

CITY OF DELTA, UTAH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2010

PRESENT

Gayle Bunker	Mayor
Robert Banks	Council Member
Bruce Curtis	Council Member
John Niles	Council Member
Tom Stephenson	Council Member
Betty Jo Western	Council Member

ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Kaela Jackson	City Attorney
Alan Riding	Public Works Director
Ken Clark	Assistant Public Works Director
Gregory Schafer	City Recorder

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 provided to the Millard County Chronicle/Progress, posted on the Utah Public Notice website, and provided to each member of the City Council at least two days prior to the meeting.

Council Member Robert Banks 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 March 18, 2010 were presented for consideration and approval. Council Member Robert Banks requested the insertion of several punctuation marks. Following review, Council Member Betty Jo Western MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held March 18, 2010, as corrected. 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.

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 Robert Banks MOVED to approve the accounts payable, dated April 1, 2010, in the amount of \$35,161.85. 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 COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of unfinished business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

GEORGIA HARE, CENTRAL UTAH MENTAL HEALTH: REQUEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO UNIVERSITY OF UTAH SUMMER SCHOOL ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG DEPENDENCIES

Because she was unable to meet with Council Members this evening, Georgia Hare called to advise that she is requesting \$545 to pay half the cost of sending two people to the University of Utah Summer School on Alcohol and Other Drug Dependencies. Mayor Bunker noted that we had been supporting this request for a number of years. The funds are paid from liquor taxes received from the State of Utah.

Following discussion, Council Member John Niles MOVED to approve expenditure of \$545.00 to pay half the cost of sending two students to the University of Utah Summer School on Alcohol and Other Drug Dependencies. 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.

DAVID DETTON, MAGNUM ENERGY LLC: UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SALT MINING PROJECT

Mr. Detton called this afternoon to apologize for not being able to attend the meeting this evening. He requested that he be re-scheduled for the first meeting in May.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: REQUEST FOR RATIFICATION OF DECISION TO PURCHASE A SOFA TO BE PLACED IN GREG SCHAFER'S OFFICE

Mayor Bunker noted that Council Members had previously approved purchase of a sofa to be placed in City Recorder Greg Schafer's office. Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that the sofa is in place, at a total cost of \$850.

Following discussion, Council Member Bruce Curtis MOVED to ratify approval to purchase a sofa, in the amount of \$850.00, to be placed in the Recorder's office. 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 GAYLE BUNKER: IRRIGATION WATER RATES FOR 2010 IRRIGATION YEAR

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that the irrigation water user fee had been raised to \$200 last year, and water rental was set at \$45 per acre foot. Mayor Bunker recommended that the same rates be set for this irrigation year. Council Member Betty Jo Western stated that some people had expressed concern regarding the \$200 irrigation water user fee. Mayor Bunker reminded Council Members that, even with the \$200 user fee, irrigation water is still less costly than using culinary water for yards and gardens.

Following discussion, Council Member Tom Stephenson MOVED to maintain the irrigation water user fee at \$200 and the water rental rate at \$45 per acre foot for the 2010 irrigation season. 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 with Council Members Robert Banks, Bruce Curtis, John Niles and Tom Stephenson voting in favor and Council Member Betty Jo Western voting against.

COUNCIL MEMBER BETTY JO WESTERN: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO UPGRADE OR PURCHASE A NEW MARQUEE SIGN FOR DELTA CITY

Council Member Betty Jo Western requested that this item be scheduled for a later meeting inasmuch as she is waiting for additional information.

Council Member Betty Jo Western MOVED to table further discussion of this item until a later date. 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.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ALAN RIDING: UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

In the absence of Public Works Director Alan Riding, Assistant Public Works Director Ken Clark

reported that employees continue to work on the airport fence project. They have 4,000 - 5,000 feet of wood posts to install, which will be followed by installation of the metal t-posts. We hope to obtain assistance from the Millard County Jail work crew to string the fencing material. Employees have also been doing vehicle maintenance. The parks have been cleaned and mowed, and sprinklers have been repaired prior to being turned on for the season.

Assistant Public Works Director Clark advised Council Members that city clean up dates have been set for May 7th and 8th.

The ordinance allowing keeping poultry for personal use was published this week. A letter will be prepared, and provided to those who are known to have poultry, advising them of the permit and other requirements for keeping poultry.

Council Member Western asked about the progress of removing pit bull dogs from the city. She was advised that, as we receive calls or see pit bull dogs, we provide a letter to the owners telling them the dogs are not allowed. The letter stipulates that owners have two weeks to remove the dog from the city and, if the dog is seen again following the two week period, a citation is issued.

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that we sent out only thirty-nine water shut-off notices last month. However, eighteen of those accounts required shut-off. All of the water service has been reinstated except for one, which is a home that is under construction.

Public Works Director Alan Riding arrived at the meeting following making a presentation to the Hinckley Town Council.

Public Works Director Riding advised Council Members that we have a certificate of deposit coming due on April 15th. Funds for the certificate of deposit came from water and sewer funds previously deposited with the Utah Public Treasurers Investment Fund. The total capital reserve fund balance at this time, including the certificate of deposit and funds held with Utah Public Treasurers Investment Fund, is \$1,316,000. Of this amount, \$921,000 is for water and \$395,000 is for sewer. These funds are being banked annually in order to build up a fund for capital improvement projects, such as the recent change to radio-read water meters.

Public Works Director Riding proposed that \$240,000 be taken from the water capital improvement fund to purchase 250 acre feet of water from the IPA / Delta City water pool. This is a pool of water rights which are purchased with funds paid by residents who purchase property and construct a home on the property. The remainder of the funds (\$521,000) would be placed in a new certificate of deposit. This matter is not on the agenda for approval at this time, and will be discussed at a later date.

Council Member Western asked about the pile of dirt stacked at Mike Stanworth's business. Assistant Public Works Director Clark advised Council Members that the Stanworths are hauling

and stockpiling manganese for a buyer in China. When the stockpile is large enough, the manganese will be placed on rail cars for shipping.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that approval of the fiscal year 2011 tentative budget will be placed on the agenda for adoption at the May 6, 2010 meeting. Council Members will be holding a budget work session sometime during the last week of May.

Mayor Bunker reported that four members of the West Millard Museums and Community Center board traveled to Salt Lake City to meet with Jim Hewlitt, of Intermountain Power Agency, to solicit funding for the museum / community center project. Mr. Hewlitt expressed support for the project and stated that IPA will provide some funding but, at this time, was unsure of the amount.

City Recorder Gregory Schafer expressed appreciation to all Council Members and Delta City staff for all the care, concern, and support during his illness.

Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments, questions or other items to be discussed. There being none, Council Member Bruce Curtis MOVED to adjourn the 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.

Mayor Bunker declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



GAYLE BUNKER, Mayor



GREGORY JAY SCHAFFER, MMC, City Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: RCCM 04-15-10