

CLEARFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. WORK SESSION
November 26, 2013

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
	Mike Stenquist	Assistant Police Chief
	Scott Hodge	Public Works Director
	Kim Dabb	Operations Manager
	Eric Howes	Community Services Director
	Scott Hess	Development Services Director
	Rich Knapp	Administrative Services Director
	Nancy Dean	City Recorder
	Kim Read	Deputy City Recorder

VISITORS: Keri Benson – Councilmember Elect, Debbie Hill, David W. Hansen, Cary Fisher, Shirley Wang, Chris Williams, Ron Jones, Austin Naywong

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

200 SOUTH CITIZENS MEETING

Mayor Wood announced the City had completed and reviewed a traffic study on 200 South which reflected speeds, number of vehicles, frequency and time of day. He introduced Adam Lenhard, City Manager, and announced he would be presenting the results of the studies conducted at four different times and staff’s recommendation for 200 South.

Mr. Lenhard reminded the Council and residents that the last discussion relative to the reconstruction of 200 South took place in June. He stated 200 South had thirty one feet of asphalt, and commented the preferred width for City street was thirty six feet. He agreed it was narrower than the normal street and reviewed the reasons for the inconsistency:

- The new right of way for SR 193 didn’t leave many options.
- Conflicts involved with the design process specific to the sewer line, storm drainage in conjunction with water lines and natural gas lines.

He surmised the conflicts dictated the best solution was to build the road exactly as it had been.

Mr. Lenhard reported during the month of June there were several contributors to inconveniences being experienced on 200 South:

- All SR 193 traffic was being directed to 200 South.
- Numerous construction vehicles associated with the project were in front of residents' homes.
- UDOT was completing construction at both ends of 200 South.

He agreed the road construction would be frustrating to residents.

He explained it was determined to complete a traffic study after the construction process and announced the City had evaluated the traffic patterns and volumes on 200 South and believed the results were consistent for a road with a limited access. He stated after much review it would be staff's recommendation the asphalt not be widened any further.

Mayor Wood asked for comment.

David Hansen, resident, expressed his opinion that nothing changed with the road with the exception of the width. He believed several residents had inquired about the City's intentions regarding potential changes to the width of 200 South in conjunction with the SR 193 extension and were repeatedly told that nothing would change. He expressed disagreement with the assertion that the SR 193 extension was one foot past the fence and believed the asphalt could have been extended. He believed that was a choice made by the City without involving the residents. He inquired why the City designated a specific standard for road widths if the standard was not followed.

Mayor Wood responded he would bear the responsibility for the lack of communication; however, all meetings were open and publicly noticed and commented maybe the City could have done more in regards to notifying residents of specific meetings in which the road project was being discussed.

Mayor Wood shared some results specific to the recently completed traffic study and pointed out oftentimes wider collector roads created a greater propensity for traffic traveling at a higher rate of speed. He mentioned he had spent personal time observing the traffic on 200 South and believed the road width was sufficient for its use.

Carrie Fisher, resident, commented traffic on 200 South had decreased since the opening of the SR 193 extension. She expressed concerns about the vinyl fence on the corner near the two stop signs obstructing the view and the possibility of people ignoring the stop signs. Mayor Wood directed Chief Krusi to look into Ms. Fisher's concern.

Councilmember LeBaron inquired about the width of 1000 East near the library. Scott Hodge, Public Works Director, responded that street width had been decreased with the installation of the curb, gutter and sidewalk. Councilmember LeBaron pointed out there were times in which the City had to do its best with what was in existence relative to road improvements in areas in which development had been in place for a number of years. He expressed agreement with Mayor Wood's opinion the road was sufficient.

Councilmember Bush emphasized there were other roads within the City which didn't consist of the desired thirty six feet in width and agreed with Councilmember LeBaron that the standard was easier to implement in conjunction with new development. He believed the road had been completed the best way possible given the existing conditions.

Councilmember Shepherd responded he too had spent considerable time observing traffic on the road and pointed out there were only homes on north side of 200 South and expressed his opinion the street width was adequate.

Mayor Wood asked the Council if it had a desire to direct staff to do anything further with the road at this time. Councilmember Young inquired if any of the residents had a desire to express their concerns. One of the residents commented the road construction was complete and stated he was willing to move on.

Councilmember Murray agreed the City could have done more to educate the residents and mentioned she also lived in an area in which the observance of a stop sign was often neglected and understood that concern.

The Council expressed its support of staffs' recommendation to keep the road as it had been completed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED
This 14th day of January, 2014**

/s/Mark R. Shepherd, 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, November 26, 2013.

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder