DISCUSSION ON WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Mayor Shepherd said each year the City received several complaints about winter parking. He pointed out the City tried not to use a heavy-handed approach for its enforcement. He acknowledged the City’s ordinance mandated there be no overnight parking on the streets during winter months beginning November 1st through March 15th of the following year from midnight until 5:00 a.m. He stated a resident recently requested the Council review the winter parking ordinance and consider its negative impacts on residents. There was a discussion about the winter parking restrictions, safety concerns related both to emergency services and snowplow operators, liability risks for the City, optional ordinance language alternatives versus the impacts, as well as the effects to neighborhoods if snowplows were unable to provide the expected service to residents. There was support from the Council to continue with enforcement of its current winter parking ordinance.

There was a discussion about the educational component of the winter parking ordinance for residents as well as staff. It was suggested education about the winter parking ordinance be
shared with residents through the newsletter and other means prior to the approaching season to provide validity for needing a winter parking ordinance rather than its perception by residents as a revenue stream for the City. The following educational items were noted 1) newness of its enforcement through a civil process; 2) providing a better understanding of its safety component; and 3) reminder of the services provided through snow removal which benefited neighborhoods.

REPORT ON THE UTAH LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS CONFERENCE

Mayor Shepherd, Councilmembers Bush, Peterson, and Thompson attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference in Salt Lake City September 12, 2018 through September 14, 2018. There was a discussion about the following takeaways from the conference.

- UTOPIA – Mayor Shepherd recommended the City pursue UTOPIA fiber by engaging in conversations of interest regarding participation. He suggested UTOPIA could then poll the residents to determine if the 30 percent participation could be achieved. JJ Allen, City Manager explained he had already reached out to the president of the company, but had only been able to leave messages so he would continue to follow up.

- Bonding – Councilmember Peterson stated there was a class she attended about how to be a fiscal conservative and bond. She expressed her opinion that some comments made supported the Council’s decision to bond for Mabey Place.

- Use of Transit – Councilmember Peterson used transit as recommended for conference attendance. There was a discussion about transit impacts due to the increased uses of motorized scooters. Councilmember Peterson expressed an interest for the City to consider transit friendly components that were forward thinking as it planned for the Clearfield Station area development.

- Affordable Housing – Councilmember Thompson attended a class about mid-sized cities where discussions led to talking about affordable housing. There was a discussion about affordable housing, regulations, and the ranges of cities with the message which was still very evidently expressed by the phrase of “not in my backyard.”

- Diversity – Councilmember Thompson expressed his opinion everyone was cognizant of the necessity of diversity and its growing nature. Mayor Shepherd stated he was proud of the fact that Clearfield’s City Council represented diversity. He expressed his desire to embrace it during its promotion of Everyone Matters Day in Clearfield. There was a discussion about the importance and various types of diversity.

- Technology – Councilmember Thompson stated he was interested in the topic of technology and wondered how automation would affect the economy. There was a discussion about economic development and where sales tax dollars originated by shopping locally through Amazon.

- Ranked Choice Voting – Mr. Allen asked if anyone participated by visiting the booth about ranked choice voting. There was a discussion about ranked choice voting elections and the ideas behind it which were offset by obstacles voiced about the current lack of support from Davis County, potential affects for a Council with at large positions, and the uncertainty of its expenses and necessary resources. Mayor Shepherd requested the City not lead out in the ranked choice voting option until other cities were able to provide more supporting evidence it would be of benefit to the residents.
Councilmember Thompson moved to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Peterson. The motion carried upon the following vote: Voting AYE – Councilmember Peterson, Phipps, Roper, and Thompson. Voting NO – None. Councilmember Bush was not present for the vote.

**The minutes for the CDRA are in a separate location**

APPROVED AND ADOPTED
This 23rd day of October, 2018

/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, October 2, 2018.

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder