

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2007, ROY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Approval of December 19, 2006 minutes
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3. Public hearing to amend the FY 2007 Budget
 - a. Resolution No. 898 approving adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget and levying a property tax rate as established by Weber County
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6. Adjourn City Council Meeting

Minutes of the Roy City Council Meeting held January 2, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Room of the Roy City Municipal Building.

The meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting designated by resolution. 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 Joe H. Ritchie
Councilwoman Marge Becraft
Councilman Tommy Smith
Councilman Dave Tafoya
Councilman Michael Stokes
Councilman Larry Peterson

City Manager Chris Davis
City Attorney Andrew Blackburn
Secretary Char Wolverton

Also present were: Cathy Spencer, Management Services Director; Bert Visser; Tim Wittner; Kalen Tebbs

Moment of Silence: Councilman Peterson

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Peterson

1. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 19, 2006 MINUTES

Councilwoman Becraft moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2006, as amended. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Council members Smith, Tafoya, Becraft, Stokes, and Peterson voted “aye.” The motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bert Visser, 4833 South 2500 West, stated that last month in City Council Meeting he brought up the issue of 2675 West going through to 4000 South. He stated that his comments were published in the newspaper which resulted in about 15 to 20 calls from citizens who supported the recommendation. He said he also received a call from “the railroad” stating that the existing roads can handle the expected traffic associated with the Trax station. Mr. Visser asked if anything further had been done since he made the recommendation.

Chris Davis stated that two weeks ago at City Council Meeting he reported that a staff member had been assigned to look into the issue. He stated that staff is still working with UTA. Mr. Visser stated that he felt the City should have state funds to begin the condemnation process now. He added that he appreciates that his concern is being addressed. Mayor Ritchie assured him that his request was not ignored.

Councilwoman Becraft asked if anyone has called who lives on 2675 West. Mr. Visser said he has received phone calls from seven residents who live on 2675 West, all of whom favor the road going through.

Councilman Stokes stated that in the time since Mr. Visser expressed his concern at Council Meeting he has visited the site and spoken to some of Mr. Wilson's neighbors. The neighbors told Councilman Stokes that the orchard is how Mr. Wilson makes a living. He asked Mr. Visser how he would justify taking the land that allows Mr. Wilson to make a living. Mr. Visser said that it was his opinion that Mr. Wilson would still have the majority of his orchard; the road would just go through it. He said that Mr. Wilson knew 50 years ago that the road would eventually go through his property. Mr. Visser stated that he understands the concern but feels that Mr. Wilson would be adequately compensated for the property that the road would take away from the orchard. Councilman Stokes stated that he struggles with eminent domain versus Mr. Wilson's livelihood.

3. PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE FY 2007 BUDGET

Councilman Peterson moved to open a public hearing at 6:16 p.m. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. Council Members Becraft, Smith, Tafoya, Peterson and Stokes voted "aye." The motion carried.

Cathy Spencer reviewed the Summary of Adjustments to the City's FY 2007 Budget.

One of the adjustments includes an increase for ambulance billings by \$50,000. Councilman Tafoya stated that he has been notified that some of the seniors who live in Monte Vista are getting billed for ambulance services. He stated that it was his understanding that the City would accept Medicare payment as full and write off the balance. Chris Davis said he would look into that.

In the Capital Outlay section, there is a \$155,000 reduction in project costs for Class C Roads as the Layton Canal siphon extension has been canceled. Councilman Stokes asked if this would be permanently canceled. Mr. Davis said it would be budgeted at a later date. He added that it would be a helpful project, however, not critical at this time.

Ms. Spencer reviewed two new projects in the Storm Sewer Utility Fund including a Storm Drainage Culvert at Emma Russell Park in the amount of \$45,000 and a Storm sewer drain upsizing at South Form Meadows in the amount of \$34,378.

Councilman Smith asked if the Aquatic Center is generating enough money to allow for funds to be set aside for repairs and maintenance. Mr. Davis stated that the Aquatic Center does actually make a profit. Councilman Smith stated that he remembered that \$55,000 was set aside for

repairs and maintenance last year. He stated that he feels it is important to maintain the Aquatic Center and set aside funds for associated costs. Mr. Davis stated that such costs are being budgeted.

Councilman Stokes noted that in the Summary of Emma Russell Park Expenditures, money is budgeted for the bowery. He stated that Mr. Howe previously said that was already budgeted for. Ms. Spencer stated that it is within the budget; however, it is listed because it was funded this year.

Councilwoman Becraft moved to close the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Councilman Peterson seconded the motion. Council Members Becraft, Smith, Tafoya, Peterson and Stokes voted “aye.” The motion carried.

3A. RESOLUTION NO. 898 APPROVING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET AND LEVYING A PROPERTY TAX RATE AS ESTABLISHED BY WEBER COUNTY

Chris Davis stated that Emma Russell Park will come available for use this summer. This will require the addition of another full-time Parks employee. Councilman Stokes asked if all improvements will be completed this year. Mr. Davis said that potentially they could. Councilwoman Becraft asked if the planting of trees could be accomplished with volunteer labor. Mr. Davis said he has looked at that as a possibility.

Councilman Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 898 approving adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget and levying a property tax rate as established by Weber County. Councilman Peterson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Council members Becraft, Smith, Tafoya, Stokes, and Peterson voted “aye.” The motion carried. (Copy filed for record.)

4. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Chris Davis stated that the Utah League luncheon is coming up on January 17th at the Sheraton Hotel. Councilman Peterson stated that he knew of other cities who have a luncheon with their legislative representatives and suggested that as a possibility rather than attending the Utah League Luncheon. Mr. Davis said that would be fine but it would have to happen before the next legislative session starts. He added that the Utah League lunch is going to happen anyway and it would be good to have some representatives from Roy City there. Councilman Peterson stated that he feels it is good to interact with the legislative representatives and keep them aware of the City’s needs. Mr. Davis stated that he and Mayor Ritchie interact with them every Friday during the legislative session.

Mr. Davis stated that the annual Council/Department Head dinner will be held on January 19th at 6:30 at Maddox. He suggested that some of the legislative representatives be invited to the dinner.

Mr. Davis reported that today was the first day the Aquatic Center reservations could be made. Half of the reservations in July have been booked and 4 or 5 reservations have been made for June and August.

Mr. Davis stated that today he, Mike Mansfield, and Troy Wolverton met with Ogden City about the round-about on 4400 West and Airport Road. The initial design has been approved and Ogden City has agreed to pay 50 percent. Councilman Smith stated that there is a lot of traffic at that location and he doesn't think a round-about is a good idea. Mr. Davis stated that a round-about is safer for that type of traffic than a light. It was Councilman Smith's opinion that we give careful thought, assessment and study to the design of the round-about to mitigate some of the concerns around the discussion

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Ritchie reminded the Council of the WACOG Dinner on Monday at 6:30 at the Eccles Center.

10. ADJOURN

Councilwoman Becraft moved to adjourn City Council Meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Joe H. Ritchie
Mayor

Attest:

Char Wolverton
Secretary

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