

CITY OF DELTA, UTAH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2013

PRESENT

Gayle Bunker	Mayor
Robert Banks	Council Member
Steven Pratt	Council Member
Tom Stephenson	Council Member
Betty Jo Western	Council Member

ABSENT

John Niles	Council Member
Alan Riding	Public Works Director

ALSO PRESENT

Todd Anderson	City Attorney
Ken Clark	Assistant Public Works Director
Gregory Jay Schafer	City Recorder
Jody Tasker	City Treasurer
Dean Draper	Millard County Chronicle/Progress
Tom Herbert	Airport Board
Scott Johnson	Airport Board
Dave Larsen	Boy Scout Leader
Brenton Finlinson	Boy Scout
Brooke Smith	Boy Scout Leader
Tate Smith	Boy Scout
Sam Clark	Boy Scout
Liam Herbert	Boy Scout

Mayor Bunker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He stated that notice of the time, place and agenda of the meeting had been posted at the City Building, on the Utah Public Notice website, the Delta City website, and had been provided to the Millard County Chronicle/Progress and to each member of the City Council at least two days prior to the meeting.

Mayor Bunker provided opening remarks, following which he led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a Regular City Council Meeting held August 1, 2013 were presented for consideration and approval. Following discussion, Council Member Steven Pratt MOVED to

approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held August 1, 2013, as presented. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Tom Stephenson. 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, Steven Pratt, Tom Stephenson and Betty Jo Western voting in favor and Council Member John Niles being absent.

The proposed minutes of a Special City Council Meeting held August 7, 2013 were presented for consideration and approval. Following discussion, Council Member Robert Banks MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held August 7, 2013, as presented. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Steven Pratt. 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, Steven Pratt, Tom Stephenson and Betty Jo Western voting in favor and Council Member John Niles being absent.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council reviewed the accounts payable, a copy of which had been provided to them at least two days prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Council Member Tom Stephenson MOVED to approve the accounts payable, dated August 15, 2013, in the amount of \$193,875.77. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Steven Pratt. 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, Steven Pratt, Tom Stephenson and Betty Jo Western voting in favor and Council Member John Niles being absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Bunker stated that he had asked City Treasurer Jody Tasker to report on her recent trip to an annual conference for treasurers. She attended the conference as President of the Utah treasurers association and received additional training in many areas associated with the responsibilities of municipal treasurers. City Treasurer Jody reported that she had learned a great deal at the conference and was able to network with other treasurers. Council Members thanked Ms. Tasker for her contribution to Delta City.

Boy Scout Tate Smith, of Troop 148, is working on his Eagle Project, which is trying to eradicate puncture weeds in the City. He asked for assistance from Delta City in obtaining weed spray to kill the puncture weeds. Assistant Public Works Director Ken Clark provided information for Mr. Smith regarding getting the weed spray and spraying the weeds.

BUSINESS

TOM HERBERT, DELTA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT BOARD: REPORT ON OSHKOSH AIR SHOW TRIP

Tom Herbert introduced Scott Johnson, who attended the air show with Mr. Herbert. Mr. Herbert advised Council Members that a group of four local pilots attended the national fly-in, held at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for all of General Aviation's experimental aircraft and production aircraft. There were approximately 20,000 aircraft at the fly-in. The group camped out and talked to as many people as they could find about coming to Delta and bringing business to the airport. Mr. Herbert reported they had found several individuals who were quite interested in the airport. Since his return, Mr. Herbert has been in touch with most of the contacts he made at Oshkosh and is currently in discussions to have them visit the airport facilities, the town, and to discuss the possibility of moving their business to Delta.

The group made some good contacts with respect to facility development with what we have and how to build it up. They also found three or four specific businesses which had great interest in Delta. These included a company currently located in Los Angeles, California, which builds all electric aircraft. A representative of this company plans to visit Delta in September. They were interested in the open airspace we have. Another group that has interest in Delta is a sail plane operation in Memphis, Tennessee. A member of the company comes to Parowan every year to participate in sail plane races. He was excited about our airport facility because there is not a commercial sail plane operation in Utah and we have the best sail plane area in the nation.

Mr. Herbert also talked with a company that builds the premier aerobatic aircraft in the world right now. They are interested in coming to see what is available and are interested in the open and unrestricted airspace. Another group that had interest in our area was back country flyers who teach and train people to fly in the back country of Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho and Colorado. They were interested in the location for training. They asked if we had a dirt strip adjacent to any of our paved landing strips. Mr. Herbert told them that we did not but we could probably look into making that happen. Mr. Herbert noted that there are two new pilots moving to Delta and both are looking for hangar space for their airplanes.

Mr. Herbert felt that we had set up a good stage to make things happen at the airport and suggested that we make some improvements to the pilots lounge. Mr. Herbert provided drawings of proposed changes to upgrade the pilots lounge and reception area for aviation people who come through the airport. The changes involve removing some walls, moving the heater and installing some wall board and cabinets. Mr. Herbert would like to get the changes made before some of the contacts he has made begin coming to see the facility.

Council Member Steven Pratt asked if we could go forward with improvements to the pilots lounge and if we could put a time limit on completing the improvements. Council Member Pratt also stated it had been a pleasure to travel to Oshkosh with Mr. Herbert and to see his excitement and enthusiasm for the airport and, on behalf of the City Council, expressed appreciation to Mr. Herbert and Mr. Johnson for representing Delta City at the air show. Mr. Herbert thanked Delta City for funding the trip and allowing him the opportunity to represent Delta at the show. Mayor Bunker felt that we need to do improvements to the pilots lounge. Council Members will work on getting funding for improving the project. Mayor Bunker noted that we can, at the least, get the area

cleaned up. Mayor Bunker added that we have been offered an automobile to be used as a courtesy car for the airport.

Mr. Herbert advised Council Members that a fly-in is scheduled at the airport on September 21st, which is being coordinated with the golf course, to promote the golf course as well as the airport.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: MAIN STREET TRAFFIC SPEED

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that he had received a number of comments from residents regarding the speed of vehicles on Main Street and concern for pedestrians trying to cross Main Street. Mayor Bunker noted that Utah Department of Transportation must approve any ideas we may have for slowing traffic. Mayor Bunker said there were two speed limit signs on the east end of Main Street; one at the intersection of Highway 6 and Highway 50 and one across from McDonalds. There are no additional speed limit signs on Main Street going west from that intersection. On the west end of Main Street, there is a speed limit sign at approximately 400 West Main Street and no other signs until the speed increases to 45 miles per hour on the east end of town. There are no reminders of the speed limit anywhere else along Main Street. Mayor Bunker suggested that we encourage UDOT to place additional speed limit signs along Main Street. Mayor Bunker noted that it had been suggested the speed trailer be set up along Main Street but questioned whether it would be effective with more than one lane of traffic. In addition, we can request that the Sheriff's Department do more radar speed control along Main Street. Mayor Bunker also questioned whether UDOT would approve placing orange flags at Main Street intersections for pedestrians to carry when they are crossing the street. Boy Scout Liam Herbert advised Council Members that he frequently crosses Main Street at Center Street and it is very difficult to get across, even though a crosswalk is painted on the street at that location. Mr. Herbert thought orange flags at that crosswalk would be helpful for pedestrians. Mayor Bunker thanked Mr. Herbert for his comments. Council Member Betty Jo Western felt that more speed signs would be good and also agreed with having the orange flags for pedestrians.

Mayor Bunker will investigate these ideas to see which can be done and work on public education, as well as requesting additional speed enforcement on Main Street. Dave Larsen advised Council Members that he usually drives through Delta from Hinckley about 5:30 a.m. and there is often a patrolman on the highway between Delta and Hinckley. Mr. Larsen felt the public would be better served if that patrolman was on Main Street in Delta. Mr. Larsen noted that he could not remember seeing an officer on Main Street in Delta for some time.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: SHERWOOD SHORES WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Bunker reported that we had sent a letter to the boring contractor advising that we would not provide additional funding and we expected them to complete their contract as agreed. We received a response from them saying they agreed to our terms and would be back this week to complete the project, if we provided confirmation for them to go forward. The letter of confirmation was sent on Monday, August 12th, and they responded on Tuesday, August 13th, saying they would be on the

project on Wednesday, August 14th. They are now on the project and will be re-starting the boring project. The contractor said they would have the project completed by August 28th. We gave them a deadline of August 30th for completion.

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, earlier this summer, we sent out letters regarding problems at one of the sewer lift stations caused by residents flushing items that should not be flushed. Assistant Public Works Director Clark advised the letters apparently worked because they are no longer having the same problems with that lift station.

However, the lift station is in need of an upgrade. We have purchased all the parts and materials but it will take approximately two weeks to complete the project. Because Pendray Estates, Days Inn Motel, Pendray Plaza businesses, etc. use that lift station, we cannot take it out of service for that period of time so we need to construct a bypass to carry sewer until the project is complete. The project will be done this fall.

Public Works employees have been working on storm drain projects, and they have more meters to install at Sherwood Shores Subdivision. They will also be working to clean up the airport and haul away debris.

Assistant Public Works Director Clark said he had received a telephone call from a resident who requested that crosswalks be painted in the vicinity of Delta Middle School. Assistant Public Works Director Clark requested guidance from Council Members on the matter because, at a recent conference, he sat in a risk management session. In that session, it was mentioned that, if you do not have all the updated and required signage and not following every requirement for crosswalks, the City is open to extreme liability. At the conference, it was recommended that crosswalks only be painted where there are designated crossing guards. Assistant Public Works Director Clark requested guidance from Council Members on how to respond to this request. Mayor Bunker noted that he had talked with the School Superintendent about this matter and was told that he would contact us later but, to date, we have not heard from the Superintendent. Mayor Bunker stated that we would wait to hear what the school district proposes before making any decision on this matter.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that we need to begin thinking about what type of entertainment we want for the New Years Eve celebration. He asked that Council Members think about entertainment and it will be discussed later.

Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments, questions or other item to be discussed. There

being none, Council Member Steven Pratt 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 with Council Members Robert Banks, Steven Pratt, Tom Stephenson and Betty Jo Western voting in favor and Council Member John Niles being absent.

Mayor Bunker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

GAYLE BUNKER, Mayor

GREGORY JAY SCHAFFER, MMC, City Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: