

CITY OF DELTA, UTAH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

PRESENT

Gayle Bunker	Mayor
Robert Banks	Council Member
Kiley Chase	Council Member
Bruce Curtis	Council Member
John Niles	Council Member
Betty Jo Western	Council Member

ABSENT

Kaela Jackson	City Attorney
Gregory Jay Schafer	City Recorder

ALSO PRESENT

Alan Riding	Public Works Director
Karen Johnson	Assistant City Recorder
Cindy Gardner	Boy Scout Parent
Matt Gardner	Boy Scout
Justin Gardner	Boy Scout
Bart Wankier	Boy Scout Parent
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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, published on the Utah Public Notice website, provided to the Millard County Chronicle/Progress, and provided to each member of the City Council at least two days prior to the meeting.

Council Member Bruce Curtis provided opening remarks, following which Mayor Bunker led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a Regular City Council Meeting held August 6, 2009 were provided for consideration and approval. Following review, Council Member Bruce Curtis MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held August 6, 2009, as presented. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Kiley Chase. 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.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council reviewed the accounts payable, a copy of which had been provided to them two days prior to the meeting. Following review, Council Member Kiley Chase MOVED to approve the accounts payable dated September 3, 2009, in the amount of \$138,154.32. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: DOGS IN CITY PARKS

Council Member Betty Jo Western reported that she had contacted Richfield City and learned that they do not allow dogs in their parks, nor does Nephi City. However, Richfield City stated that not allowing dogs in the parks has not solved the problem; they still have dogs using the park. Fillmore City does allow dogs in parks and they have provided waste bags for approximately five years. The waste bags have worked well except for teens sabotaging the bags at times. In discussing this matter with local residents, Council Member Western learned that many would like to see leash laws enforced and would like to see dogs in the park but have waste bags and require dog owners to clean up after the dogs. Based on this information, Council Member Western would be in favor of allowing dogs in the park if they are on a leash and if owners clean up after them.

Council Member John Niles agreed with Council Member Western's stand on dogs in our parks. Council Member Bruce Curtis agreed, with the exception of times when the park is extremely busy, such as the Fourth of July. He did not feel that dogs should be in the park during our Fourth of July celebration because too many children are afraid of dogs.

Council Members discussed the problem of owners who let their dogs run around town. Public Works Director Riding stated that there are some dogs who recognized Delta City vehicles and uniforms and make sure they stay far enough away to not be caught. Council Member Kiley Chase recognized that residents want to be able to take their dogs to the parks and they all agree that dog ordinances should be enforced but enforcing dog ordinances is difficult when the dog can't be caught. Council Member Chase would be in favor of trying to enforce the leash law but would like to adopt an ordinance stating that dogs are not allowed in the park on days when events are being held in there.

Mayor Bunker suggested that signs be placed in the park letting people know that dogs are not allowed in the park during special events. Council Members agreed that dogs should be allowed in

the park if they are on a leash and the owners clean up after the dogs but dogs not be allowed in the park during special events such as the Fourth of July celebration. Mayor Bunker will advise the City Attorney to draft an ordinance.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: 2009 NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that his concerns regarding a New Years Eve celebration this year are the difficulty in persuading people to help with the celebration, providing a dinner but having difficulty selling tickets, and the cost of the celebration. Mayor Bunker stated that the celebration last year cost approximately \$9,000.

Council Member Robert Banks felt that if we spend \$9,000 and only 200 people attend, that is not money well spent, especially with the decreased revenue coming in. Council Member Western stated that we have started holding a New Years Eve celebration and she would hate to cancel it. She agreed that the cost is substantial but felt that the funds are well spent. She has heard some people say they usually have family parties on New Years but if the City is going to have a celebration, they will support the City rather than having a family party. Council Member Western felt that the money would be well spent if we bring the community together and have activities for young people so they are not out looking for something to do and getting in trouble.

Council Member Chase stated that some people have said we should hold the celebration every other year, some say every year, and there are varying opinions within the city. He felt that the LDS Church provides activities for the youth (teens) and asked if it is worth \$9,000 to serve 200 people. Council Member Chase also suggested the possibility of scaling the celebration back by reducing the cost of entertainment, the amount of food, and number of games.

Mayor Bunker stated that there is still time to make a decision as to whether or not to hold the celebration and urged Council Members to talk to more residents and get their feelings about the celebration and the types of activities to hold.

Following discussion, Council Member Betty Jo Western MOVED to table further discussion of this matter until the next meeting. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member John Niles. 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

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: 2009 LIGHT PARADE AND TREE FESTIVAL DATE

Mayor Bunker noted our light parade and tree festival are traditionally held on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. This year that date is also the date of the Brigham Young University vs. University of Utah football game. When the light parade and tree festival were held on the same day as the BYU vs. U of U game two years ago, many of those who purchase trees at the tree festival

were absent from the tree auction which caused revenues to be reduced that year. Mayor Bunker talked with Bonnie Shamo, chairman of the tree festival committee, to find out what her preferred date for the celebration would be but he has not heard back from her. Council Members discussed the possibility of holding the celebration either November 21st or on Friday following Thanksgiving. Council Members felt that the Friday following Thanksgiving is a big business day and may take away some people who would normally purchase trees. In addition, many people leave town for Thanksgiving and do not return until Saturday.

Following discussion, Council Member Robert Banks MOVED to table further discussion on the date for the 2009 Light Parade and Tree Festival until the next meeting. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Kiley Chase. 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: UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Public Works Director Alan Riding reported that a couple of representatives from Master Meter had visited recently with some prospective buyers who wanted to look at our radio read meter system. We presently have 1047 meters reading automatically and the system is working quite well. The other 95 meters are large and rather expensive so public works employees have been retro-fitting them with an alternate head that has radio read capability but requires the company to come with a different encoder to read them. The heads were programmed to speak a different language than our meters were speaking so they were not communicating. The problem has now been solved and the Master Meter technician will be here at the end of the month to bring and install the new heads on the meters. The technician will also bring those meters necessary to complete the project and have one hundred percent fixed based radio read meters. The system is working quite well and we are finding many advantages to having the system. Each day Public Works Director Riding receives an e-mail from the system showing the top twenty high water users for the previous day. This makes it easy to pull up those accounts to determine whether their use is normal or if there may be a leak which needs to be repaired.

Public Works employees have finished cleaning, scaling and re-coating the inside of the elevated storage tank and column. The tank should be back on-line next week.

The operating permit has been received for the Ridge Top Well and the sampling cycle is taking place now to establish a track record for the well.

Public Works Director Riding reported that the annual ultra-light fly-in will be held at the airport this weekend. Organizers are expecting a large number of people to attend the fly-in.

Public Works Director Riding reported that Liz Webb has resigned as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Public Works Director Riding stated that he had talked with Linda Sorensen who would like to become involved with the Planning Commission. Public Works Director Riding

asked for a verbal approval for Linda Sorensen to be appointed to replace Liz Webb. Her official appointment will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Public Works Director Riding advised Council Members that there has been a rash of graffiti incidents recently. About three weeks ago there were twelve sites hit with graffiti, ten of which were cleaned by public works employees. This week there were another eight or nine sites hit with graffiti. The Sheriff's Department has one individual involved in the incidents in custody and believe they will have a second in custody soon. All of the graffiti has been cleaned quickly and most residents and property owners appreciate Delta City doing the clean up for them. Public Works Director Riding advised Council Members that any graffiti incidents need to be reported to the Sheriff's Office.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bunker asked when an open house will be held for the Ridge Top Well project. It was determined that an open house will be held on Wednesday, September 30th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The man who did the water witching said he would come back for an open house and Sunrise Engineering said they would come and cook some hot dogs.

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that he had met with Millard School District officials and a representative from Utah Dept. of Transportation in an attempt to get another school cross walk across Main Street at 200 East. In order to approve the proposal, the state needs to do a study. Margaret Dutson has been the crosswalk guard at South Elementary School but, due to the reassignment of students this year, there is no need for a crosswalk guard in that area. Mayor Bunker asked Margaret to observe students crossing Main Street and provide a count of how many were crossing at various intersections. She found that students are crossing Main Street at several intersections and by-passing the crosswalk guard. The school district and Mayor Bunker decided that it would not be in our best interest to place an additional crossing guard on Main Street until it is approved by the state.

Mayor Bunker stated that flu shots would be provided for City employees and their family members on Wednesday, September 9th at 8:00 a.m. at the City Office. The flu shots are \$25 if you are not covered by an insurance policy that pays for them.

Mayor Bunker asked for a Council volunteer to take his place at the Delta Car Show. It would involve making a choice of vehicle and presenting the trophy for the "Mayor's Choice" award. Council Member Western will stand in for Mayor Bunker at the car show on September 19th.

Mayor Bunker reported that Greg is home but remains in bed until at least October 1st. He is doing a lot of his regular work from home.

Council Member Kiley Chase advised Council Members that they are looking for two replacements for the Library Board. Mayor Bunker asked Council Members to think of someone who could be appointed to the Library Board as they need replacements as soon as possible.

Council Members scheduled clean up days on October 31st for areas north of Main Street and November 7th for areas south of Main Street.

Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments, questions, or other items to be discussed. There being none, Council Member Kiley Chase MOVED to adjourn the meeting. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Betty Jo Western. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or question regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bunker declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



GAYLE BUNKER, Mayor



GREGORY JAY SCHAFFER, MIC, City Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: RCCM 09-17-09