

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the Richmond City Council was held at the Park Community Center located at 90 South 100 West, Richmond, Utah on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. The meeting began at 7:00 P.M.; Mayor Jeffrey Young was in the Chair. The opening remarks were made by Paul Erickson.

The following Council members were in attendance: Paul Erickson, Cheryl Peck, Lyle Bair, and Kelly Crafts.

Tucker Thatcher was excused.

City Administrator Jeremy Kimpton, City Engineer Darek Kimball, City Recorder Justin Lewis, and City Treasurer Christine Purser were also in attendance.

VISITORS: Allen Lundgreen, Marie Lundgreen, Derik Atkinson, Jessica Atkinson, Curtis Dent, Suzanne Dent, Amy Jensen, Terrie Wierenga, Kevin Christensen, Terry Warner, Zac Covington, Brad Deffinger, Donna Carlson, John Chadwick, Bruce Traveller, JR Solders, Daysha Solders, Eric Nelson, Farol Nelson, David Cavanaugh

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

PAUL: I want everyone to be aware the minutes are a summary of the meeting. They are not written verbatim. It is not required they are written verbatim.

A motion to approve the September 18, 2018 City Council meeting minutes was made by Lyle, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Erickson, Peck, Bair, Crafts

No Vote: None

Absent: Thatcher

BUSINESS LICENSE

PAUL: Can a business license be issued to someone without a permanent location such as a taco bus?

JUSTIN: Yes. The city has less control than ever. Mobile businesses such as this don't even have to have a business license if they are licensed in another city. This was a recent change made by the legislature.

JEREMY: I think over time business licenses will go away or become very limited. The city has less control each year on business licenses.

PAUL: Can a mobile business just pull up to city property and operate?

JUSTIN: Yes. How would we stop them on public property or private property? Typically, they would ask for permission from the city and let us know where they would park on public property.

MAYOR: The legislature has really cut back on what we do with business licenses. Home based business licenses have really been changed with less regulation required.

DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CACHE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REGARDING A PILOT PROGRAM CALLED CACHE ACHIEVE.

TERRYL WARNER: I work for the Cache County Attorney's Office. I attended a conference a couple of years ago and one part of the conference discussed what does a high school diploma or GED get a person in today's world. The answer is not much. I spend a lot of time working in the local court system as part of my job. Typically, judges make defendants get jobs as part of their sentencing. I came up with a proposed program I took to my boss, and that is where this program started. In lieu of jail time, a defendant can choose to do schooling at BATC (Bridgerland Area Technical College). The person picks a trade or skill and starts that program. This program has taken two years to get up and running. Tuition and fees are paid by the defendant. I am a victim advocate, and if we cannot pay costs for the victims, we are not paying costs for the defendant. If the defendant wants to utilize this program, within ten days of committing to the program, they must go to BATC and get signed up. Other

requirements include holding a “B” average and attending at least 90% of the classes. If the program is completed, the defendant is then offered a plea in abeyance in regard to their citation. Counseling is still mandatory and paid for by the defendant if required by the judge. If minor children are living at home, they must attend a local school, maintain a “B” average, and have 90% attendance. The goal is to get defendants to become community-oriented. Our first test case was a defendant who had four domestic violence cases against him. He tried and completed the program. He is now employed and has not been arrested in over two years. Another test case was a woman who had a retail theft charge. She did the program and has not been arrested in over two years. The cost of incarceration at the Cache County Jail is \$86 per day. The cost of a defendant on probation is \$8.30 per day. Up to 15 days of jail time can be waived as part of this program. Thirteen test cases have been done, and that has saved about \$50,000 in supervision and jail expenses. In case you are not aware, new legislation allows for a defendant to ask for community service in lieu of paying a court fine. As part of the Cache Achieve program, court fines are still paid. Your court is dependent on fine revenue. This program requires the fine to be paid as well as the cost of the public defender if one was used. There need to be consequences for actions.

MAYOR: If community service is requested, they cannot participate in this program?

TERRYL: Community service is not part of this program. Right now we are starting to screen defendants to see who would qualify for this program. We want to start offering this opportunity to people. There will be a tax savings to the cities and county for every person who enrolls in this program. Hopefully, this will help people become more productive and law abiding. We worked with a 38 year old who had been in the jail system for most of the last 20 years as a low level offender. He did the program and now has a graphic arts job where he makes good money and is able to support his family. He no longer needs government assistance and is a productive member of society. I wanted you to be aware of this program. Your city prosecutor, Kelly Smith, is aware of the program as well.

CHERYL: What happens if a defendant does not maintain a “B” average?

TERRYL: That is a BATC requirement, not a court requirement. BATC will work with the defendant first. A counselor at BATC is assigned to work with this program. We tried this program with two offenders who had a long criminal history. They were given the opportunity to sign up for the program and never did. This program will only be offered to low level offenders.

MAYOR: I think this is a great program and opportunity.

TERRYL: We are hoping to get 500 people to go through the program. I will be reporting back to you and other city councils the results of the program in a year as well as to the legislature. Eight other counties are interested in this program if we are successful.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

CHRIS: I don't have any new items to discuss.

MAYOR: We are close to having the online bill pay system up and working. The new server was installed and is up and running. Chris has had to deal with a lot of changes in the last year. Moving to this building as well as a complete change in our computer system. I will update everyone on the status of the fire department during the mayor's report.

PUBLIC HEARING, NO SOONER THAN 7:20 P.M, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE REZONE REQUEST BY AMY JENSEN TO REZONE PARCEL NUMBER 09-049-0038, 2.00 ACRES, FROM RE-2 (RESIDENTIAL 2-ACRE) TO RE-1 (RESIDENTIAL 1-ACRE). THE PARCEL IS LOCATED AT 192 NORTH 300 EAST.

JEREMY: I have been working with Amy Jensen on this project. We are still waiting for the final legal descriptions and survey of the two proposed lots to be submitted. I would suggest if you approve the request, you do it contingent upon the survey being completed and submitted to the city.

PAUL: Did the planning commission review and approve the request?

JEREMY: Yes. There is a certain spot the lot must be split to meet legal requirements, but it can be done.

MAYOR: I talked to Tucker about this request, and he said it is a cut and dry request. The request fits the area.

AMY JENSEN: I want to thank Jeremy for his assistance in helping me on this request. I have never done anything like this before. I think the request keeps the rural feel of the area. Some of my neighbors are here this evening, and they support the request as well.

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A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Paul, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Erickson, Peck, Bair, Crafts
No Vote: None
Absent: Thatcher

The public hearing opened at 7:21 P.M.

There were not any comments or questions from the public.

A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Lyle, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Erickson, Peck, Bair, Crafts
No Vote: None
Absent: Thatcher

The public hearing closed at 7:22 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE REZONE REQUEST FOR PARCEL NUMBER 09-049-0038.

CHERYL: I am glad we heard from Tucker, and know he supports the request.

PAUL: This is a good use of residential land. A new building lot will now be available. There is already infrastructure in the area. Sidewalk will be required. I know the trail is supposed to go through this area, but sidewalk needs to be planned for in case the trail is not completed. What size sidewalk is our city standard?

JUSTIN: All new homes are required to install a sidewalk the entire width of the frontage, and it must be five feet wide.

A motion to rezone Parcel Number 09-049-0038 from RE-2 (Residential 2-Acre) to RE-1 (Residential 1-Acre) contingent upon a survey by a licensed surveyor being submitted to the city with the legal description of both parcels included was made by Paul, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Erickson, Peck, Bair, Crafts
No Vote: None
Absent: Thatcher

DISCUSSION WITH JOHN CHADWICK, AGENT FOR THE CHERRY PEAK SKI RESORT, REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING PARKING SPACES ON 100 WEST FROM MAIN STREET TO 100 SOUTH DURING SPECIAL EVENTS HELD AT THE SKI RESORT.

MAYOR: The ski resort has had some parking issues in the past and is looking at all options to help rectify this problem.

JOHN CHADWICK: We need to find additional parking on ski days where we don't have enough parking. We finally figured out the magical number of people we can have at the resort for an event. The number is right around 3,500. We had a couple of concerts this year with more people than that, and we just cannot get them up to the resort fast enough.

CHERYL: Which event was the largest?

JOHN: There were about 4,600 people to the Josh Turner concert. It takes a lot of people attending to generate enough revenue to have a good act come. We decided for the future we are going to limit the attendance and charge more for the tickets to make up for the loss in revenue. We need to get more comfortable working with large crowds. Mark Hall has purchased some land from us, and there are a couple of acres he has cleared off. We can park a

couple of hundred cars there. We are concerned about parking. We are not sure if using 100 parking stalls in town will help us or not.

MAYOR: Concert attendees are parking in town already.

PAUL: Please explain your request.

JOHN: I was wondering about allowing people to park on both sides of the road on 100 West from Main Street to 100 South.

PAUL: That is already public parking.

MAYOR: People are already parking there. The concern is the church parking lot. Parking in the church parking lot is not allowed. It might have to be blocked off in the future.

PAUL: You should approach the Cache County School District and see about the possibility of utilizing the parking lot at White Pine Elementary. There is an inlet and an outlet which would work great.

CHERYL: There is limited parking there.

MAYOR: Correct, only around 50 parking stalls.

JOHN: Our next concert is not until next June. We are required to submit parking plans to the county for each event. We have parking at the bottom of the mountain for 1,400 vehicles, and around the ski resort we can park 700 vehicles. Even at the most attended concert, traffic was still moving around 15 miles per hour. We will have around 12 events a year where we need to find parking elsewhere. We are considering having people park in town and then shuttling them up to the resort. One issue I see in using the parking spaces in front of this building is if you have a special event in the building the same evening, there won't be enough parking.

MAYOR: The city has a joint agreement with the church to share parking when needed.

JOHN: We have already sold five times more season ski passes than in the past.

DONNA CARLSON: What about installing a new road from State Street to 500 North?

JUSTIN: It is would be too costly for the city.

MARIE LUNDGREEN: I thought two access points are needed from all subdivisions.

MAYOR: There are two access points already for the Cherry Creek Heights Subdivision. One at 300 East 500 North and then just east of there at the start of Sunburst Lane. No more construction will be done in that subdivision until the developer installs the road from 300 East 500 North to the bottom of Cherry Creek Parkway which is to the west. This would still not connect 500 North to State Street. Having this many vehicles go through town at the same time is new to the city. We want the resort to succeed. There is community support to make it a success. John, thank you for acknowledging there is a parking problem and looking for ways to correct it.

JOHN: We want to avoid conflict. I will talk with the school district about possibly using the parking lot at White Pine Elementary.

PAUL: I would suggest starting with Principal Healy.

JOHN: Right now, we are working on issues for those driving through the city. The main road going to the resort is actually in the county, not in the city.

JUSTIN: I hear you are hosting a winter concert series. Is that correct?

JOHN: Yes, in Logan at the Cache County Fairgrounds new facility. The first concert is on November 1st and is Sawyer Brown. We now have three chair lifts at the resort. More lighting has been installed for night skiing as well.

PUBLIC HEARING, NO SOONER THAN 7:40 P.M., FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ORDINANCE 2018-4, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND UPDATING CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS AGAINST INTERFERING WITH CONTROL OF WATER, TAKING WATER OUT OF TURN, OBSTRUCTING WATERGATES AND INJURING WATER RELATED STRUCTURES.

MAYOR: This proposed ordinance changes how the judge deals with irrigation water citations. The citations would be changed from a misdemeanor to an infraction. The judge would have more leeway on each case. There is a big difference in the amount of the fine as well. This only has to do with irrigation water. The current ordinance has no leeway. Legal counsel and Judge Funk have reviewed the ordinance. This gives the judge leeway when there are unintentional uses of irrigation water and there is blatant stealing of irrigation water. Each case can be handled on its own merits. This ordinance simply gives the judge some latitude in each case of this kind.

A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Lyle, seconded by Paul, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Erickson, Peck, Bair, Crafts

No Vote: None

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Absent: Thatcher

The public hearing opened at 7:45 P.M.

TERRIE WIERENGA: Have you met with the irrigation company to discuss this ordinance?

MAYOR: We have talked with them several times about citations. I have not talked to them about the specific language in this ordinance.

TERRIE: What is the difference between a misdemeanor and an infraction?

MAYOR: I don't know all the specifics, but my understanding is an infraction does not go on a person's record.

PAUL: An infraction is more of a hand slap.

MAYOR: It allows the judge another level of control. If not a repeat offender, I don't see them getting fined as heavily. Our prosecuting attorney and general legal counsel expressed concern about our current ordinance about a year ago. Judge Funk has the same concerns as well. Legal counsel wrote this ordinance. This is one case where we needed their expertise in drafting an ordinance.

A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Lyle, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Erickson, Peck, Bair, Crafts

No Vote: None

Absent: Thatcher

The public hearing closed at 7:49 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2018-4.

PAUL: I have a concern about the wording in Section 13-1023. The section only references wood and not all types of materials. I also think this section does not apply to the city since the irrigation system is piped.

DAREK: The head gate could still be blocked.

PAUL: But, it is outside of the city limits.

LYLE: This is any canal, not just an irrigation canal.

PAUL: I think we need to broaden the language to include other materials.

DAREK: Areas on the south half of the Cherry Creek canal are still open water, and so this section of the ordinance would apply. The High Creek system is a closed system. The majority of the Cherry Creek system is still open.

PAUL: Does Judge Funk deal with citations issued outside of the city limits?

MAYOR: I don't think so. Judge Funk has reviewed and approved this ordinance.

PAUL: I think we need to change the wording. Is there any reason this ordinance has to be approved tonight?

MAYOR: No.

TERRIE: You could change to something such as any person who obstructs a watergate will be held liable.

BRAD DEFFINGER: Or knowingly or unknowingly blocks or obstructs a watergate.

PAUL: Does "person" also mean business?

MAYOR: If we are not sure, we can table the ordinance and do additional research. We can contact the judge and ask for his opinion.

PAUL: I will take the assignment to contact the judge and possibly modify the wording in this section.

A motion to table Ordinance 2018-4 until Section 13-1023 can be researched, reviewed and possibly modified was made by Paul, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Erickson, Peck, Bair, Crafts

No Vote: None

Absent: Thatcher

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE TRAIL SYSTEM ON 300 EAST FROM 350 SOUTH TO 300 NORTH.

MAYOR: I want to make sure everyone is aware of what we have discussed. For safety purposes the trail will be located on the east side of the power poles. The trail will be eight feet wide from Main Street to 300 North. The trail will be six feet wide from Main Street south to the horse arena. The entire trail will be done in concrete.

CHERYL: I had a couple of cub scouts ask during the open house if the trail will be lit?

MAYOR: No.

PAUL: We could add some low voltage lights.

DAREK: There are already street lights at the intersections.

MAYOR: What about attaching lights onto the power poles?

DAREK: You can add a light to each light pole, but there will be a cost for the light as well as the monthly charge.

MAYOR: I think it is a good idea to look into, but it won't change the scope of our project.

TERRIE WIERENGA: Will the dark sky resolution be followed? It was adopted by the council several years ago.

DAREK: Typically, we follow dark sky rules, but we will meet the industry standard.

PAUL: We should install conduit at each light pole if needed as part of this project.

MAYOR: Adding lights to the existing light poles is the most logical idea.

PAUL: I was thinking more along the lines of adding low voltage lights every 150 feet or so.

MAYOR: They will all get broken and ruined, especially in the winter.

PAUL: The residents on the corner of 300 East Main have concerns about their flower beds being ruined when the trail is installed. We need to meet with effected landowners to talk about items like this before we start the project.

We need to minimize the damage to yards where possible. More landscaping damage will be done on the east side of the power poles, as opposed to the west side. People have been maintaining the public right-of-way, and they care.

MAYOR: There are several property owners who will be effected.

PAUL: Are we cutting down the trail from eight feet wide to six feet wide going south of Main Street because it will be used less?

ZAC COVINGTON: The trend is for trails to be ten to twelve feet wide. It is for safety purposes, so people can

pass each other without hitting the other person or having to get out of the way.

MAYOR: We will work with each landowner as best we can.

PAUL: Lynn Bair has a long piece of property included in this project area.

MAYOR: I talked to him and his biggest concern is how the slope of his driveway will be effected. It is quite steep.

We will have to build up the trail as it crosses his property.

PAUL: A survey needs to be done on the entire project as well.

MAYOR: Agreed. The boundary line going south of Main Street on 300 East is unknown in some places. Some

people think the road through that area has been moved over time. There is a jog in that road as it approaches about

300 South.

PAUL: A survey will be good based on previous issues we had on other projects.

ZAC: Just a reminder, the project will have to be completed in the spring and summer as one of the grants expires

next year.

BRAD DEFFINGER: Why not do the entire trail eight feet wide?

PAUL: Because of the cost. We have to conserve funds where we can. If we can save enough funds from Main

Street to 300 North, we might be able to do eight feet wide going south.

MAYOR: I am hoping if there are any funds left, we can connect the trail to the canal road.

BRAD: It would be nice to see it looped.

ZAC: About \$20,000 will be saved by reducing the width going south from eight feet to six feet.

KEVIN CHRISTENSEN: How will you access the canal road?

MAYOR: Possibly through Kim Christensen's land.

ZAC: Another option is to continue the trail south to the road leading to the gun range, and then have the trail go

east to the canal road.

MAYOR: I am hopeful to work out something with Kim. This is just the beginning of a trail system in the city.

This is exciting for the city to start this project. Jeremy will oversee the project and work with Zac as needed.

ZAC: Our next step will be to sign the contracts, so we can start the project.

MAYOR: The city staff will oversee the project and designate assignments as needed.

DAREK: The area will need to be surveyed this fall, so we can start the layout process of where the trail will go.

PAUL: We also need to make sure we know the corners of Kim Christensen's parcel that borders the horse arena, as

there is some confusion on where the boundary really is in that area.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

JEREMY: We are working on several projects before snow flies. Projects such as pothole repairs and a couple of curb and gutter projects.

MAYOR: How is the new work order software working?

JEREMY: So far, so good. The parking lots at the MBR plant, maintenance shop, and around the new water tank have all been sealed. Salt has been ordered. Sand has already been delivered. We have some of the blue salt left from last year. One of the plow trucks will use the blue salt, and the other plow truck will use a combination of sand and salt. Typically, we will mix about 80% salt and 20% sand.

PAUL: Is Top Job Asphalt done with all of their projects in town?

JEREMY: Yes, and they did a good job.

PAUL: Any progress on getting the parking lot repaired on the north side of the Black & White Days building?

JEREMY: I have not been able to find a contractor willing to do the work. They have to offer a guarantee with their work, and none of them will warranty doing chip seal on a gravel parking lot. We might have to install some asphalt tailings, and then see if they will do the chip seal work. We will have the same problem behind the fire station as well.

PAUL: All of those areas need to be properly graded first.

JEREMY: Right now, we are working on getting the plow trucks ready for winter. A new snow plow has been ordered for the Ford F350. It is an item we budgeted for. The cost will be around \$5,400.

MAYOR: At a recent meeting I attended, we discussed the Volkswagen lawsuit. The fines paid by Volkswagen were distributed to the states. Cities can apply. How old are our trucks?

JEREMY: I think the plow trucks are a 1998 and 1999.

MAYOR: We would qualify. We could save as much as 50% off the cost of a new truck. I think we should check into it. I think we can apply for two new trucks.

JUSTIN: Is this for new trucks or just to replace the engines in the old trucks?

JEREMY: We would apply for new trucks.

MAYOR: How much is a new bobtail?

JUSTIN: Around \$175,000 for the truck, snow plow, and sander.

PAUL: How is Troy doing at the MBR plant?

JEREMY: He is working hard. This week he has been doing some new processes for the first time. We are replacing parts as needed. Cleaning is always needed and done when there is time.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW WITH DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS AS NECESSARY.

JUSTIN: We received the LSTA grant funds in the amount of \$6,300. There is a line item in the library budget for this expense. A road cut was paid for in the amount of \$500 in September. A fee is paid when a road has to be cut and cannot be bored. The fire department received \$6,003 in revenue so far this year. The vast majority being from attending and offering support to the concerts at the Cherry Peak Ski Resort. We received RAPZ tax revenue in the amount of \$28,900 on October 2nd, so it will show on the financials next month. This was for the Black & White Days pavilion roof and has a line item in the budget. The audit is on schedule to be presented next month. Public safety salaries consist of the judge, court clerk, and the three crossing guards when school is in session. With the recent changes in the fire department, we decided to pay out the calls of service in September, so everyone was owed zero at that time. Calls are still happening, and we will pay out the amount owed on those calls most likely in December. The amount paid so far this year in fire department wages is \$6,939. Line Item 4884 in the library budget is the LSTA grant expense line item. So far this year, we have collected one impact fee for water and sewer for July through September. As you can see, new construction in the city has slowed down, as we expected it would as the White Pine Subdivision is almost full.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

None of the council members had additional items to discuss or present.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR: At our last council meeting, we talked a lot about the fire department. The main concern we heard was the fire department is being closed and going away. We have tried to clarify with everyone we can that is not happening. A couple of members of the department have been removed from the department because of personnel issues. The focus right now is on the department and not personnel issues. Lyle, Troy Hooley, and I met with the department. All leadership positions were released at that time, and a board consisting of myself, Troy, and Lyle is overseeing the department. It is hard to deal with personnel issues in a small department. There were and are things we need to deal with internally. I went before the Smithfield City Council and asked them to start a dialogue about working together for more than just daytime coverage. They asked some questions, made some comments, and wanted to know how they can help out. They want us to keep the identity of our department. There is a fear in the community that if we join forces, our identity and history will be lost, as well as control of the department. They understand our concerns. In the last month, I have attended eight meetings on the fire department. I have met with representatives of Trenton and Hyde Park, as well as others. We are looking at combining resources for fire coverage of several cities. We have had positive discussions on this issue. At the Cache County Council meeting on November 27th, they will discuss funding additional full-time positions in the north and south ends of the valley. I plan to attend that meeting and ask for the funds coming to the north to be directed to a group of cities. What we are considering is something that has never been done before. We are talking about one agreement between multiple cities. This is not a district or taxing entity which would be created. The entity would be more like a metro. There would be interlocal agreements in place between the cities who want to be included. Right now, our current interlocal agreement means we all respond to calls for free and assist where needed.

CHERYL: So, this is similar to the library consortium.

MAYOR: The cities will still have some independence but combine resources. It makes sense to combine resources. Typically, the main disagreement in a scenario like this is who is in charge and runs the program. Nobody even thought this was possible a month ago. This is a route we are considering, and we will be better off if it comes together. Our committee met with the fire department this past Thursday for two hours to give them an update. We informed them of where things are currently at. They understand the past, the present, and the future. They all agreed the path we are considering is the best path for the city. As we make and consider decisions, they will be involved. They will support our decision, and we will all do it together. We are trying to find the best long term solution. Most departments are just trying to find a way to get by today, and nobody has been willing to do something long term. I appreciate the Smithfield City Council for allowing this process to start and be considered. We talked last month about having an open house in November to explain what is being considered. I recommend we postpone that at this time. The agreement between the cities needs to be presented to the County Council first. All of the cities need to decide if they want their individual cities to consider this agreement. We will be involved in whatever happens. We are a good location to go both north and south.

PAUL: There has been a discussion about paying a small amount for those that are on-call.

MAYOR: That is correct, and it would cost about an additional \$6,000 to \$8,000 per year. As I have talked to representatives of other cities, we all need to be in the mind frame that the intent is not to spend less money. None of us are spending too much on our fire departments. We are not overspending.

PAUL: The issue at hand is not about money.

MAYOR: As part of this process, Richmond has the potential to have around the clock personnel in town. Additional funds will be needed to make that happen. By merging all the cities together, we are not going to save money. We would merge, pay more, and get better service. I have told every city I have met with this. Nobody is planning to cut their budget. They are all willing to spend more. At that point, we could pay pager pay. Five of the seven fire department members at the meeting were interested in that concept. Our current goal is to get a letter of intent signed by all the participating cities to take to the County Council to let them know what we are considering and let them know we are working together. This would then set the groundwork for the future for each city. The intent would be to have the agreements in place by July 1, 2019, which is the start of the new budget year. There are many details to work out, but we have time. Smithfield will continue to handle our daytime coverage. I am hoping to introduce our plan to the residents in January or February. We don't want to do it in December around the holidays.

PAUL: I would like the plan presented as soon as possible and would prefer January over February.

MAYOR: I am planning to put an update in the upcoming newsletter. We will send out through Parlant as well.

LYLE: This has been a good process to get to this point.

PAUL: What date is the November council meeting?

MAYOR: We decided to leave it as regularly scheduled which will be November 20th.

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A motion to adjourn and pay bills was made by Paul, seconded by Lyle, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Erickson, Peck, Bair, Crafts

No Vote: None

Absent: Thatcher

Adjournment at 8:38 P.M.

RICHMOND CITY CORPORATION

Jeffrey D. Young, Mayor

ATTEST:

Justin B. Lewis, City Recorder