

PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 17, 1998

PRESENT

R. Dale Roper	Mayor
Wesley Bloomfield	Council Member
Bruce Curtis	Council Member
Robert Dekker	Council Member
Glen Swalberg	Council Member

ABSENT

Gayle Bunker	Council Member
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ALSO PRESENT

Dorothy Jeffery	City Recorder
Judy Baker	City Treasurer
Deb Greathouse	City Librarian
Brian McPhail	Sunrise Engineering
Derin Phelps	Millard County Chronicle/Progress
Sam Bushman	KNAK Radio
Curt Crosby	KNAK Radio
Ruth Hansen	City Resident

Mayor Roper called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Dorothy Jeffery, City Recorder, acted as Secretary. Mayor Roper stated that notice of the meeting time, place, and agenda was posted at the principal office of the governing body, located at 76 North 200 West, and was provided to the Millard County Chronicle/Progress, KNAK Radio, and to each member of the City Council, at least two days prior to the meeting.

Mayor Roper also stated that the public hearing was advertised for two weeks in the Millard County Chronicle/Progress with an incorrect date. After contacting Dave Church, Attorney for the Utah League of Cities and Towns, we were advised that posting notice of the public hearing, showing the correct date, in three places, would constitute a legal public hearing. The correct Notice of Public Hearing was posted in four places in Delta City and was advertised on the Delta City marquee sign on Main Street.

Mayor Roper explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment regarding making application for funding for the Delta City Library Expansion project from the

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for 1998-1999 for the CDBG Small Cities Program, and also, making application for funding from the Permanent Community Impact Board (CIB) for the additional funds necessary for the Delta City Library Expansion project. Mayor Roper added that the public hearing will entertain comments on the scope of the project, the implementation schedule, and its affect on the residents of Delta City.

Mayor Roper explained that Delta City is proposing to expand the Delta City Public Library by approximately 5,000 square feet, at a cost of approximately \$451,800. After discussing the cost estimate with Mr. Vern Fisher and Mr. Brian McPhail, of Sunrise Engineering, it was determined that there was no contingency listed in the bid, so a 10% contingency (\$45,180) was added to the bid price. In addition, the CDBG requires items such as workforce management, which deals with the Davis-Bacon Wage Act, public input on the facility, and environmental impact. It is estimated that this will increase the bid by approximately \$25,000, which can be added to the CIB grant/loan as administration costs. This fee, plus approximately \$12,000 for legal and bonding costs was also added into the cost estimate, resulting in a total of \$550,355 for the building and administration costs.

Delta City has expended \$16,375 for the drawings and bid process. Millard County has budgeted a \$35,000 contribution to the library expansion, and Delta City has received a multi-year CDBG grant, which will amount to \$102,240 for the 1998-1999 year, and \$103,760 for the 1999-2000 year. Delta City also has \$5,000 which will be paid to Sunrise Engineering for their work on the CIB grant/loan application. However, if the CIB application is not approved for funding, those fees will not be owed to Sunrise Engineering. At this time, the amount remaining to be funded is \$287,980, which is being requested from CIB as a 50% grant and 50% low interest loan at a rate of 3% for twenty years. The monies available for funding from CIB come from royalties paid on mineral rights.

The bond for the City Building will be paid off in May, 1998; it is the intent of the City Council to request approval from the public to bond for the balance of the funding not approved as a grant from the CIB. If a grant is not approved by CIB, then the Council will ask for approval from the public to bond for the entire \$287,908. If the public does not approve that bond, then the Council will need to determine whether the project will be scaled back or what other options are available.

Mayor Roper opened the public hearing to comments from the floor.

Sam Bushman asked if anyone had a needs assessment for the library expansion. Mayor Roper responded that there has not been a needs assessment done; the library has just run out of space. The Delta City Library handles many Millard County residents, as well as Delta City residents.

City Librarian Deb Greathouse responded that, prior to discussing the library expansion, she approached the State Library for information. The information provided by the State Library showed how many square feet are needed for the number of books the library has, how many square

feet are needed for computers, how much open space is needed, how much wall space is needed, etc. This information was used to determine how much space is required to accommodate what the library currently has, as well as the growth expected in the next ten years.

Mayor Roper added that this project will bring the library into compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Sam Bushman asked about usage needs of the library. Mayor Roper responded that, from the time school is dismissed each day, the library is filled to capacity until late in the evening. Librarian Deb Greathouse added that the book circulation increased by 6,000 in the last year. The population has not increased, so there are more people using the library than there were a year ago.

Sam Bushman asked if the usage is broken down into what type of books. He explained that he was attempting to find out what type of usage there is; that is, is the library so crowded that someone cannot check out books, or are 20% of the books being used 90% of the time. He questioned whether certain types of books could be used on an interlibrary loan in order to free up shelf space.

Mayor Roper responded that part of the problem the library has is the need for technology upgrade. The library has computers available through a grant from the State of Utah which need to be placed. Mayor Roper also noted that the library regularly changes books. Librarian Deb Greathouse added that the library sorts books no less than every other year and often every year. At present, computer time is being limited to one-half hour increments in order to provide computer time to everyone who requests it.

Mayor Roper advised Mr. Bushman that he does not have figures showing use of specific books.

Mr. Bushman stated that, in his opinion, that kind of assessment could be very valuable because there may be several thousand books which could be deleted, if only used once or twice per year, thereby freeing up more space for technology upgrades or other books.

Librarian Deb Greathouse told Mr. Bushman that this type of assessment has been done, prior to discussing additional library space, and those assessments were what precipitated the determination that more room is needed. She advised Mr. Bushman that she does not have the numbers with her, but the study has been done. In addition, there are Millard County Bookmobile books in the library, which the Delta City Library has no control over, but has an agreement that the Delta City Library will house some of those books, which is a good deal for the library.

Council Member Robert Dekker added that there is a lot of sharing of books by the library. Librarian Deb Greathouse also noted that patrons are very unhappy about paying postage to get books on interlibrary loan and get angry when the books are not available.

Council Member Wesley Bloomfield asked Mr. Bushman how much he has used libraries in the past. Mr. Bushman responded that he had used libraries a lot prior to the availability of the Internet. Since the Internet became available, he has not used libraries at all due to the vast amount of information available on the Internet. Council Member Bloomfield responded that, at present, there is only one Internet access in the library, which is insufficient. In addition, a library based on usage is a very difficult number to attain. Many university libraries have thousands of books, many of which are rarely used, but when needed, must be available. If the library does not have available what a patrons need, they will cease using the library. On the other hand, if a library has what patrons need, they will continue to use the library, making the library grow and attract more support and patronage. The Delta City Library appears to be meeting the needs of its patrons, as shown by the increase of 6,000 books in circulation over the past year.

Mr. Bushman agreed that there is obviously a legitimate need, or this discussion would not be taking place, and the development of technology is valuable and necessary, but he felt that an analysis of the need should be available for the public to study.

Mayor Roper advised Mr. Bushman that the public will get the opportunity to vote on the library expansion in the bond election. If the public does not approve the library expansion, the Council will have to back up and make a decision as to what course to follow at that time.

Curt Crosby asked if Librarian Greathouse had a breakdown as to how much of the 6,000 increase in circulation was books, videos, or books-on-tape.

Librarian Greathouse stated that she does not have a breakdown of what amount of usage is books, videos, or books on tape.

Derin Phelps clarified that the library circulation was increased by 6,000 over the last year. Librarian Greathouse responded that 6,000 over the past year is correct.

Mayor Roper stated that it was time to close the public hearing and asked if anyone had one last comment.

Mr. Bushman stated that he felt that his questions were legitimate but also felt like there was a lot of resistance to his questions and asked if his opinions and questions were being disregarded by the Council because they regard him as being a "radical" for bring up his ideas.

Mayor Roper responded that Mr. Bushman's opinion is valuable, as is every person's opinion. Mayor Roper advised Mr. Bushman that Delta City will disseminate as much information as possible to the public prior to the bond election so they can make an informed decision.

Council Member Glen Swalberg noted that he was impressed by Librarian Greathouse's report, which showed that there is a great deal of workshop material available if the Delta City Library had

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the room necessary for holding these workshops for children. Council Member Swalberg also advised Mr. Bushman that every question he has asked is legitimate and stated that it would be wise for the Council to have answers to those questions. He also expressed his conviction that City Librarian Greathouse has a great deal of knowledge about use of the library, even though the details may not be in report form. In addition, she has attended many meetings regarding how a library should operate in order to service its patrons.

Mayor Roper thanked those in attendance for their comments and declared the public hearing closed at 6:58 p.m.



R. DALE ROPER, Mayor



DOROTHY JEFFERY, City Recorder

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