



TOWN OF SPRINGDALE

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**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M. AT SPRINGDALE TOWN HALL,
118 LION BLVD., SPRINGDALE, UTAH.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stanley J. Smith, Councilmembers Mark Chambers, Adrian Player, Bill Weyher, Mike Alltucker

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, DCD Tom Dansie and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording. See attached sheet for citizens signed in.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Mark Chambers to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by

Adrian Player:

Weyher: Aye

Chambers: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Information/Non-action Items

General discussion & announcements: Louise Excell invited everyone to the O.C. Tanner Amphitheater tomorrow night, October 9th at 7:30pm to listen to internationally renowned conservationist Harvey Locke. His presentation will help people understand why preserving open space is good for wild things and essential for human well-being. She said he is a great speaker.

Ms. Excell said she received disturbing hate-mail from anonymous members of Springdale's Citizens for Fair Elections. The letter was openly critical of Town Council candidate Mike Alltucker. She read a prepared statement (Attachment #1) which expressed her condemnation of this inappropriate way to criticize someone. From her experience, Ms. Excell said Mr. Alltucker was honest, ethical, well-informed and a rational voice on the Council. She said it was heartbreaking that someone would launch such a mean-spirited effort against a neighbor. It was not what Springdale residents do or aspire to as a community.

- Mayor Smith and Councilman Chambers wholeheartedly agreed with Ms. Excell and wanted to echo her comments.
- Mr. Chambers said each candidate signed a document when they declared their candidacy indicating they would run an ethical campaign.

Mayor Smith said the Town was back in discussion with the Paiutes. They have another meeting next week in Cedar City with Tribal leaders. Things are progressing well and we appear to be on the same page.

- Mr. Weyher said it was the best meeting they have had yet.

Action Items – Administrative

Consideration and possible approval of schematic sketch and contract for procurement of street

lights: Mayor Smith said in order to get a jump on the manufacture of the street light poles and assemblies and meet the mid-January delivery date, the Council needed to call this special meeting.

- Mr. Dansie recommended the Council discuss how many poles they want with banner arms and how many with GFI outlets. Currently the proposal planned for 18 poles with banner arms and 18 poles with GFI outlets.
- Mr. Chambers asked how many banners are generally hung for events. Mr. Wixom said they typically use about 15-20 banners depending upon the event. Also all the shuttle stop light poles have GFI outlets.

- Mr. Alltucker confirmed the Town was purchasing 63 new fixtures which included one extra assembly for any future need. He asked about the timing of the payments and suggested they be on a monthly billing cycle.
 - Mr. Dansie said Codale was open to the best way and most convenient way to handle billing. The Town will not pay for any lights not first examined by the contractor.
 - There is a 12-16 week production lead time, therefore in order to meet the mid-January delivery date, Mr. Dansie said the manufacturer needed to start as soon as possible.

Mr. Weyher asked about the pricing associated with the contract. Mr. Dansie said the unit price will match what was in the proposal. Staff will add an attachment to the contract to detail pricing. The total cost was approximately \$220,000.

Mr. Chambers asked if the selection committee used criteria and rating when selecting the manufacturer. The response was 'yes'.

- Mayor Smith said the Town knows what it is getting with the Sternberg lights as it relates to light trespass and diffused light. This was an important component in the decision. Sternberg was not the low bidder however they met the criteria best.

Mr. Weyher asked how many of the new lights will be attached to wooden poles. Mr. Dansie said there will be a total of 62 lights installed. Twelve of them will be mounted to Rocky Mountain Power poles.

- There will be no lights between the Driftwood Lodge and the Majestic View Lodge; however three lights will be installed at the Majestic View.
- Lights will gradually step down in height from 25' to 18' from Lion Boulevard to the Park.

Mr. Chambers felt it a good idea to have banner arms near Lion Boulevard.

- Mayor Smith agreed since many events are up Lion Boulevard. He said the Town has one chance to do the project right.
- Mr. Dansie said the banner arms are removable. They can be unbolted and taken down if not wanted or used.

The Council decided to add banner arms to all the metal poles.

The Council members turned discussion to GFI outlets. Power pedestals are needed for GFI outlets. The number of poles that can be serviced by a power pedestal is not determined by the number of GFI outlets but by the distance of the poles from the power source. The cost to install a power pedestal is approximately \$5,000. Currently there is one power pedestal for the proposed 18 poles with GFI outlets.

- Max Gregoric mentioned there is an existing pedestal about 200' up on Lion Boulevard. It may be possible to tie into this power source. The Town would need to consult the lighting engineer.
- The GFI outlets are primarily used to power holiday lights on the poles. There may be other uses in the future.
- Mr. Dansie said power for the GFI outlets use the same conduit as the lights, but the outlets are on a separate circuit.

The Commission decided to add GFI outlets to all poles which allows for greater flexibility in the future.

Motion made by Mark Chambers to approve the agreement between the Town of Springdale and Codale Electric Supply, Inc., and have each pole include a banner arm and GFI outlet and the contract will include the pricing addendum; the Mayor is authorized to sign; seconded by Mike Alltucker.

Weyher: Aye

Chambers: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration and possible action regarding the Town submitting a statement of interest to be the start city for the 2016 Tour of Utah bike race: Mayor Smith started by saying his father taught him it doesn't cost anything to listen. As opportunities come to the Town the Mayor believes listening allows you to get the information and make a good decision. He said Springdale has a chance to be the start city for the Tour of Utah but must submit a letter of interest by the deadline of October 12th.

- Mayor Smith said the Tour of Utah is a world-class event with professional riders. The group would set up the day before and once the racers are gone they break down and move to the next location. They are not in Town long.

Mr. Dansie shared a short video which showcased the event.

- Mr. Dansie said there are seven race stages throughout Utah each year. Springdale has been approached regarding their interest to host one of the starts.
- The Tour sets up start lines, barricades and support facilities the day before. Then mid-morning the following day, the race starts. The Tour will tear down and be out of Town by mid-afternoon.
- The Tour is familiar in dealing with small rural communities with limited capacities. They have worked with Panguitch and Torrey. They help mitigate the constraints and impacts.
- The Tour has issued an RFP for cities interested in being named a start city. Issuing a statement of interest doesn't bind the Town or assure we would get the event.
- Mr. Dansie mentioned the Town Council discussed the Tour about three years ago but had their hesitancy.

Mr. Chambers asked if the Tour provides any retribution or financial help. Mr. Dansie answered there is no direct financial aid however the Tour provides resources to help generate revenue and secure sponsorships. The race is in early August.

Mr. Chambers said since the Council discussed the Tour three years ago it looks as if their projected parking needs and number of volunteers had decreased. They are asking for about 60 hotel rooms.

- Mr. Dansie said the volunteer and parking needs vary by venue and number of spectators.
- Mr. Chambers said the 350-400 parking spaces are just for the racers and support people. It doesn't include the volunteers or spectators.

Mayor Smith said Washington County was anxious to help. The goal today was to assess the Town's interest.

- Mr. Chambers said this event would have a huge impact. Since 2012, there have been 3,000 more visitors a day in the month of August. It was a lot to give up for sponsorship ideas.

Councilman Player said he agreed with Mr. Chambers. The Town is coming out of a busy summer and Park visitation continues to increase.

- Mr. Alltucker said it was an outstanding event and probably the #2 cycling event in the country. He agreed it will burden the Town but felt we should at least flush it out.
- Mr. Weyher said he was torn both ways. It would be a cool event but he worried about the strain it will have on the Town.
- Mayor Smith said it is a once-in-a-lifetime happening. He realized it will have impact but would like to get the details to see if the Town can handle it.

Mr. Alltucker asked the timeline between the letter of commitment and the Tour's selection.

- Mr. Dansie did not know; the Tour did not provide a schedule. It would likely be quick. Mr. Dansie said the Tour was also talking with the Park but he did not know the specifics of these discussions.
- Mr. Weyher suggested Tour organizers come and talk directly with the Town.

Matt Rayner was in attendance and addressed the Council. He used to race bikes for a living and was national champion once. He said a stage start is much less intense from an impact standpoint. He noted the 2016 race starts on a Monday which would reduce impact. It is a festive event and not your

typical sporting event. Mr. Rayner said the video didn't really highlight the setting as an important aspect of the race. It would be great to have the race here. There would be worldwide coverage.

Marcel Rodriguez was in attendance and addressed the Council. He said Springdale is one of the most scenic wonders in the world. The Town doesn't need more business. The Park doesn't need more attendance. We can't handle the crowds we have now. He was outraged the Council would even consider this. Springdale does not need to promote more tourism. He asked the Council to seriously consider turning it down.

Max Gregoric was in attendance and addressed the Council. He agreed with Mr. Rodriguez but said the event would encourage and promote cycling as a healthy alternative to driving. He also agreed with Mr. Rayner's comments too. Mr. Gregoric said he was torn but the Tour would be exciting to have in Springdale.

Denise Purdue, a member of the board from the Southern Utah Bike Alliance, was in attendance. Ms. Purdue is also a bicycle tour guide. She addressed the Council and said Southern Utah has a vibrant cycling community. Washington County is known for hosting world class events. The Bike Alliance will be willing to help. Ms. Purdue said the Tour promotes a healthy lifestyle for everyone. We also have a responsibility to share the beauty of this area with others. She asked the Council to give consideration to this opportunity.

Mayor Smith said this is just to start a dialogue. There is no guarantee on either side it will happen. Springdale is a diverse community and this is an opportunity for a segment of Town. Mayor Smith agreed Springdale doesn't need more people in Town, but it is who we are. We need to open the discussion and see if Springdale is able to handle this event.

Councilman Chambers asked if the county or Visitor's Bureau might help with the hard costs associated with the event.

- Mayor Smith said he was willing to talk with anyone. There are a lot of people out there who want to make this happen and will help.
- Mr. Chambers was unsure if the Town had the services or infrastructure. He recommended we wait a few more years until parking and bike lanes are in. Mr. Chambers said Springdale is not ready to handle the crowds right now.

Mr. Weyher said the Tour could be a good event. The letter of interest gives time to gauge the reaction. He said most citizens won't be in favor of the big crowds.

- Mr. Player said more citizen input was needed before a final decision can be made.
- Mayor Smith agreed and said right now we are just up against a deadline.
- Mr. Alltucker felt the Town should proceed with the letter of intent. From there we need to quickly determine the feasibility and address the issues raised by Mr. Rodriguez.
- Mayor Smith wanted to get input from organizations, residents, hoteliers and restaurateurs.

Mr. Weyher expressed concern about the burden on Town staff. Mayor Smith said the Tour of Utah Committee does most of the work.

Motion made by Mark Chambers that the Town not entertain the Tour of Utah proposal.

The motion was not seconded and failed.

Motion made by Bill Weyher to entertain the next step and put in a letter of interest to the 2016 Tour of Utah; seconded by Mike Alltucker.

Weyher: Aye

Chambers: No

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed.

The Council asked the topic be on the October 14th agenda to discuss.

- Mr. Chambers asked a list be created with the key volunteer positions.
- Mayor Smith asked Denise Purdue be involved in the dialogue of how the Southern Utah Bike Alliance can help.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 3:15PM by Bill Weyher: seconded by Adrian Player:

Weyher: Aye

Chambers: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.



Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

APPROVED: _____



DATE: _____

10/14/15

October 8, 2015

Mayor and Council Members,

I received a very disturbing letter in the mail today regarding one of the candidates for Town Council in the upcoming election. It is my understanding that all voters in Springdale received the same letter from anonymous members of "Springdale Citizens for Fair Elections."

No one has been more openly critical of this Town Council than I have, but I am deeply saddened by this letter, which alleges problems regarding character, credibility, and ethics of Mike Alltucker, but only offers evidence of an unresolved dispute between neighboring homeowners and their HOA. None of these things bear on Mike's ability to serve Springdale as an elected or appointed official. Even if there were relevant issues involved, this anonymous hate mail is not the way to appropriately address them.

In the time that I have observed Mike Alltucker on the Town Council, I have found him to be honest, ethical and very thoughtful in his decision-making. And aside from the formula restaurant decision, I believe that Mike has been a solid, well-informed, and rational voice for Springdale.

I find it extremely heartbreaking that anyone would launch such a mean-spirited campaign against a neighbor. This is not what Springdale people do. It isn't what we aspire to as a community, and it isn't the way we have ever run political elections in this Town—not even in the "bad old days."

I condemn in the strongest terms this letter and the attempt to besmirch an individual and I hope that my fellow citizens—and you—agree with me.

Louise Excell



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Meeting of Town Council on 10/8/15

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Form with 15 rows for name and email input. Handwritten entries include Max A., MARCEL RODRIGUEZ, Greg Guardsbush, and Laci Francis.