

CLEARFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M. WORK SESSION
June 14, 2011

PRESIDING:	Don Wood	Mayor
PRESENT:	Marilyn Fryer Doyle Sprague Bruce Young	Councilmember Councilmember Councilmember
EXCUSED:	Kathryn Murray Mark Shepherd	Councilmember Councilmember
STAFF PRESENT:	Adam Lenhard Brian Brower Valerie Claussen Mike Stenquist Donna Russell Steve Guy Jessica Hardy Nancy Dean Kim Read	Interim City Manager City Attorney Acting Community Development Director Assistant Police Chief Acting Community Services Director City Treasurer Accounting Technician City Recorder Deputy City Recorder
EXCUSED:	Bob Wylie Greg Krusi	Administrative Services Director Police Chief
VISITORS:	Mike LeBaron	

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON THE AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR THE POLE CAMERA PROJECT

Mike Stenquist, Assistant Police Chief, reminded the Council the Police Department had been the recipient of grant funds from the Bureau of Justice to be used for a pole camera surveillance system throughout the City. He reported the City solicited proposals for the pole camera project and explained the process used by the committee to rank the bids. He announced staff was prepared to recommend the proposal submitted by AlphaCorp, as the recipient of the project. He mentioned this was the same company which had created Sandy City's system and distributed the scoring sheet to the Council. He commented negotiations were continuing to take place with AlphaCorp.

Mayor Wood clarified the Council would be awarding the proposal to AlphaCorp. Nancy Dean, City Recorder, explained the difference between awarding a bid and awarding a proposal to the Council. Mr. Stenquist added there remained a lot of work which would need to be completed specific to location and negotiations with utility companies. He continued other negotiations would also be needed to transpire specific to each designated location. He indicated the City

might have to scale back the scope of the project by the elimination of 2-3 less sites which would leave the City with twelve or thirteen. He mentioned the City had been able to salvage three poles from Central Park during the construction process of the new Wasatch Elementary which would recognize a small savings. He expressed his opinion the AlphaCorp proposal provided the best solution for the City now and in the future. He asked if the Council had any questions.

Mayor Wood asked if the intended camera for the skate park would be in addition to or if it would replacement what was currently in place. Mr. Stenquist responded the camera would be replaced with the new surveillance system as it would be able to pan around the park, better night vision and better close-up features.

Councilmember Fryer inquired if the City experienced significant vandalism at the skate park. Mr. Stenquist responded vandalism had been experienced at that location but didn't believe it to be excessive. He mentioned the Fisher Park concession stand had experienced vandalism and reported a camera would be used at that location to deter future vandalism.

DISCUSSION ON THE AWARD OF BID FOR THE PARKING LOT ASPHALT PROJECT

Donna Russell, Acting Community Services Director, stated the City recently solicited bids for crack patch and slurry seal coat for three City parking lots. She mentioned there had been some discrepancy regarding the sizes of the parking lots and reported the lowest responsible bid had been submitted by Nickel Creek Construction. She stated the parking lot of the City building would not be overlaid because a storm drain would be installed with the construction of the new Wasatch Elementary. Adam Lenhard, Interim City Manager, clarified the bid included the completion of a slurry seal at a later date. She reported the project would need to be completed by June 30 as it was a 2011 fiscal year expenditure. Steve Guy, City Treasurer, explained how the funds would be set aside to complete the project at a later date.

DISCUSSION ON CERTIFIED TAX RATE AND 2011/2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Adam Lenhard, Interim City Manager, stated the City had finally received the Certified Tax Rate from the County. He informed the Council the City's current tax rate was .001548 consisting of the two components; the General Purpose Fund and the Interest & Sinking Fund. He announced the tax rate received from the County was the same at .001548.

He reported staff was recommending the City maintain the revenue which had been appropriated during the budget process. He continued if the City adopted the budget with the rate submitted by the County, revenues would actually decrease by approximately \$280,000. Mr. Lenhard distributed and reviewed handouts illustrating the difference between adopting the County's rate or maintaining the revenue. He mentioned the amount of property tax funds had significantly decreased in the City. He explained the options for the Council to consider: Accept the rates submitted by the County and adjust revenues and expenditures by \$280,000; accept the General

Operations rate submitted by the County and raise the Interest and Sinking Fund rate to match the projected revenue. He pointed out the overall tax would increase, but no truth in taxation was required because of the voter authorization in the 1998 G.O. Bond. He estimated that increase would result in a tax increase of approximately \$24.00 per year on a \$235,000 home. The last option would be to increase the General Operations rate above the County's certified tax rate and the Interest and Sinking Fund above the voter approved limit and hold the truth in taxation public hearing. He reiterated staffs' recommendation was to maintain the revenue by accepting the General Operations rate submitted by the County and adjusting the Interest rate.

Mr. Lenhard explained how the County accounted for the City's collection rate of property taxes and stated if the City held a Truth in Taxation public hearing to recover the uncollected portion of property taxes it was anticipated to recover approximately \$14,000. He questioned whether that would be worth the costs of noticing and conducting a Truth in Taxation public hearing.

Mayor Wood expressed his opinion if the value of the home had decreased from the previous year he questioned if there would be any increase in real dollar value to the residents. He explained if the value of a home is valued less than a home in a neighboring community, the tax rate would have to be higher in Clearfield in order to collect the revenue to provide the same services. He requested the Council's input and a discussion took place with the Council directing staff to increase the Interest and Shrinking Fund within allowable parameters eliminating the need for a Truth in Taxation.

Mr. Lenhard pointed out the Truth in Taxation had been scheduled with the County for a later date but pointed out there was no problem with cancelling that public hearing.

Steve Guy, City Treasurer, also distributed a hand out reflecting the property tax as a whole for Clearfield residents illustrating the other taxing entities' rates. Mr. Guy reviewed the handout with the Council. He pointed out he had calculated the potential tax increase on the average home in the City and reviewed with the Council the possible options and consequences associated with each. Mayor Wood pointed out the decrease in property values for commercial property would be more significant than residential because they were taxed at one hundred percent of the value.

DISCUSSION ON AN ADDITION TO THE WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Scott Hodge, Public Works Director, distributed a handout and explained he had analyzed the road projects which would be completed during this construction season and reported with the recent bid figures, he estimated there would be a surplus of approximately \$300,000 of appropriated funds for road projects. He reviewed the current projects with the Council and reported on the identified new projects. He explained during the previous year 525 North had experienced three waterline breaks in that small section of road. He mentioned there was a

problem with the soil conditions in that area which corrodes the underground pipe. He stated there was a need for the waterline to be replaced which could be completed for a cost of \$200,000.

He reported the other identified project would be for the installation of a pressure regulator station on 1000 West just south of 200 South. He stated the Meadow Park subdivision experienced water pressure difficulties in addition to the Westwood subdivision. He commented the installation of a PRV station would regulate the water pressure for both subdivisions.

He reiterated both of these projects had been identified as Capital Improvement Projects and reported funding was available from the water bond. He pointed out the new waterline would be replaced with plastic pipe to avoid future corrosion with the soil conditions. The Council was in agreement with completion of the projects.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED
This 26th day of July, 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 Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder