

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

May 22, 2007

The regular meeting of the Richmond City Council was held at the Richmond Community Building located at 6 West Main, Richmond, UT on May 22, 2007. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Michael Hall was in the chair. The opening remarks were made by Brad Jensen.

The following Council members were in attendance: Brad Jensen, Leslie Erickson, Allen Lundgreen, and Keith Ward. Terrie Wierenga was excused due to a family emergency.

A motion to accept the April 17, 2007 City Council meeting minutes was made by Keith, seconded by Allen and the vote was unanimous.

CACHE VALLEY TRANSIT PRESENTATION

CURTIS ROBERTS: I am the Finance Director for the Cache Valley Transit District. I understand the numbers behind the District and have done an extensive analysis on its future needs. In the next 16 years, there will be 36,000 more people in Cache Valley. This will result in an increase in traffic, air pollution and less open space areas. The population in 2005 was 102,477 and by the year 2020 will be around 147,776 and by 2030 around 183,989. We need to take a proactive approach. The transit system is very capital intensive. For us to grow, we need more buses, more area to store the buses and a bigger repair and maintenance facility. I just submitted a 10.5 million dollar grant proposal to the Federal Government for help in this area. Moore & Associates recently conducted a survey of 271 Cache Valley citizens. I was originally concerned about the diversification of the survey but after reviewing it, I believe it to be very accurate. The biggest concern mentioned was later evening service. We need more buses to offer this service, we are currently at capacity. Other concerns were: wanting more service, more locations, better times. 79.6% of those in the survey stated they would use the system more if just one of these concerns was met. 68.3% of those in the survey said they would support a 0.25% sales tax increase. I am not asking you to approve the increase, I am asking that you put this request on the November ballot. Let's authorize the citizens to vote on this. In order for it to be on the November 6th ballot, I would need the Council to pass a resolution allowing this to occur. If passed, we would start implementing these changes immediately. If all cities were to pass the proposed increase, it would give the transit district about three million dollars more per year to help expand.

RICHARD HELIGER: The only way to improve the system is with more money. This District helps with pollution and traffic congestion. We need to plan for the future now.

MAYOR: If this proposed resolution passes, all it will do is allow the citizens to vote on this matter in November?

CURTIS: Yes.

RESOLUTION 2007-1

A motion to approve Resolution 2007-1, *A Resolution Approving a Ballot Measure Allowing the Citizens of Richmond to Vote on Whether an Increase in Sales Tax Is Needed to Expand Public Transportation*, was made by Leslie, seconded by Keith, and the vote was unanimous.

RICHARD: My term in serving on the Transit Board as the representative from Richmond will expire at the end of this year. I have been on the Board for six years.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

KEITH: I have visited with Norton Thurgood about scheduling our street projects for this year. Prices on everything are very high. The high costs might delay what can be accomplished since we are on a small budget. In Salt Lake there are three production facilities that produce sludge; rather than produce sludge they are currently producing diesel. This will keep the price of sludge very high.

BRAD: Is this plan done based on our budget amount?

KEITH: Yes. We are always prioritizing based on available funds.

BRAD: What about Hill Haven?

KEITH: The Hill Haven project has been put off for a while. We are exploring the following on Main Street: doing a slurry seal this year, or doing a slurry seal and chip seal next year. Elk Ridge Dust Control has done the mag water on the same streets the same as last year. Dallan Day is complaining that the weeds out by the road are making the visibility very limited when he wants to enter the highway. He would like them mowed down. If there is curb and gutter, is this a Richmond City problem to fix?

MARLOWE: That is a State of Utah right of way and their problem to deal with.

KEITH: Cleve Smith has said that they mowed them last year but should not have and won't this year. I will check with Norton in regards to this matter as he knows the rules and regulations. A couple of Eagle Scout projects were recently completed by painting the park bathrooms and the American Legion hamburger stand.

MARLOWE: There are no lights or water in the bathrooms at the park. There were several water pipes at the park that froze and broke over the winter. They had not been properly drained so we can't turn on the water to the restrooms until these valves are replaced. We need to get the lights installed. I also need a key to the women's side. Ben has one to the men's side but not the women's.

BRAD: Will it be completed by May 30th?

MARLOWE: Cannot make that promise since we don't know when the parts will come in.

ALLEN: I saw a notice at Standard Plumbing on double checks. Do you know about this?

MARLOWE: This is in regards to double checks on sprinkling systems only.

KEITH: After the bathroom project is completed, aren't the locks all going to be re-keyed so they will all match?

MARLOWE: That will be done after the project is completed entirely.

FINANCIAL REPORT

JUSTIN: We will need to have a short fifteen minute meeting on Tuesday, June 26th to pay the bills for the end of the fiscal year. The Fire Department is claiming that they are approximately \$10,000 under budget. After the year is completed and we can get the actual numbers put together we can determine how much they are over or under and inform them if they are under that they will have that amount to spend on new equipment for the new fire truck.

BLACK & WHITE DAYS ROYALTY

CARLEEN THURGOOD: Rickelle Johnson and Carly Spackman were two of the members of the Black & White Days royalty for the year 2007. Rickelle has been part of the royalty for two years.

LESLIE: I would like to thank Carleen for all of her years of service to Black & White Days. She helped to mentor me and show me all the things that need to be done to make Black & White Days a success.

PLANNING & ZONING MEMBER

ALLEN: Brent Webb has served on Planning & Zoning Commission since 1998. It is time for him to be replaced. The current Commission members are: Randy Jones, Chris Anderson, Brent Webb, Suzanne Dent, Daryl Black and Lee Anderson. I would like to propose that Monica Merrill replace Brent Webb. After a new member has been elected, a Chair will be elected by the Commission members, subject to the Council's ratification.

A motion to accept Monica Merrill as a member of the Richmond City Planning & Zoning Commission was made by Allen, seconded by Leslie, and the vote was unanimous.

BRAD: Two year term?

ALLEN: Four year.

MARLOWE: Brent has been on the board since 1998, Lee since 2002, Suzanne since 2003, Randy since 2005, Daryl since 2006 and Chris this year. Brent is being replaced, but Suzanne and Lee will either need to be replaced or have their term extended.

MAYOR REPORT

MAYOR: Walt Baker has approved the new membrane waste water system. We have an official letter stating that there is no significant impact and that this system should last until the city has 3,600 people or the year 2026. Bruce Jorgensen is reviewing the contract to make sure that it is okay. Brad Rasmussen is in the final design stage. This system should go to bid late summer or early fall of this year. Concrete work could possibly be done late this year. Finalizing the contract and bonding are the next two steps.

BRAD: This new system will reduce phosphorous but when is our permit due?

MARLOWE: September 2008.

MAYOR: Gary Gibbons, Darek Kimball and Marlowe are going to meet in regards to the future water tank. They are going to tour the location. There will need to be a fault line test to make sure this location will work.

BRAD: Have we received permission or a right of way to that area yet?

MARLOWE: No, it is still being worked on. Gary is going to help me with that.

MAYOR: As you can see by recent *Herald Journal* articles, we are not the only city with sewer problems. Logan and Nibley were in the paper recently. Richmond was the first to address the problem and now everyone is following our lead.

MARLOWE: I visited with someone from Logan City that believes their lagoons will still work. They have and will continue to have major phosphorous and ammonia problems using just the lagoon system.

MAYOR: I would like to thank everyone that volunteered for the Black & White Days festivities. Any idea how many attended the breakfast this year compared to others?

CHRIS PURSER: We have not kept a previous count but this year there were about 300 that were fed.

MAYOR: I have asked Wendell Morse to attend an upcoming Council meeting. I want him to visit with us about the new County Planner position and what it entails and will do. There are some liability issues with just taking property. North Logan has hired legal counsel in regards to this. A letter of challenge has been filed by all of the mayors in regards to the recent census. The entire valley has been short changed on the recent census. Marlowe you may need to assist with this if any information is required by the County. This is the first county wide protest ever; there have been city protests in the past but never a county-wide protest.

JULIENE PARRISH: Will it make a difference if it is amended?

MAYOR: Yes. The cities and county can go back and ask for federal and state money that we were shorted do to this error.

MARLOWE: The last census showed that Richmond lost people. It turns out that North Logan protested the census and they won, which caused our numbers to be reduced. The thing that was done was that North Logan was increased and rather than adjust the entire county they just took North Logan's shortage and reduced the surrounding cities number in order to increase North Logan.

A motion to close the regular Council meeting was made by Keith, seconded by Allen and the vote was unanimous.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Leslie, seconded by Brad and the vote was unanimous.

JUSTIN: I have made the changes from the last meeting. The sweeper repair was changed from \$12,000.00 to \$7,500.00. Civic Arts was decreased by \$250.00 and EMT training was increased by \$250.00. The EMT training increase was for the CERT Training that Terrie had requested. The budget is very tight as in years past and there are no large expenditures planned from the General Fund.

MAYOR: We are going to repair the sweeper over a two budget year period. We will have Ben and Rob repair the hydraulics this winter. The sweeper that we rented from the State of Utah does not pick up the debris, it just sweeps it to the side of the road.

BRAD: I just want everyone to be aware that with increasing costs of concrete and no change in our allocation for sidewalks next year that we will be doing less concrete work than before.

MAYOR: There is approximately \$20,000.00 in RAPZ Tax money that will be coming and has been approved. This will be used to finish the American Legion Building as well as doing a bunch of concrete work at the park. There should be about \$15,000 for the park concrete work. A proposal is also going to be put together for next year for the Cub River Sports Complex.

MARLOWE: The proposed new sidewalk on Main from 400 West to 200 West will be done with safety funds from the State that we've requested. This is available only because that portion of Main Street is also State Road 142.

MAYOR: Richmond has to pay 25% of this project and our portion will be paid by doing the labor. This sidewalk is helping to live up to a commitment that was promised of a new sidewalk in that area when the traffic light was completed.

ALLEN: A letter needs to be sent to the Randy Tripp residence to get the sidewalk that was removed, repaired immediately. It was removed weeks ago and has not yet been completed.

MAYOR: Marlowe please let them know it needs to be completed by the next Council meeting or further action will be required.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Keith, seconded by Brad and the vote was unanimous.**A motion to reopen the regular Council meeting was made by Brad, seconded by Keith and the vote was unanimous.***

A motion to accept the proposed adjustments to the July 2006 through June 2007 budget was made by Brad, seconded by Leslie, and the vote was unanimous.

A motion to accept the preliminary budget for the July 2007 through June 2008 budget year was made by Brad, seconded by Keith, and the vote was unanimous.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BUSINESS LICENSES

MARLOWE: I recommend that the Council defer this discussion until the next meeting when Terrie will be present.

BRAD: When Cove Auto was granted a license wasn't part of the deal that there should have been a fence on the South and West?

MARLOWE: No. Only on the East, the highway side. The homes to the West and South have a higher elevation than what a fence would have cut off for visibility and a fence would not have accomplished anything.

BRAD: I just have to give answers to a concerned citizen and want to have the proper feedback.

MARLOWE: By statute a six foot fence was all that would be allowed and the homes are higher than that.

CHRIS: The \$75.00 fee that you see on the list you are reviewing is for \$25.00 for current license, \$25.00 late fee for not paying last year, and \$25.00 for last year.

MAYOR: I would like to get an updated list of who has not renewed for this year by the next Council meeting. Dan Miller has resigned from doing the newsletter. I have asked Chris and Marlowe to oversee this in the short term.

WASTE WATER CULINARY WORKSHOP

BRAD: June is not a good month to have meetings or a workshop.

MARLOWE: Just as a note. There will not be a \$1.00 per month increase in water starting in July. It does not list this year in our ordinance. There will be a \$1.00 per month sewer increase on July 1st per our ordinance.

MAYOR: I agree, June is bad. Let's discuss a future date at the June Council meeting.

MARLOWE: You should also consider setting a date for the City party.

CHRIS: I also need to make reservations for the League of Cities this fall. Please let me know who will be attending.

A motion to pay the following bills was made by Allen, seconded by Brad, and the vote was unanimous.

A.A. Hudson	2328.69
Ace Industrial Supply	254.48
ACP Direct	52.95
Advanced Heating	160.00
Al's Sporting Goods	682.56
Al's Trophies	747.50
American Water Works	89.00
Anderson Seed & Feed	326.82
AT&T	268.84
Atco	403.00
Badger Screen Printing	518.55
Bear River Health	80.00
Beazer Lock	21.00
Beth Skidmore	315.56
Bluestakes	28.63
Bridgerland Applied Technology	87.25
Cache Chemical	549.24
Cache Service Area	15358.08
Cache Valley Electric	695.88
Cache Valley Insurance	2808.00
California Contractors	139.80
Cantwell Lumber	25.17
Carpenter Paper	111.16
Centurion Technologies	20.20
Chem-tech Ford	276.00
Chevron	168.7
Chris Purser	533.57
Christensen Const	404.20
CNH Capital	5.96

Dan Miller	500.00
Demco	629.57
Denny's	158.16
Econo Signs	67.92
Ecosystems	90.00
Ferguson	1981.23
Fleet Services	194.20
Gall's	278.92
Garts	159.98
HACH	261.45
Heart to Heart	64.48
Herbert Weston	37.00
Here's Your Sign	106.35
Highsmith	81.25
Holophane	549.40
Intermountain Farmers	248.93
IPACO	39.64
Jeff Turley	480.00
Johnson Welding	465.00
JUB	497.58
K&B Service	166.16
Kings	233.98
Knowbuddy	123.70
L.D.'s	425.49
Lee's	49.95
Leslie Erickson	100.45
Logan Regional	120.00
Lookout Books	274.29
Lora Smith	53.25
Marlowe Adkins	35.62
Maverik	424.45
Midamerica Books	274.29
Mountain Magic Sports	180.72
Mountain States Waterworks	348.80
Nextell	181.77
Northwood Rental	200.00
Olson & Hoggan	1354.50
PC's Unlimited	19.95
Peterson Supply	155.55
Public Safety Center	69.05
Questar	1687.9
Qwest	585.92
Randy's	175.60
Remote Control Systems	250.00
Rockmount	384.93
Rocky Mtn Power	4111.13
Smithfield Imp	926.48
Specialty Services Store	117.92
Square One	177.70
Tausha Stokes	360.00

Thatcher	1178.20
The Herald Journal	20.00
The Home Depot	915.58
Thread Images	99.00
Threads n Things	57.25
Tree Brother Co.	60.00
Upstart	137.54
Utah Dept of Transportation	198.28
Utah Local Governments Trust	755.70
Visa	391.22
Watkins Printing	87.70
WR White	2718.8
Xerox	240.76

A motion to adjourn was made by Brad, seconded by Keith, and the vote was unanimous.

Adjournment at 8:45 P.M.

Michael E. Hall, Mayor

Justin B. Lewis, Recorder