

CITY OF DELTA, UTAH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2008

PRESENT

Gayle Bunker	Mayor
Robert Banks	Council Member
Bruce Curtis	Council Member
Rodger Scoville	Council Member
Betty Jo Western	Council Member

ABSENT

Kiley Chase	Council Member
Kaela Jackson	City Attorney

ALSO PRESENT

Alan Riding	Public Works Director
Ken Clark	Asst. Public Works Director
Gregory Jay Schafer	City Recorder
Jim Robson	City Resident
Ralph Newberry	City Resident
Steve Martin	City Resident
Corinne & Terry Murray	City Residents
Dustie Murray	City Resident
Russ Finlinson	Boy Scout Leader
Vance Tolman	Boy Scout
Blade Tolman	Boy Scout
Brent Losee	Boy Scout
Richard Dziuk	City Resident

Mayor Bunker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated that notice of the meeting time, place and agenda had been posted at the City Building and provided to the Millard County Chronicle/Progress and to each member of the City Council at least two days prior to the meeting. City Recorder Gregory Schafer acted as secretary.

Council Member Robert Banks provided opening remarks following which Mayor Bunker led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council reviewed the accounts payable, a copy of which had been given to them two days prior

to the meeting. Following review, Council Member Betty Jo Western MOVED to approve the accounts payable dated February 21, 2008, in the amount of \$ 116,839.30. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Bruce Curtis. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEN CLARK: PROPOSED MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR UTAH WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCIES

Assistant Public Works Director Ken Clark requested approval for Delta City to enter into the Mutual Aid Agreement for Utah Water and Wastewater Agencies as discussed at the previous meeting. Council Member Rodger Scoville questioned the duplication of payment terms in the agreement. Assistant Public Works Director Clark indicated that City Attorney Kaela Jackson had the same question but, after discussing terms of the agreement with Rural Utah Water Association, had felt that the agreement was acceptable.

Following discussion, Council Member Bruce Curtis MOVED to approve Mayor Bunker signing the Mutual Aid Agreement for Utah Water and Wastewater Agencies. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Rodger Scoville. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### JIM ROBSON: PROPERTY PURCHASE

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that the property Mr. Robson is interested in purchasing is located on 300 West Street between Main Street and 50 North. The property is approximately ten feet wide and runs along the north side of the building owned by Mr. Robson. The property is currently in the name of Delta City and Mr. Robson is interested in purchasing the property for the purpose of constructing a drive up window on his building to be used as a coffee shop.

Council Members felt that the property has no benefit to Delta City but would benefit Mr. Robson and were agreeable to sale of the property. Mayor Bunker will discuss the matter with City Attorney Kaela Jackson and follow the procedure for the sale.

Following discussion, Council Member Robert Banks MOVED to set a public hearing on March 20, 2008 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the proposed sale of property located on 300 West between Main Street and 50 North to Mr. Robson. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Betty Jo Western. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ALAN RIDING: MASTER METER MASTERLINX FIXED NETWORK SYSTEM

Public Works Director Alan Riding noted that he had mentioned this proposal at the previous meeting and requested that Council Members review the proposal by Master Meter to field test their Masterlinx Fixed Network System on our water system. Public Works Director Riding indicated that Master Meter is requesting that Delta City purchase 500 meters, with boosters attached, at a cost of \$200 per meter. Master Meter will install their system, with antennas and repeater stations as needed, and monitor the system for a period of nine months while correcting and adjusting any identified problems. At the end of the nine month period, Delta City will have the option of taking ownership of the system at no extra cost. Delta City could then purchase additional meters to complete the system. There has been \$120,000 set aside in the current year budget for this project and there may be other funding available to complete the system to provide completely automated meter reading. We currently do not read meters between the months of October and April due to the frost in the ground and the possibility of causing damage to the meter. An automated meter reading system would provide easy meter reading during winter months and also locate leaks during winter months. The proposal would involve purchase of a laptop computer with the capability of drive-by reading and the additional software package at a cost of \$23,000. If the system were to malfunction, the laptop would make it possible to read the meters when driving past the location.

Mayor Bunker noted that funds have been set aside each year for several years in anticipation of this project and this proposal is an opportunity to obtain 500 meters at a cost savings of \$100 per meter.

Following discussion, Council Member Bruce Curtis MOVED to enter into an agreement with Master Meter for purchase of the Masterlinx Fixed Network System field test at a cost of approximately \$123,000. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Rodger Scoville. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEN CLARK: CARGO TRAILER ACQUISITION

Assistant Public Works Director Ken Clark requested approval to purchase a 16 foot enclosed cargo trailer to house and transport construction equipment which has been purchased over the last several years. This would make it possible to have all necessary equipment at a job site and be able to lock it up during lunch time rather than hauling it to the shop and back to the job site following lunch. This item was not included in the budget this year but the need has presented itself during construction jobs the crew has worked during the past few months. Two bids have been received for purchase of the trailer: the bid from Delta Sports Center is \$4,747.60; the bid from White Trailers in Nephi is \$5,757. Funds would come from the water, sewer and streets maintenance/repair budget.

Following discussion, Council Member Robert Banks MOVED to approve purchase of a 16 foot enclosed cargo trailer from Delta Sports Center at a price of \$4,747.60. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Betty Jo Western. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion

passed unanimously.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: WEST MILLARD MUSEUMS AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that at a recent meeting of the museum / community center committee the Articles of Incorporation were approved. The by-laws were discussed and should be adopted at the next meeting. Mayor Bunker noted that the facility planning had been completed and must be reviewed and approved prior to obtaining architectural drawings for the facility. Financial aid has been sought from the state legislature and appropriation requests for federal funding have been sent to Congressman Cannon, Senator Bennett and Senator Hatch in the amount of \$1,000,000 which would not be available until the Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ALAN RIDING: UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Public Works Director Alan Riding reported that public works employees have been framing the shelter over the fuel storage tank at the airport between snow plowing and leak repairs. The sheeting on the airport storage building is almost completed.

Allied Construction is preparing the casing for boring under the highway for the Ridgetop Well Project. It anticipated that boring will begin on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be a week or two before the pipe is received.

Interviews were held on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> for a new public works employee. Four excellent applicants were interviewed and it was difficult to decide which applicant would be best. A decision was made yesterday to hire Justin Ashby, who is very excited to be chosen. He is currently working in Provo and will begin working for Delta City on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Public Works Director Riding reported that, in researching a proposed water feature for the park, he has found some package deals beginning at about \$60,000. In reviewing the packages, Public Works Director Riding, Assistant Public Works Director Ken Clark and Mayor Bunker have discussed using the ideas they have seen and constructing our own water feature for \$15,000 to \$20,000. This would cover the cost of site work, concrete pad, basic water jet features, control panel, manifold box and electronics. This amount is based on discussing the water features with some sales people about those offered for sale. Public Works Director Riding noted that they are looking at constructing a feature that could be enlarged or improved in the future.

Public Works Director Riding also advised Council Members that they are studying the possibility of running a twelve inch water line from just north of Losee Lumber on Highway 6 to the south past the Skating Rink on Highway 50 to tie into an existing water line on the south side of Highway 50 east of Delta. Cost estimates on this proposal would be approximately \$170,000 for the additional pipe and installation. This would be an immense help with fire flow and have a beneficial effect on fire insurance throughout the town. Right-of-way acquisition for the project is almost complete and studies show that this would be very good project. In addition, extension of a water line along 450 South going west is being considered. This line would go under the railroad track to approximately

1000 West. Completion of this project would increase fire flow from 1,100 gallons per minute to about 2,300 gallons per minute. Funds for this project would come from the Ridgetop Well CIB funding.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bunker suggested that a ten minute period be added to future City Council meeting agendas for comment from the public. Inasmuch as there were several members of the public in attendance, he requested that they be given ten minutes to make comments on matters important to them. Mayor Bunker asked those in attendance for any comments they wanted to make but asked that comments be brief so as to allow anyone with a comment the opportunity to be heard.

Steve Martin expressed concern regarding the requested zone change on property near his home. Mayor Bunker stated that he had talked with Mr. Johnson, the property owner, this week and was advised that Mr. Johnson is unable to attend Council meeting until April. There will be no further discussion on the matter until Mr. Johnson is able to attend the meeting.

Russ Finlinson thanked the Public Works Department for the wonderful Christmas decorations in the park and along the street. He stated that he had lived in Fairfield, California, a city of 100,000 people, and they never had Christmas decorations as nice as what is in Delta. He also thanked Council Members for the outstanding holiday season this past year.

Ralph Newberry criticized Council Members for lack of discussion about brand name, quality or warranty on their approval for purchase of a cargo trailer but made their decision based on price alone. Mayor Bunker advised Mr. Newberry that, even though it was not done in Council Meeting, those items had been discussed previously and the trailer to be purchased from Delta Sports Center is a Pace trailer, which is a very well built trailer and the one from White was a Haulmark, also a very well built trailer. The trailers were comparable in quality and warranty. Mr. Newberry requested additional information regarding the water feature which had been discussed. Mayor Bunker advised him that some mothers of young children had approached Council Members requesting a water feature for their children in the park. They felt that addition of a water feature would make the park more enjoyable on hot summer days so the City has been looking at features which shoot water up out of the ground for a few seconds then stop and shoot water from another orifice, resulting in fun summer activity for children.

Richard Dziuk asked about the proposed zone change on property located along Highway 6 on the east side of town. He urged Council Members to study the proposal seriously prior to making a decision.

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that in February next year there will be a Utah State University Diversified Agricultural Conference in Delta which will bring approximately one hundred people to town for the two day conference.

-----

Mayor Bunker noted that Delta City does not impose an impact fee on new development and suggested that we consider implementation of impact fees. At this time, Delta is one of very few municipalities that does not charge impact fees.

-----

Mayor Bunker reported that Justice Court Judge Stanley Robison is going to change the Justice Court schedule to the first and third Wednesday of each month rather than holding court every Wednesday. This schedule will begin the first week of March.

-----

Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments, questions or other items to be discussed. There being none, Council Member Rodger Scoville MOVED to adjourn the meeting. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Robert Banks. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bunker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
GAYLE BUNKER, Mayor

  
GREGORY JAY SCHAFFER, City Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: RCCM 03-20-08