to make final decisions on excess water. Anderson suggested when reuse come into play, it might make some difference. Johnston suggested the cities in Utah contact the Utah League of Cities and Towns and ask them to look at the issue and possibly take the issue to the Legislature.

**Joshua Yeates – Discussion Regarding Trimble/Swena Properties:** DeLynn Yeates presented a map and showed a concept plan of the Trimble/Swena properties and suggested the area be included in the future annexation boundary. He referred to the project as Elmbridge

Yeates discussed deceleration and acceleration lanes on the highway, bypass road, open space and expansion of the current park. He discussed his idea of a hotel and shops and felt, as one drove into the City, his project would be pleasing to the eye and beneficial to the City. Discussion about zoning and density. Yeates indicated there would be some land given to the City for green space. Discussion about the current property owners and that discussion had been held with them.

Anderson felt that, if this appealed to the City Council, consideration should be given to include the properties in the future boundaries. The possibility of annexation would be left to the Planning Commission. It was indicated again there would be five or six acres of the area that would be dedicated to the City. Discussion about existing parking for the park. Mumford said there would have to be a wetland delineation for the area.

Mayor Phillips indicated that even if added to the Future Land Use Plan, that didn't make it a firm yes for annexation; but if it wasn't on the Plan, it couldn't be considered for annexation at all.

**Discussion regarding 4-Day Work Week – Rescheduling of personnel Policy Meeting:**

Anderson reviewed the discussion from last meeting and felt that discussion had been favorable for limited services on Friday. He asked if that was what he should take back to the department heads and still try and keep the 4-day week in tact. Mayor Phillips asked the Council if staff were to meet the expectation of the public and be open on Friday with limited services, would the Council be OK with that. They indicated they would. Councilmember Shelton said working 10 hours a day in the winter was more difficult for the Public Works Department than for the office

staff and felt the Public Works Department should come off the 4-10 schedule in the winter and go to a 5-8 schedule.

Anderson indicated he had put together data on overtime which showed some savings on the 4-10 schedule. Sick leave, however, was not significantly different. Additional discussion about maintaining the 4-10 schedule so that moral could be maintained but that the City needed to look at providing some services on Friday.

Councilmember Hokanson said Councilmember Bradshaw's memo discussing citizen's perception really struck her. She suggested some employees working 4-10, Tuesday – Friday, and others 4-10, Monday through Thursday. Councilmember Bradshaw indicated he felt the Planning and Building Departments should be open five days a week.

Councilmember Bradshaw said Gene Hoopes had indicated he did not want in any way to make the City feel they were not accommodating, but he (Hoopes) felt bad when he had to call Mark Rounds at home on Friday. Hoopes has said it had been an inconvenience for him to have the building closed on Fridays.

Mayor Phillips said he had a lot of experience with compressed hours where he works. He agreed perception was important. He wanted to try and give everyone the best of two worlds. He also agreed with Councilmember Shelton about the Public Works Department not working a 4-10 schedule in the winter.

Councilmember Hokanson indicated the Committee had talked about how the supervisor could set the schedule for the employees. It seemed to her the Public Works Department could be more flexible and that Tozier had authority to change the schedules around a bit. Anderson agreed the City had the right to stagger staff. He felt the Police staff could easily be addressed with another secretary as they had three sergeants that could rotate days. Councilmember Hokanson said the problem that had to be addressed was having more than one person on staff at a time. She did not want someone here alone.

Discussion about cleaning up the old City shed property and moving everything to the new location. It was indicated the building needed to be knocked down. Discussion about moving one building for use at the new location and then tearing the rest down. Mayor Phillips said the City needed to set the plan and then work the plan. Otherwise the Council would be holding this same conversation in three months.

Anderson said the next meeting of the Personnel Committee needed to be rescheduled as Sgt. Bradley was on vacation during the time the next meeting was scheduled. The 21<sup>st</sup> of June at 4:00 p.m. worked for Councilmember Shelton and Councilmember Hokanson. Discussion that reminders would be sent out.

As the time was 7:00 p.m., the Council moved into Regular Session.

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Paulette Thurber, City Recorder