

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2008, ROY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Recognition of the March, April, and May 2008 Employees of the Month
2. Public hearing to consider adopting the final 2008/2009 budget
 - a. Consideration of Resolution No. 929 adopting the 2008/2009 budget
3. Motion to adjourn City Council Meeting and convene a Redevelopment Agency Meeting
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5. Approval of May 20, 2008, minutes
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7. Consideration of Resolution No. 928 approving an interlocal agreement between Ogden City and Roy City for the purpose of financing, designing and constructing a traffic circle at 4400 South Airport Road and the award of the construction contract to Marsh Construction
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9. Mayor and Council reports
10. Adjourn
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Minutes of the Roy City Council Meeting held June 3, 2008, 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 Larry Peterson
Councilman Tommy Smith
Councilman Michael Stokes
Councilman Dave Tafoya

City Manager Chris Davis
City Attorney Andy Blackburn
Secretary Michelle Drago

Also present were: Cathy Spencer, Management Services Director; Tony Reynolds, Community Services Director; Jon Ritchie, Fire Chief; Greg Whinham, Police Chief; Scott George, Parks Superintendent; Danny Stokes, Water Superintendent; Ross Oliver, Facilities Maintenance Superintendent; William Hunter; Ed Sorensen; Garrett Grose; Steve Fulton; Mark Sage; Derek Rose; Brandon Edwards; RaDene Swain; Ryan Femelius; Caleb Swain; Jason Vanderwolf; Barbara Raymond; Rachel Foster; Jim Robinson; Brandon Storey; Todd V. Call; Lous Powell; Danny Christensen; Dawn Christensen; Jim Briner; Niven Turner; Brian Pinder; Mike Hadley; Cyndi Coomer Smith; Mike Storey; Jeri Storey; and Breanne Storey.

Moment of Silence: Councilman Willard Cragun

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Willard Cragun

1. RECOGNITION OF THE MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY 2008 EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Mayor Ritchie stated that Ross Oliver, Facilities Maintenance Superintendent, had nominated Ed Sorensen, Steve Fulton, Garrett Grose, Derek Rose, and Brandon Edwards as the March 2008 Employees of the Month. They had assisted in installing the heating and cooling systems during the Municipal Building remodel. They had worked long hours and on weekends. Mayor Ritchie stated that during the remodel, the City ran into a problem with a subcontractor and some of his work. Ross Oliver and his employees stepped up and did the work and saved the City money in the process.

Councilman Tafoya moved to recognize Ed Sorensen, Steve Fulton, Garrett Grose, Derek Rose, and Brandon Edwards as the March 2008 Employees of the Month. Councilman Peterson seconded the motion. Council members Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted “aye.” The motion carried.

Ed Sorensen, Steve Fulton, Garrett Grose, Derek Rose, and Brandon Edwards were presented with plaques and gift certifications.

Mayor Ritchie stated that Fire Chief Jon Ritchie had nominated Brandon Storey as the April 2008 Employee of the Month. Brandon was enrolled in the paramedic program at Weber State University. Brandon was chosen as the Outstanding Student of Class No. 58 and recognized in the recent graduation ceremony. Brandon had spent many hours of personal time to complete his training. Then he would come back and work whatever hours he needed to make up his shift.

Councilman Cragun moved to recognize Brandon Storey as the April 2008 Employee of the Month. Councilman Peterson seconded the motion. Council members Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted "aye." The motion carried.

Brandon Storey was presented with a plaque and gift certificate.

Mayor Ritchie stated that Fire Chief Jon Ritchie had nominated Jody Morgan as the May 2008 Employee of the Month. Jody had been very instrumental in implementing 'The Biggest Loser' program. A program whereby employees had lost a considerable amount of weight through diet and exercise. Jody got a lot of people involved. This program helped cut down on health insurance costs by helping employees become healthier.

Councilman Cragun moved to recognize Jody Morgan as the May 2008 Employee of the Month. Councilwoman Becraft seconded the motion. Council members Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted "aye." The motion carried.

Jody Morgan was presented with a plaque and a gift certificate.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE FINAL 2008/2009 BUDGET

Councilman Stokes moved to open the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. Councilwoman Becraft seconded the motion. Council members Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted "aye." The motion carried.

Cathy Spencer, Management Services Director; stated that the General Fund for the 2008/2009 budget did not include a tax increase. The administration anticipated \$60,000 in additional property tax revenue due to the end of the Golden Spike Technology Park and Marketplace Plaza Redevelopment Districts. No fee increases were proposed, except for the ambulance and paramedic rates which were set by the State. Building permit revenue for new home and commercial construction had been reduced due to the slow economy. There were no changes in personnel. The budget included a 3.8% COLA and a 14%

increase in health insurance costs. Mrs. Spencer stated that the City had received a lower bid for health insurance costs that was not reflected in the budget because it had been received that day. There was a 2.3% increase in the retirement benefit for the Police Department. There was a modest increase in operations of \$107,000. In Capital Projects, \$41,000 was coming from the General Fund. The rest of the money was coming from Class C Roads and fire grants. In the Capital Project Fund there was already money set aside from previous years to complete the parking lot for the Municipal Building, to construct the Hope Community Center, complete the parking lot at Emma Russell Park, and make improvements at the Aquatic Center. Ms. Spencer said the Water and Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund proposed no fee increases. The \$5 per month capital improvement fee would continue. The 3.8% COLA was the same as the General Fund. No rate increases were proposed in the Storm Water Utility Enterprise Fund. The Solid Waste Utility Enterprise Fund included a 3.2% fee increase which was being passed on from Waste Management and fees for gasoline. It also included revenues and expenditures for the recycling program. The Risk Management Fund was lower because part of the fund balance was being used to balance the budget. The Park Development Fund contained a portion of the funding for Emma Russell Park.

Councilman Tafoya understood that the lower bid for health insurance costs would save the City about \$100,000. He asked when the staff would know what would happen with health insurance. Mrs. Spencer hoped to have a response from the employees by Thursday.

Councilman Cragun was pleased that the employee committee had met and discussed the issues facing the City and had come to an agreement about the City Council's proposed COLA. He felt the administration had done a good job of putting the budget together.

Councilman Peterson stated that the budget contained a 3.8% COLA without a merit increase. Mrs. Spencer said that was correct.

Chris Davis clarified that the employees had asked that anything beyond a 3.8% COLA be applied to merit increases.

Mayor Ritchie opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

Councilwoman Becraft moved to close the public hearing at 6:19 p.m. Councilman Cragun seconded the motion. Council members Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted "aye." The motion carried.

Councilman Tafoya suggested that the health insurance savings be used to help the employees by funding a 1.2% merit at a cost of \$88,000. It had been eight years since the

Police and Fire Departments had received an increase in the uniform allowance. The cost of funding an increase in the uniform allowance was \$10,000. Both of those expenses were less than the \$100,000 savings.

Councilman Peterson was concerned about using the Reserve Fund to balance the budget. The Reserve Fund was set aside for future years. He was concerned about setting a precedence.

Councilman Tafoya stated that the Reserve Fund was at 18%. The budget proposed using \$86,000. It was important to take care of the employees. No one knew when the economy would break.

Councilman Peterson asked if the 18% in the Reserve Fund was based on the General Fund revenue. Cathy Spencer stated that the Reserve Fund was based on the amount of General Fund revenue at the end of the fiscal year. Last year's budget had \$14 million in revenue, which amounted to \$2.6 million in the Reserve Fund. Money had to be reserved to pay off the bond, which left about \$1.6 million in the Unreserved Fund.

Councilman Stokes wanted to take care of the employees. He felt the Council had made a good effort to do that. He was concerned about dipping into savings. It was important for the Council to balance what was fair and equitable with what could reasonably be accomplished. He felt use of the Reserve Fund would be hard to explain to the citizens. A 3.8% COLA was a decent increase. He did not have a problem with the \$10,000 to increase the uniform allowance.

Mayor Ritchie stated that the budget was a living document. It could be opened at any time.

Councilman Stokes stated that \$200,000 in capital had been removed from the 2009 budget.

Councilman Tafoya stated that he had been on the Council for nine years. In that time, the City Council had never used the Reserve Fund. What was it being saved for? The City had insurance for natural disasters.

Mayor Ritchie asked how much the State required the City to have in reserve. Cathy Spencer said the State required the City to have 5% in the Reserve Fund.

Councilman Cragun felt the Council should move ahead with the \$10,000 for an increased uniform allowance. He was leery about using the Reserve Fund. He saw what was happening in the real world. He wanted to be cautious. If the Council decided there was funding for merit increases later in the year, it would open the budget.

Councilwoman Becraft was concerned about using one-time money for ongoing expenses.

Councilman Tafoya suggested that the Traffic School revenue of about \$20,000 not be used to help fund the COLA. He felt it should be saved for its purpose, which was to purchase new motorcycles. Mayor Ritchie asked if that was a capital expense. Cathy Spencer said the police chief planned to put the traffic school revenue back into the General Fund until 2010. By that time enough money would be saved to purchase two motorcycles.

Councilman Tafoya moved to approve Resolution No. 929 adopting the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 budget and levying a property tax revenue rate anticipated to be established by Weber County subject to the budget being adjusted to allow for a \$7,800 increase in the uniform allowance for the Police Department; a \$3,000 increase in the uniform allowance for the Fire Department; that \$20,000 of Traffic School revenue be put back for the purchase of a motorcycle; and that the cost for the Plymovent System at the fire station be increased by \$3,500 for labor. Councilman Peterson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Council members Cragun, Tafoya, Stokes, Becraft, and Peterson voted "aye." The motion carried. (Copy filed for record).

Councilman Peterson stated that the City Council wanted to do what was best for the citizens and the employees. If extra money come in, the Council would open the budget and provide a merit increase.

Mayor Ritchie thanked the administration and the group that represented the employees.

3. MOTION TO ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENE A REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Councilwoman Becraft moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:36 p.m. and convene a Redevelopment Agency Meeting. Councilman Tafoya seconded the motion. Council members Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted "aye." The motion carried.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Stokes moved to adjourn the Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 6:40 p.m. and reconvene the City Council Meeting. Councilwoman Becraft seconded the motion. Council members Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted "aye." The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MAY 20, 2008, MINUTES

Councilman Stokes moved to approve the May 20, 2008, minutes as written. Councilwoman Becraft seconded the motion. Council members Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted “aye.” The motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Niven Turner, 2108 West 5750 South, thanked Councilman Cragun for helping his son. Councilman Cragun took the time to visit his son’s residence. He had an answer for his son from the City within 24 hours, which his son had been waiting six weeks for.

Todd Call, 4888 South 2675 West, stated that he and his son volunteered weekly at the Ogden Food Bank. The Ogden Food Bank served about 4,000 individuals, which translated to about 24,000 cans a month. Roy City had 33,000 to 40,000 residents. If the residents donated one can of food, the Ogden Food Bank would be able to operate for one to two months; two cans would keep the food bank open for three to four months. He asked if the City could sponsor a food drive. A notice about the food drive could be included on water bills or in the City’s newsletter. He volunteered to coordinate transportation of the collected food to the Ogden City Bank. In response to a question from Mayor Ritchie, Mr. Call said he would volunteer to be the point of contact.

Councilman Tafoya felt this was a great idea. The next newsletter would be in July. Councilman Stokes asked if this would be one time or ongoing. Todd Call said he was open to either option. Mayor Ritchie suggested that the Council and staff discuss ideas and get back to Todd Call. Councilman Peterson felt this would be a great addition to Roy Days. Scout troops could be used to help collect the food. Chief Whinham stated that during Roy Days the Police Department would be out in force. They could act as collection points. City trucks were also out. Chris Davis said coordination of a food drive would fall under the responsibility of the new executive assistant. Mayor Ritchie asked Todd Call to give the City Manager his phone number so the staff could contact him.

William Turner, 2096 West 5750 South, stated that Chris Davis had given him permission to proceed installing a fence along the walkway between 5600 South and 5650 South at approximately 2100 West. He would notify his contractor and begin putting up the fence. He would leave it open until Mr. Davis told him he could close it. Chris Davis stated that he had given Mr. Hunter permission to put up the fence based on the Council’s direction and UDOT’s commitment. Cory Pope from UDOT had indicated that the light at 2050 West 5600 South was scheduled to be moved in the fall along with a series of other lights throughout the State. The legal part of the process would continue to move forward. The staff would bring the vacation documents back to the Council for approval.

Brian Pinder, 4210 West 4800 South, asked if there had been any updates on the private retention pond on his property. He had been out of town, but no one from the City had tried to contact him. Chris Davis said he would follow up with Mr. Pinder.

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 928 APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN OGDEN CITY AND ROY CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING, DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING A TRAFFIC CIRCLE AT 4400 SOUTH AIRPORT ROAD AND THE AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO MARSH CONSTRUCTION

Mayor Ritchie stated that the City staff had been working on a design for the 4400 South Airport Road roundabout for some time. The project was put out to bid. The bids were lower than anticipated. The low bid was received from Marsh Construction for \$223,972. Resolution No. 928 would approve an interlocal agreement that outlined Ogden City's participation in the project. Ogden City had agreed to reimburse Roy City \$80,000 for a portion of the construction costs. Approval of Resolution No. 928 would also allow him to sign the interlocal agreement, the Notice of Award, and the Contract Agreement.

Councilwoman Becraft asked why Ogden City wasn't paying for half of the construction. Mayor Ritchie said there had been difficulties in negotiating with Ogden City.

Councilman Tafoya expressed disappointment in Ogden City's unwillingness to be a good neighbor.

Mayor Ritchie stated that Riverdale City was contributing \$20,000 toward the project, and they were not requiring an interlocal agreement. The money from Ogden and Riverdale would be collected after the construction was finished.

Councilman Cragun moved to approve Resolution No. 928 approving an Interlocal Agreement between Ogden City and Roy City for the purpose of financing, designing and constructing a traffic circle at 4400 South Airport Road and the award of the construction contract to Marsh Construction for \$223,972. Councilwoman Becraft seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Council members Tafoya, Becraft, Cragun, Peterson, and Stokes voted "aye." The motion carried. (Copy filed for record).

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Davis stated that there had been enough response to the voluntary recycling program, that Waste Management had split the City two different routes. He felt the number of participants would continue to go up.

Chris Davis stated that the ultraviolet systems had been installed at the Aquatic Center and the Complex. Both would be hooked up electronically.

9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Ritchie stated that he had received a letter from Virge Howe announcing his retirement from Roy City on June 30, 2008. Mr. Howe had enjoyed working with the City and its employees. Mr. Davis said an open house would be held on June 30th.

Mayor Ritchie asked Council members Peterson and Cragun to report on the shopping center convention in Las Vegas. Councilman Peterson said they had 9 to 12 meetings a day. They learned that Home Depot would like to come to Roy, but there had been a change of directors who was reviewing all projects. The City would not have an answer until July 11th. They also meet with Woodbury, who was very excited about the Falcon Ridge development on Hill AFB. This development would add about 9,000 square feet of business office space in the state. A lot of businesses were already planned to locate here. Woodbury's felt that Albertson's and Marketplace Plaza would become very valuable in the next few years. Woodbury was planning to hang on to them. Councilman Cragun stated that they spoke with a developer about the property around Denny's. He felt things were looking up.

Mayor Ritchie stated that he had attended a couple of events recently where he was accosted about the view of private properties from Front Runner. Councilwoman Becraft stated that she had spoken with Craig Dearden about Kwick City Muffler. Councilman Cragun suggested that the City contact UTA about maintaining their properties. Councilman Stokes suggested including information about this problem in the next newsletter.

Mayor Ritchie stated that the administration would be conducting interviews for the new executive assistant position for the next couple of days.

10. ADJOURN

Councilman Cragun moved to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

11. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS CHARGED

1. Chris Davis to follow up with Brian Pinder.
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Joe H. Ritchie
Mayor

Attest:

Michelle Drago
Secretary

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