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**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL WORK MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015 AT TOWN HALL, 118 LION BLVD., SPRINGDALE, UTAH.
MEETING CONVENED AT 2:02 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stan Smith, Council members Mark Chambers, Adrian Player, Bill Weyher, Mike Alltucker

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Treasurer Dawn Wallace, Chief of Police Kurt Wright and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording. See attached list for citizens signed into the meeting.

Approval of agenda: Motion made by Mark Chambers to approve the amended agenda as posted; seconded by Bill Weyher.

Alltucker: Aye

Player: Aye

Smith: Aye

Chambers: Aye

Weyher: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Announcements/Non-action items

General discussion and announcements: Ms. Carlson reminded the Councilmen to submit their endorsement for the Citizen of the Season award.

Budget work session with staff for FY 2015-16 budget: Mr. Wixom said there were a few open items to resolve from the previous tentative budget work meeting. These included: transfer from the General Fund to the Water and Sewer Fund; the Fourth of July barbeque; the proposed expansion of the pickleball courts; and the possible purchase of hydro-evacuation equipment.

Changes to the budget incorporated from the April 28th work meeting include: the telecommunications tax has gone down due to switch from land lines to other voice options; the property tax is shown the same as last year and won't adjust until mid-June after the final budget is adopted; the amount of contribution to Dixie Applied Technology is still open; money for travel and education for a Treasurer's training; money to replace the CERT generator; money for a new lease to replace the computer in the Mayor's office at Town Hall also used by the Parks Department; money for a new lease to replace a computer for the Community Development Department to increase capacity for GIS work.

Transfers include: money from General Fund to Water Fund to pay for general government operations water usage; SCADA improvements for a computerized system to check tanks and pumps; money to upgrade two pump stations to internet-based communications; a new lease for computer and software; an instrument to read dissolved O₂ levels via computer.

Mr. Weyher asked about the budget item for the public lands survey. Mr. Wixom said this project was being led by Mr. Dansie. Money was allocated for the survey and will be added as an amended budget item for FY2014/15 if the survey happens before June. If after that time, it will be added to the FY2015-16 budget.

- The Town has been setting aside \$10,000 each year to purchase land. Currently this account has a \$30,000 balance.

Budget revenues currently show \$1,889,000 from taxes. Mr. Wixom said there may be approximately \$20,000 of 'play' in this number but he was uncomfortable going any higher.

Regarding DXATC, Mayor Smith wanted Springdale to support. Mr. Chambers said a \$1,000 contribution would equate to \$2.00 per person in Town. Mr. Weyher supported this and said the college was a great addition to the county.

- Mayor Smith said the contribution would be in the budget for as long as the county bond debt was outstanding. Given the number of Springdale students, he felt it was a good investment. All the Council members agreed.

Regarding the Fourth of July holiday, Mr. Wixom included \$2,000 to support Dixie State with concert and promotion costs and \$2,000 for a barbeque. It was noted the Town has previously received many donated items for the barbeque.

Mr. Alltucker asked about the \$7,000 allocation for fireworks. Mr. Wixom said the Joy to the World Committee requested fireworks for New Year's Eve. The Committee had a conversation with the owner of Fireworks West and he agreed to credit the previous deposit of \$3,500. The \$7,000 is the total cost of the fireworks in case the company does not honor the credit. Mr. Alltucker wanted to make that adjustment to the budget now.

The Council members contemplated the number of people who would attend the Fourth of July barbeque. If there were 750 attendees at a ticket price of \$5.00 per person, revenue would be \$3,750 against the expense.

- Mayor Smith really wanted the Fourth of July to include several community events including the parade, concert and barbeque. Everyone was cognoscente once fireworks went away, participation diminished. He felt strongly the Town should build up this holiday again.
- The Councilmen decided to make the following adjustments: \$3,750 revenue from barbeque tickets; \$3,500 expense from the barbeque; \$3,500 expense for the JTW fireworks. The \$2,000 for support of the Dixie State concert would remain.
- The Fourth of July event would be Town-employee planned and run. Mr. Chambers suggested they ask for volunteers from Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau and the Rotary Club. Mr. Weyher noted the Lions Club hosts a breakfast.
- The Elvis Extravaganza is no longer held so the expense could come out of the budget.

Mr. Alltucker met with Robby Totten to discuss the purchase of a vacuum excavator. He prepared a brief presentation for the Council members (attachment #1). Based on their analysis, the equipment would generate \$18,000 in annual cost savings. It would pay for itself in approximately three years. Mr. Alltucker said it is a versatile piece of equipment and a solid purchase.

- Mr. Wixom said if we finance ourselves it will cost \$10,996 per year for five years. If this is split between the four or five departments that will use it, the cost is manageable. Mayor Smith agreed and said it was a no-brainer to budget in.
- Mr. Alltucker commented Mr. Totten did a good job of convincing him the value of this piece of equipment and the benefit to the Town.

Both the valve exerciser and dump truck remained in the budget.

Mr. Alltucker prepared a presentation regarding the expansion of the pickleball courts (attachment #2). It proposed four permanent courts and the opportunity to set up temporary courts for tournaments. Tennis would be on one side and pickleball on the other with the ability to convert the tennis courts to pickleball when needed. The construction diagram showed the court area would expand 8' toward the ball field and 10' toward the volleyball nets. Trees would need to come out, but would be replaced.

- Tourism could increase with tournaments. The General Plan encourages economic development and parks & recreation which this expansion would promote.
- It was noted how pickleball has significantly grown in popularity.
- The cost estimates provided were strictly a ball park and not based on an actual quote.

Mr. Alltucker said the Town could consider standalone courts rather than a modification to the tennis courts, however he was uncertain where these could be built and if the cost would be any less.

- Mr. Player suggested the Town put up permanent net standards and drill holes.
- There was also discussion if this was a good time to take on this project or if there were more important ones the Council should focus on.
- Mayor Smith said they might consider using RAPP tax revenues. Mr. Chambers added that a large percentage of people in Town play pickleball but wondered if it was a fad.

- Mr. Alltucker recommended they move the \$20,000 earmarked for basketball lighting to improvements to the tennis/pickleball courts instead. The Council agreed and Mr. Wixom made the budget adjustment.

The staff wage and salary numbers flow into the budget. It was noted the Zion Canyon Music Festival salaries are double-expensed. They are adjusted as staff time is booked.

- The Council wanted the budget adjustment made now. Ms. Wallace agreed to review and make the allocation modification.
- Mr. Player wanted to be sure the actual Music Festival staff costs were known after the event.

Mr. Wixom said Dave Hans would be retiring in October. A replacement will need to be identified.

Regarding the Town requesting donations for the Fourth of July barbeque, Mr. Chambers wanted to remind the Council about concern over the Chief of Police asking for these donations.

Motion to adjourn by Mark Chambers to go into closed meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; seconded by Adrian Player.

Alltucker: Aye

Player: Aye

Smith: Aye

Chambers: Aye

Weyher: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

The closed meeting convened at 3:11PM. Mr. Wixom and Ms. Carlson were excused. Mayor Smith signed a sworn statement regarding the closed meeting.

Closed meeting adjourned at 3:55PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stan Smith, Council members Mark Chambers, Adrian Player, Bill Weyher, Mike Alltucker

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Mark Chambers; seconded by Bill Weyher.

Alltucker: Aye

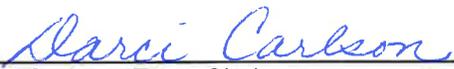
Player: Aye

Smith: Aye

Chambers: Aye

Weyher: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.



 Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

APPROVAL:  _____ DATE: 6/3/15 _____

