YOUTH CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEWS AND DISCUSSION

The Mayor and City Council interviewed the following individuals to participate in the Youth City Council: Alex Nicole Arave, Andrew Allred, Briana Allred, Ashley Brown, Ivy Crowther, Chamy Halliday, Kia Hill, Kira Kutterer, Kaitlin Kwiatkowski, Aubree Marquez, Aubree Matheson, Alex McMillan, Justin Millard, Jemma Phillips, Chyna Prawitt, Kierca Rigby, Amanda Shepherd.

The Council discussed various ways to reach out to the youth in the community. Councilmember Murray asked how many of the youth who participated in the interview process would be appointed to the Youth City Council (YCC). Councilmember Young stated there was a discussion about appointing 20 youth to the YCC. Councilmember Murray expressed concern with eliminating some of the youth because they were shy or quiet. She commented that each youth interviewed had something to add to the YCC. Councilmember Young agreed but cautioned that too large of a group would be more difficult to manage.

Councilmember Murray expressed a need to train the members of the YCC to understand how government works in addition to their service opportunities. Councilmember Shepherd added that it would be important to help them specifically understand how a municipality worked. Councilmember Murray stated there was value in providing opportunities for the members of the YCC to follow how ordinances were drafted, reviewed and voted upon by the regular City Council. Councilmember Shepherd added it would be a great opportunity for the youth to experience the entire process including the planning commission process. Councilmember Young stated the youth were experiencing those types of opportunities as part of the YCC. He added there might be additional experiences to consider in preparation for the coming year.
Mayor Wood added that the YCC had also attended Legislative Day in January where the members were able to watch the State Legislature at work.

Austin McMillan, YCC Mayor, recommended the YCC participate in regular City Council meetings more regularly. The Council agreed that more familiarity with the process would enhance the experience for the youth. Nancy Dean, City Recorder, suggested that there be a requirement for members to attend a certain number of City Council meetings. Councilmember Young agreed and expressed his desire to expand that to include reporting their experience back to the YCC and having the YCC express its opinions on issues back to the City Council on a regular basis. YCC Mayor McMillan liked the idea and intended to propose it as part of the bylaw action coming before the YCC.

The Council complimented the quality of each youth interviewed.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED
This 28th day of June, 2011

/s/Don Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Clearfield City Council meeting held Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder