

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2005, ROY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Welcome - Mayor Burnett
2. Discussion and setting of the proposed tax revenue increase for Fiscal Year 2006
3. Adjustment to the FY 2005 Budget
4. Adjourn City Council Meeting

Minutes of the Roy City Council Meeting held June 28, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Room of the Roy City Municipal Building.

The meeting was a special meeting of the Roy City Council. Notice of the meeting was provided to *The Standard Examiner* at least 24 hours in advance. A copy of the agenda was posted.

The following were in attendance:

Mayor Roger Burnett
Councilwoman Marge Becraft
Councilman Tommy Smith
Councilman Dave Tafoya
Councilman Dan Tanner

City Manager Chris Davis
City Attorney Andrew Blackburn
Secretary Char Wolverton

Councilman Larry Peterson participated by telephone in accordance with Section 52-4-7.8 of the Utah Code and the Roy City Council Electronic Meetings Procedure.

Also present were: Cathy Spencer, Management Services Director; Greg Whinham, Police Chief; Jon Ritchie, Fire Chief; Tony R. Allman; Paul Newey; Danzo and Elsie Shiramizu; Eric and Brenda Hay; Donna and Duane Hay; Todd Popielarz; Jay Raymond; Rita Painter.

1. WELCOME - MAYOR BURNETT

Mayor Burnett stated that the meeting was called due to prior discussion of a tax increase. He stated that Roy City must let Weber County know by July 1st the maximum tax increase that will be imposed.

2. DISCUSSION AND SETTING OF THE PROPOSED TAX REVENUE INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Chris Davis stated that pursuant to the Council's direction, a scenario has been prepared which each of the Council Members had a copy of. Mr. Davis stated that the proposal is that Roy City raise property tax income a total of \$360,000.00. Mr. Davis reviewed the three areas, as discussed in the last City Council Meeting, that require additional funding; 1) the Fire Department apparatus needs, 2) Parks and Recreation, and 3) the Municipal Building Modernization Project. Mr. Davis said that the City is not looking into funding a Sr. Citizens Center and Boys and Girls Club as reported in the newspaper. He stated that those projects will be funded using RAMP tax, federal funding etc. and again stated that those projects are not included in the current tax increase proposal.

Mr. Davis showed the audience a fire apparatus replacement schedule. He stated that the Fire Department currently is using a 1988 ladder truck and a 1992 pumper truck, both of which need to be replaced soon. He said that the ambulances are in good shape at this time; however, they

are replaced every four years. Mr. Davis proposed that with the tax increase, approximately \$230,000.00 be set aside each year for fire apparatuses. He stated that a ladder truck and pumper truck could be leased on a 10-year lease as the cost of a ladder truck is approximately \$650,00.00 to \$700,000.00 and the cost of a pumper truck is approximately \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00. He said money would also be set aside each year for the purchasing of ambulances.

Councilman Tafoya asked if inflation was considered with the estimated cost of the fire apparatuses. Mr. Davis said that it was; however, inflation is hard to predict.

Mr. Davis again stated that the proposal is for a tax increase of \$360,000.00 and the Council will determine if they are comfortable with that number. Mr. Davis stated that Virgil Howe, Director of Parks and Recreation, has \$2.5 million in recreation needs and the Council will receive a schedule of those costs at a later date. Mr. Davis also stated that staff is recommending that \$70,000.00 be set aside for the purpose of obtaining an analysis of the Municipal Building modernization. There were 21 police officers when the building was constructed and now there are 39 police officers in that same space. Mr. Davis stated that the City now has access to the court room with the addition of the new Justice Court. He stated that there are challenges with the current building and an analysis is needed.

Mr. Davis stated that if the Council approves a tax increase, a public hearing will be held no later than August 17th. There is a City Council Meeting scheduled for August 16th and he felt that would be a good time to hold the public hearing. Mr. Davis stated that \$360,000.00 in additional income for the City will be a significant source of revenue; however, franchise fees and sales tax are still the most significant source of income for the City.

According to Weber County, the average home market value in Roy City is \$129,000.00. The proposed tax increase would have an impact of \$28.11 per year per residence or \$2.34 per month per residence for an increase of 18.6 percent. Mr. Davis said that he is not attempting to minimize the impact and has received many comments from those residents who are on a fixed income. He stated that the City has come to a time where there are viable needs.

Councilman Smith asked what the difference would be between a residence and a business. Cathy Spencer stated that the citizens are taxed at 55 percent so there is a 45 percent difference.

Mayor Burnett asked if there was any public comment.

Eric Hay, 5063 South 2875 West, asked how fire apparatuses have been purchased in the past. Mr. Davis stated that no fire apparatuses have been purchased for 14 years; however, they have been obtained via lease or bond in the past. Mr. Hay asked if this would be a permanent tax increase. Mr. Davis said that it would be. Mayor Burnett added that in the past budgets have been set up and the money that is not used is put into the general fund.

Paul Newey, 2270 West 4900 South, stated that Weber County has also been discussing a tax increase recently and asked if the City knew anything about that. Mr. Davis said he didn't know as the City gets the notice the same time the citizens do. Mr. Newey stated that when the City, County, and State all raise taxes, there is a significant impact to the citizens who pay them. He asked if the Council has taken into consideration the fact that many citizens are on a fixed income. He recognized that there is a need for new fire equipment but felt the City should look into other options such as leasing.

Rita Painter, 5850 South 2155 West, stated that she own a lot of property in Roy City. She stated that for the last three years she has been debating with Weber County about property tax costs. She stated that when Weber County raises taxes, Roy City gets a portion of that. She said that she has been told that Roy City has the highest taxes in the County. She stated that the City needs more sales tax, not property tax. She felt that replacing the fire trucks is more important than swimming pools and parks. She said that the City should have saved for such important things in the past. Ms. Painter stated that the City needs to find a source of revenue other than property taxes. Mayor Burnett asked Ms. Spencer how much Roy City received from Weber County last year for property taxes. Ms. Spencer said that Roy City received \$1.7 million. Mayor Burnett then asked how much Roy City received this year. Ms. Spencer said that Roy City received \$1.7 million this year also. Ms. Painter again stated that she was told that Roy City has the highest taxes in the County. Mr. Davis said that is not accurate.

Jay Raymond, 5057 South 2275 West, stated that he would like to see the road fixed in front of his house. He stated that the rock chips on the road have caused a lot of damage to the resident's property and vehicles on that street. Mr. Davis stated that he is aware of the problem, the contractors have been called back, experts have been hired, and Parsons and Advanced Paving will fix the road. Mr. Raymond stated that he thinks it's a joke that the citizens have to pay for the road to be re-done. Mr. Davis stated that the liability falls on the company who originally did work on that road and they will pay for it to be repaired. Mr. Raymond said that he didn't believe that. Mr. Davis said that if Mr. Raymond would like, Mr. Davis would provide that information in writing from Staker Parsons. Mr. Raymond said that his sidewalk needs to be fixed too. He said that it's falling apart. Councilman Smith recommended that the Council direct Mr. Davis to resolve those problems as soon as possible. Mr. Raymond added that he is tired of seeing police officers and fire employees mingling on public streets. He said that they are not ready to respond to calls. Mr. Raymond stated that he frequently sees 4 police cars at the 7-11 on 4400 South and 5 to 6 police cars at a time at Denny's for breakfast. He stated that he felt the police department is using citizen's money for joy-riding. He felt that if the City needs more money, there needs to be a bond or some other form of revenue. He said that he didn't feel a ladder truck was even needed in the City and ambulances are used for joy-riding. He recommended that the City look into another source of revenue. Mayor Burnett added that the ladder truck was purchased with Roy High School and Iomega in mind.

Duane Hay, 5269 South 3275 West, stated that he had some things for the City Council to

consider. He said that the items he is hearing need more money are not a necessity. He stated that the City has a great Aquatic Center that most communities don't have. He said that recreation is not a necessity at all. He stated that food comes first and recreation comes last. He felt that if things are so bad that a tax increase is needed, then something needs to be cut out.

Councilman Tafoya moved to set a tax increase at a maximum of \$360,000.00. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Council members Smith, Tafoya, Becraft, Tanner, and Peterson voted "aye." The motion carried.

3. ADJUSTMENT TO THE FY 2005 BUDGET

Cathy Spencer stated that she had two items that needed to be cleaned up before the end of the fiscal year. She stated that the Council is allowed to move money from one fund to another and asked that they approve moving \$2,000.00 from the Council Contingency Fund to the Building Maintenance Department. Fire Station No. 2 has some air conditioning problems and needs \$2,000.00 for repairs. Mr. Spencer also asked that the Council approve moving an additional \$2,000.00 from Council Contingency Fund to the Fire Department to compensate for rising fuel costs.

Councilman Smith moved to approve the transfer of \$2,000.00 from the Council Contingency Fund to the Building Maintenance Department and an additional \$2,000.00 from the Council Contingency Fund to the Fire Department. Councilman Tanner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Council members Becraft, Smith, Tafoya, Tanner, and Peterson voted "aye." The motion carried.

4. ADJOURN

Councilman Tanner moved to adjourn City Council Meeting at 5:45 p.m. Councilwoman Becraft seconded the motion. Council members Becraft, Smith, Tafoya, Peterson and Tanner voted "aye." The motion carried.

Roger Phil Burnett
Mayor

Attest:

Char Wolverton
Secretary