

Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting
11/19/2009
6:30 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on November 19, 2009, 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

Others Present: Benny Mergist, Steve Farrell, Fred Schloss and Alan McDonald.

Newly Elected Officials Training Workshop – December 12 – Heber City Offices: Mayor Phillips reminded the Council of this event. He said anyone wanting to attend was invited, that it was for newly elected and/or anyone else wanting to get a refresher course and new and updated information from the Utah League of Cities and Towns. A couple of the Councilmembers indicated it was very good training. Councilmember elect McDonald indicated he had already signed up. It was indicated the City would pay the cost of the training.

Stephen Tozier – Completed CDL Licensing: Anderson reported that Tozier had passed his CDL test. Councilmember Horner said maybe Tozier could push snow this winter, if need be. Anderson said he now had that capability.

Closure of Lake Creek Road/Center Street – November 30/December 8: Mumford indicated the road between 1200 East and 2400 East (Lake Creek Road) would be closed the weekend after Thanksgiving because the canal box across the Wasatch Canal was being replaced. He said there would be signage in place, including electronic reader boards, as well as notices in the Wasatch Wave to prepare people for this closure. Mumford said he realized it would be an inconvenience and that he had already talked to the Red Ledges people who would be affected more than others. He indicated the crews would be working every day until it was done and they were hoping to do the work in a week or less. Councilmember Horner asked if there was water in the Canal. Mumford said no. He asked if there was a way to keep one lane open. Mumford discussed the process and said there would not be a lane open. He continued the box would be a precast box

that would just have to be put into place. He said that, as far as safety, this would be the fastest way to get the work done.

Councilmember Straddeck pointed out that two meetings ago it was indicated the two blocks on Center Street being worked on should be done in a week; however, only one was opened and he asked about the status of those roads. Mumford said one was open and the concrete was being poured on the other; however, he said there were some safety concerns. He said when they were out there with the cement trucks and pouring, the traffic did not cooperate (sometimes moving as fast as 60mph) making it more difficult for the workers. He indicated they were going to try and finish the concrete work this weekend and then would finish the water line. He said the work would continue along the side of the road/shoulder after that, but people should be able to drive down the road--at least local people. He said that when the crew was forced to quit working for the winter, the road would be open.

Other Discussion: Anderson told the Council they had a new agenda for the Regular Meeting that had been amended showing the final/total count from the election.

It was indicated the City had received a building application from Chase Bank and that they intended to start construction the first of the year. He said they would bid out in December and hopefully start construction ASAP after that. He indicated that building would be the first building seen in the Boyer Development.

Allen Fawcett said he had talked to the WalMart architect today and they indicated to him they were still struggling with elevations. Consequently, it was still uncertain as to when those plans would be submitted. Anderson said he did not foresee any construction until spring.

Mayor Phillips asked if the Council had given any thought to having a dinner with the incoming and outgoing Councilmembers as had been done in the past. Councilmember Horner was O.K. with it. Councilmember Straddeck said not that he did not think the City Council should welcome the incoming members and thank the outgoing members, but he thought in the current economic climate it this was not a good idea. He said the Council was asking the employees to sacrifice via no raises, etc., and thought it not appropriate. Mayor Phillips asked if a potluck dinner would be O.K. The Council was O.K. with that. The Council was asked to come prepared to schedule that at the next meeting. Councilmember Straddeck wanted the Councilmembers to e-mail each other this week and get a date set before December 3 because by December 3, everyone was already well into holiday events. It was suggested this take place between Christmas and New Years.

Anderson indicated he wanted to share a few facts with the Council as far as how the City was standing financially this budget year. He said the sales tax collection reported for August, September and October was down \$54,000 from last year and if that continued, the City would miss projected revenue budget by \$200,000 in sales tax. He said there was some silver lining, however, because as the months got further into the year, the percentage rose. He continued the City was ahead in building permit revenue and could possibly have \$50,000 more than budgeted in that fund. He said the amount of revenue budgeted for property taxes was about \$70,000 less than the adopted Certified Tax Rate so the City should realize approximately \$50,000 - \$75,000

more in that regard. As indicated in the staff report, Anderson said the 2008-2009 fiscal year ended \$238,000 better than projected. Anderson said he had just gotten a request from Mike Davis' office for a contribution to the High School Rodeo. With all this said, the news was the City was a little better off than previously thought, and depending on sales tax numbers, the City could be fairly close to budget numbers by year end. He suggested that in the next month or two, the Council needed to look at the long-term vision. He suggested any WalMart revenue would not be realized until 2011. He anticipated using \$300,000 of surplus monies to balance the 2009-2010 budget.

Steve Farrell said UDOT had indicated they didn't have any money and didn't want to start meeting with people on projects until they knew what their financial situation was going to be in the future. He said Mike Kohler was still trying to work out a meeting date to discuss the proposed bypass route and the County Council would let the City Council know when that was scheduled.

As there was no further business, the Heber City Council Work Meeting held on November 19, 2009, adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Paulette Thurber, City Recorder