

The regular meeting of the Richmond City Council was held at the Community Building on October 23, 2001. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Kip Panter was in the chair and the opening prayer was offered by L.D. Bowcutt. Treasurer Stacey Andrus was excused to attend a week-long treasurers training conference at Brigham Young University..

The following council members were present: L.D. Bowcutt, Cordell Johnson, Leslie Erickson, Allen Lundgreen, and Kim Christensen.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the financial statements for July, August and September were read and approved.

Neighborhood Watch

Allen: Dallen Smith would like to step down as the chairman of Neighborhood Watch at the end of this month. We have some people who are interested in being on that committee. Lois Anderson has been very active and could serve as the chairperson. We have talked about purchasing more signs. I think it would be a good idea to put some in the middle of the City. George Stewart would be a good person to serve on the committee in charge of special projects.

** A motion to appoint Lois Anderson as chairperson for Neighborhood Watch was made by Allen, seconded by Cordell and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor: I found what I was looking for on the Geological Survey. The Utah Geologic Survey (UGS) has presented a proposal to Cache County and the communities, to be administered by BRAG (Jeff Gilbert). The project would map all geologic hazards in each community. The total cost of the project is \$80,000 and they have a grant for \$60,000, thus the cost share for the county would be \$20,000 or a 25% match. Richmond City's share would be \$800 and we would get maps of: 1) earthquake hazards (ground shaking, liquefaction, surface faulting); 2) landslide and rock-fall hazards; 3) alluvial-fan-flooding, and 4) problem soils susceptible to hydrocompaction, expansion, piping, and erosion. I talked to Chris Sands about this and he thought this was a bargain and we should participate. Even though Bio West provided much of this for us, the UGS would put this into a GIS data base and would provide for us more detailed maps. In addition to the \$800, they would need some help from us including: 1) access to geologic information (consultant's reports, etc.) and appropriate-scale base maps on file at the city; 2) city records of soil-related building damage, 3) minimal use of a city backhoe and operator, if necessary, to excavate exploratory test pits, and 4) aid in obtaining permission for access to private land. With the councils permission, I will sign the approval form and send it back.

L.D.: What happens when someone buys a home in an area that is a hazardous area and asks why a building permit was sold in that area?

Marlowe: The City needs to make them aware of the problem in that area. That's all we can do.

** The Council o.k'd this request and the \$800 fee for the Geological Survey.

Mayor: I have a map showing a proposal for a redundant fiber optic line to come into the valley. This proposal is from Sorensen construction. Other proposals will probably come forward in the next year or so. The Sorensen proposal would bring this service into Richmond and ask what permits would be required etc. John Burton was the representative and he said they would use existing overhead lines where possible and go underground where required. He ask about digging permits, franchise tax, insurance and bonding requirements etc. in Richmond. I gave him what information I could come up with and I suspect they will come back later to firm things up if they get the bid.

Mayor: We have some people requesting that we bring the dumpsters back for leaves. It would be good if we could leave the green dumpster long enough for the fall leaves. I think we have some outside the city that use it on a regular basis.

Marlowe: If you bring back one dumpster, you will have to bring back the other. Otherwise the "green" dumpster will get filled up with garbage also.

Cordell: I believe it is a valuable service having the dumpster. Maybe we should increase the fee and leave them longer.

Marlowe: Experience over the past few years has shown that if the dumpsters are out, people will use them and keep them full.

Mayor: I don't want to see us increase the dumpster charge any more than it is. There are many in town including widows and single families that are on limited income and they pay the same and most don't use them.

L.D.: What if we bring them back and only have it available for a minimal amount of time? We could have some community service for someone to be there and take names and license numbers.

Cordell: The key to this is to have someone watch over this and manage it better. I think we should have some community involvement time used for this.

Final Discussion of Personnel Manual

Mayor: I think we are now to the final changes on the personnel manual.

** A motion to approve Ordinance 2001-8 which is the ordinance establishing a personnel policy and administrative procedures manual for Richmond City was made by Cordell, seconded by L.D. and the vote was unanimous.

Council Reports

Cordell: Can we use the extra money from DEQ for the sewer renovation to rebuild and install the splashers from Morgan?

Mayor: Tim Beavers from DEQ said that we could use the extra money for the splashers. I had a discussion with Tim and Paul Crowth about them and they felt it was a good deal and we should move ahead. Paul said the main problem Morgan had with those units and the reason they replaced them was a freezing problem in the winter. He thought we could take them out in the late fall and they would really give us a boost in capacity. He did some quick calculations and said two splashers would increase the capacity use by 500 people. For DEQ to approve the use of the escrow money we would need to get an engineer stamp on the proposed plan. This should be a relatively simple plan.

Marlowe: It would cost approximately \$1,500 to fix each splashers and we need to do this now so they will be ready for spring.

Mayor: I think we need to contact Sunrise Engineering now and get going on this.

Cordell: Has Gavin gone up to Mary Palmer's and diverted the water yet?

Marlowe: Not yet. Mary called to have Gavin open the diversion, and I forgot to pass on that message. I will definitely talk to Gavin tomorrow.

L.D.: The flagpole has been relocated to the maintenance shed. It looks good. We are working on taking care of the weed problem at the maintenance shed. It will look good when we are done. We winterized all the restrooms in the buildings. We have had to rent a compressor the last two years to blow the water lines out. Maybe we should pick up a compressor sometime in the future. During the sale that was held at Black and White, we had to replace an element in the water heater. Do we have any information on repair of the firehouse roof yet?

Marlowe: No. I&I Contractors have promised to get me a bid within the next week to ten days.

L.D.: When we get our Black and White project underway I think we should do it in stages.

Marlowe: We are re-keying the Fire Department and Quonset on Thursday. Then both buildings doors will use the same key. A separate key that will only open the Quonset has been prepared for Valerie Hatch so that she can have access to the sports equipment stored within that building.

L.D.: I talked to Valerie about the sports program. I drew up the procedures for her to do. She said she would do it. She will get with the group members over each age group for baseball. She will keep track of the equipment, uniforms and arrange for pitchers and make sure both parents and coaches know when the games are. She says she is going to use North Cache for city basketball. She will line coaches up, schedule the games, uniforms and keep track of the umpires. She will collect and store the equipment at the end of the season.

Mayor: The Public Hearing for Planning and Zoning is November 6th and for the City Council on November 13th.

Mayor: Kurt Chesley wants to withdraw his building permit for his house. He is not going to build his home. With the council permission, we will refund his connection fees

and impact fees and cancel his building permit. Mike Abbott asked where the annexation of his subdivision currently stands? I told him we are ready to go with it and will move ahead.

No bills were presented for approval as Stacey was excused.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cordell seconded by Kim and the vote was unanimous.

Adjournment at 9:15 p.m.

Mayor Kip Panter

Boyd Lewis, City Recorder