

CLEARFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. WORK SESSION
January 24, 2012

PRESIDING:	Don Wood	Mayor
PRESENT:	Kent Bush	Councilmember
	Mike LeBaron	Councilmember
	Kathryn Murray	Councilmember
	Mark Shepherd	Councilmember
	Bruce Young	Councilmember
STAFF PRESENT:	Adam Lenhard	City Manager
	JJ Allen	Assistant City Manager
	Brian Brower	City Attorney
	Greg Krusi	Police Chief
	Scott Hodge	Public Works Director
	Valerie Claussen	Development Services Manager
	Eric Howes	Community Services Director
	Bob Wylie	Administrative Services Director
	Steve Guy	City Treasurer
	Sean Montierth	IT Manager
	Nancy Dean	City Recorder
	Kim Read	Deputy City Recorder

VISITORS: There were no visitors.

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON DAVIS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Adam Lenhard, City Manager, informed the Council that Davis County recently adopted a new animal control ordinance which required the licensing of cats. He reviewed the current dog licensing procedure and expressed his opinion the licensing of cats should not create a significant increase for administrative services.

He explained the general idea in requiring a license for cats was to decrease the number of euthanized cats from the Davis County Animal Control Shelter. He continued procedure had become a very costly expenditure for the County nearing six figures in cost. He mentioned the difficulty with identifying the owner when a cat was picked up by the animal control officer and stated it was nearly impossible to reunite cats with their owners.

Mr. Lenhard indicated the City's current ordinance verbiage reflected the adoption of the County's ordinance with exclusions listed; therefore, the City would have to adopt a new ordinance if it desired an exception to licensing cats. He mentioned the County's new ordinance

also increased the allowed number of dogs for a resident; however, because the City's ordinance already specified the allowed number of dogs, this wouldn't need to be addressed by the Council.

Councilmember Murray inquired about the increase in the number of allowed dogs by the County. Mayor Wood responded the number was raised to three with the requirement that one of three had to be a "rescued" dog from a shelter.

Councilmember Bush inquired if the City's role specific to enforcement would change with the ordinance. Mr. Lenhard responded the County would continue to be responsible for enforcement of the City's ordinance; however, he pointed out the possibility of increased citations and actions by Davis County Animal Control which could potentially increase the City's annual fees. He explained the formula used by the County to determine the cost for animal control was based on the number of incidents and didn't know if cat licensing would have a direct impact to the fees. Brian Brower, City Attorney, pointed out the licensing of cats could theoretically reduce the number of euthanized cats which could be a benefit to the City.

Mayor Wood inquired what neighboring cities were doing with the proposed licensing of cats. Mr. Lenhard stated he had heard Layton City would not be moving forward with cat licensing. A discussion took place regarding the licensing of cats.

Councilmember Shepherd believed the main objective in dog licensing was for the tracking of disease and requiring immunizations and believed this was generally not a cat issue. He expressed his opinion the City shouldn't require the licensing of cats and believed the County's fee increase would be inevitable with whatever decision the City made.

Councilmember Young expressed his opinion there were issues related to cat ownership and believed licensing would attempt to make owners responsible for their cat. Councilmember Murray pointed out responsible cat owners are already licensing or micro-chipping their cats and didn't believe requiring the license would solve the issues related to cats.

Mayor Wood suggested the cats that were nuisances within the City were probably feral cats which no one would license. A discussion took place and the Council concluded to not require the licensing at this time.

Mr. Lenhard clarified the City's ordinance would need to be amended with the provision that cat licensing would not apply to Clearfield. He indicated the amended ordinance would come before the Council during a future policy session.

DISCUSSION ON AN UPGRADE TO SPILLMAN SOFTWARE

Sean Montierth, IT Manager, explained the City currently had a server which provided the Spillman modules required by the police department. He reported the current system was

outdated and indicated it was time to purchase new software. He explained in order for the City to move forward with the upgrade, which would be completed during the next budget year, he would need to have a commitment to schedule the upgrade. He pointed out he couldn't commit the funds for the required upgrade until the Council approved the funding.

He informed the Council that the funds in the 911 fund were designated exactly for this purpose and the department heads expressed their support for this expenditure. He emphasized the issue was spending funds which were not appropriated in the budget and since the Council was currently in the budget process the funds were not yet approved for that purpose. He pointed out there was a six month scheduling deadline and if he waited until the budget was approved, there would be an increase in pricing; however, if he could commit now the City would receive the upgrade at the current pricing.

Chief Krusi emphasized the upgrade had been purchased; however, a server upgrade was also required before it could be implemented. Mr. Lenhard suggested the Council tour the dispatch center to witness the work being completed there.

Councilmember Bush inquired how far into the future the server upgrade would last. Mr. Montierth responded servers were on a four to five year rotation. The Council agreed to commit the funding during the budget appropriation process and directed Mr. Montierth to proceed with scheduling.

DISCUSSION ON HILL AIR FORCE BASE (HAFB) OPEN HOUSE AND AIR SHOW

Mayor Wood informed the Council he had received a letter from the Davis Chamber of Commerce encouraging neighboring cities to participate in sponsoring the Hill Air Force Base (HAFB) Open House and Air Show scheduled for May 26 & 27, 2012. He reminded the Council that last year's event had been cancelled due to a lack of funds. He mentioned the City had contributed funds for the event in 2009 but no funds had not been appropriated for this purpose during the budget process. Mayor Wood read the letter to the Council.

Councilmember Young expressed his opinion the City should support activities at HAFB. Councilmember Shepherd, Bush and LeBaron all expressed agreement with Councilmember Young's comments. Councilmember Murray inquired where the funds could be recognized if the Council approved the sponsorship. Councilmember LeBaron suggested the City consider HAFB the same as any large retailer requesting concessions from the City.

Adam Lenhard, City Manager, expressed confidence the sponsorship money could be located to fund the request. He believed there were available funds in the Mayor/Council's contingency account.

There was consensus to contribute the \$2,500 sponsorship and have the item placed on a future agenda. Mayor Wood believed the sponsorship would be a positive gesture toward HAFB and those residents serving in the military.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED
This 28th day of February, 2012**

/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, January 24, 2012.

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder