

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2011, ROY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of the Roy City Council Meeting held February 15, 2011, 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 members were in attendance:

Mayor Joe H. Ritchie  
Councilman Willard Cragun  
Councilman Larry Peterson  
Councilman Michael Stokes  
Councilman Dave Tafoya

City Manager Chris Davis  
City Attorney Andy Blackburn  
Secretary Michelle Drago

Excused: Councilman Brad Hilton

Also present were: Cathy Spencer, Management Services Director; Jon Ritchie, Fire Chief; Elizabeth Brown; Rachel Trotter; Marge Becraft; Jaci Higley; Justin Mecham; Casey Devlin; Gunnar Child; Emily McIntyre; Ben Moore; Skyler Malmstrom; Bryce Wood; Michael Marsh; Connor McEvey; Nathan Merritt; Allyx Tebbs; Jessica Coria; Elizabeth Denn; Katie Lewis; Jake Frazier; Brian Wilson; Bryson Rusch; Jack Quinn; Brett Lamont; R. Hennessy; Nate Humerberger; J. J. Gremillion; Austin Hackworth; Rachel Call; Jaeger Schueller; Taylor Vandyken; Kirstyn Hoskins; Erica Carter; Sonia Patino; Karen Mediola; Kade Tanner; Kevin Smith; Sean Sargent; Dallas Nalder; Hailey Morley; Jessica Christensen; Ty Paden; Tyson Craven; K. Eli; Adam Bowers; Dillon Janes; Kendal Douglass; and Janet Baird.

Moment of Silence: Councilman Cragun

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Cragun

Mayor Ritchie welcomed all of the students from the Roy High School Government class.

1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2011, MINUTES

**Councilman Tafoya moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2011, as written. Councilman Cragun seconded the motion. Council members Cragun, Peterson, and Tafoya voted "aye." The motion carried.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marge Becraft, 1992 West 3775 South, stated that she was soliciting support for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. The recent plane crash had sparked an interest in CERT training. The training lasted thirteen weeks and cost \$30, which was paid by the individual. There was so much interest, that extra equipment needed to be purchased. The CERT organization had decided to hold a fund raiser on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Roy

High School. The fund raiser would consist of a community auction, a dinner, and a dance. CERT was asking that the Mayor sign a letter that would be distributed to local businesses asking for donations for the auction. Mrs. Becraft distributed a flyer about the hoedown. Tickets for the dinner and dance would be \$15 per person. All funds raised would be used to pay for the food and the six CERT teams in Roy. Flyers would also be distributed through the schools. She asked that the Council members support the fund raiser.

Mayor Ritchie asked if the City employees had been included in the planning. Mrs. Becraft said John Brooks, the CERT coordinator, and the team leaders had worked with Brett Felter, the City's liason, from the Fire Department. The Weber County preparedness people were involved as well.

Councilman Stokes arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Councilman Tafoya felt that CERT was a great program.

Jon Ritchie, Fire Chief, stated that former Council member Marge Becraft had always been a great proponent for CERT. They were working with John Brooks to make the fund raiser happen. It was commendable to have so much participation in a low frequency, high risk program.

The Council gave its consent to have Mayor Ritchie sign the support letter for CERT if it met his approval.

Councilman Peterson suggested that the information from the flyer be included on the City's website.

Janet Baird, 6085 South 2450 West, asked that the City consider sponsoring Jessica Baird, a Roy resident who would be participating in the Miss Utah Pageant. Jessica was from Roy, but attended Dixie College. She ran for Miss Dixie and won. She was requesting financial sponsorship if the City had funds. She had to raise \$5,000. Ms. Baird felt Jessica would be a good representative of Roy. Roy would be listed as a sponsor on the pageant program. Jessica's platform was literacy in the elementary schools, and she had been visiting local schools.

Andy Blackburn, City Attorney, explained that the State statute required that a study be completed for any donation and that the study be presented to the City Council in a public hearing. The study had to be published.

Mayor Ritchie asked if there was a time element involved. Ms. Baird said Jessica needed to have the funding by the middle of April. The pageant would be held in June. Dixie

College would pay the pageant entry fee, but Jessica was responsible to raise funds for all other costs.

Andy Blackburn stated that the process took about three weeks. A two week notice was required for the public hearing. The study had to show that the City was receiving a benefit equivalent to the money being donated.

Councilman Stokes stated that the City had to comply with the State statute. The study had to demonstrate that the donation served the corporate interest of the municipality. There had to be a value for the tax dollars spent. The public notice would provide an opportunity for citizens to express their feelings regarding the donation. There had to be a material value to the community through the use of tax dollars. The City Council was willing to hear any request that went through the process.

### 3. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE FY2011 BUDGET

**Councilman Peterson moved to open the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. Council members Cragun, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted "aye." The motion carried.**

Cathy Spencer, Management Services Director, stated that the administration was proposing mid-year adjustments to the 2011 Fiscal Year Budget. The bulk of the increases were due to grants. The City had received a \$134,000 Energy Efficiency Block Grant, and a number of smaller public safety grants. There were some revenue shortfalls. The administration proposed a reduction in the fines from the Small Claims Court. There had been some personnel adjustments. A reorganization was made in the Public Works Department due to the retirement of the Deputy Public Works Director. Some of the changes in Public Works affected the utility accounts as well. Resolution No. 982 would approve the budget adjustments and included the certified tax rate of .002266.

Councilman Tafoya stated that it appeared the court was not working out as hoped. He felt the Council should evaluate it at some point and determine if it wanted to stay in it.

Councilman Stokes stated that the court was self-supporting. It just wasn't generating as much revenue for the General Fund as hoped.

Mayor Ritchie felt Councilman Tafoya's counsel was wise. He agreed the court should be re-evaluated.

Councilman Stokes felt the Council needed to look at the court with objective eyes. Public safety was not meant to generate revenue.

Mayor Ritchie stated that the City was considering adding Huntsville to the court, which would be an additional benefit at not much extra cost.

Councilman Peterson stated that the financial staff did a wonderful job of anticipating revenue and expenses for the whole year. The budget was approved in May and began in July. It was typical for adjustments to be made to the budget at midyear. The adjustments amounted to less than 1% of the total budget. The administration did a great job of making sure revenues and expenses were kept within the approved budget.

Councilman Cragun stated that the Council usually discussed the midyear budget adjustments in a work session. He had been trying to go through all the adjustments Ms. Spencer listed in her report. He was concerned about the economy. He asked about the work on 6000 South. Cathy Spencer stated that work was being funded by prior revenue set aside for storm sewer projects. They had tried very hard to keep expenditures from exceeding revenue. The actual increase in expenditures was only about \$30,000.

Councilman Stokes stated that the City had held a tough budget line for several years.

Councilman Cragun asked if the budget was dipping into the reserve funds. Ms. Spencer said the budget projected to use about \$32,000 from retained earnings.

Councilman Stokes felt the Council needed to discuss the future budget in a work session. The City would have to make some difficult decisions regarding capital items, such as public safety. The City had not replaced any vehicles for several years. The Council also had to discuss ways to fund the federal regulations regarding storm water. He was fundamentally comfortable with the midyear budget.

Mayor Ritchie stated that Chief Whinham had submitted a plan for replacing police cars.

Councilman Tafoya asked the percentage of the retained earnings balance. Cathy Spencer said it was about 13%.

Chris Davis stated that the City would be over \$100,000 under budget on the Hope Center. Councilman Stokes said the donation from the Hall Family regarding the Hope Center would also go back into the budget.

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

**Councilman Tafoya moved to close the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. Councilman Cragun seconded the motion. Council members Cragun, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted "aye." The motion carried.**

**Councilman Stokes moved to approve Resolution No. 982 approving adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2011 budget. Councilman Peterson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Council members Tafoya, Stokes, Cragun, and Peterson voted “aye.” The motion carried. (Copy filed for record).**

#### 4. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Chris Davis stated that Mayor Ritchie, Councilman Stokes, and himself had been down to the State Legislature a number of times. The City was not being hurt. The Legislature was talking about immigration. The League had taken a proactive stance as the financial impact to cities would have been over \$11 million. The cities had responded in opposition; the County had not. The Chamber had been supportive of the cities and county.

Mr. Davis said the 6000 South culvert project was under way. The bridge over the Layton Canal no longer existed. The project had to be completed by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chris Davis stated that the pump for the drought relief pond, near the center of the City at about 3800 West, had recently gone out. It shut down the power for four to five elementary schools, Roy Junior High, and a number of residents in Roy and Hooper. It had been repaired.

Chris Davis stated that Representative Greenwood had sponsored House Bill 177 regarding canine soft body armor. The bill would allow citizens to voluntarily donate tax refunds to help create a fund. The funds would be available by grant. The response to the bill had been very favorable.

Chris Davis stated that the County had the option to have a one-quarter percent for corridor preservation and construction. Weber County had funds available. The administration would be meeting with the County to submit an application for 4000 South and Midland Drive, 4800 South and 3500 West, and Riverdale Road. The City had been encouraged to do that by the County Commission. Riverdale Road and the extension of I-80 to 1900 West was a number one priority of the County and the transportation committees.

Fire Chief Jon Ritchie stated that Jason Paulsen, Roy City firefighter, had been selected to be the new Clinton City Fire Chief. Once again Roy City had been a training organization.

#### 5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Cragun stated that Relay for Life was well under way. It would be held at Roy High School in June. They were asking for the City’s support and help putting a banner across 1900 West. This was a good project and would generate funds for cancer research.

Councilman Cragun thanked Chris Davis, Mayor Ritchie, and Councilman Stokes for their work with the State Legislature. The immigration law would have cost the cities and counties a lot of money. He felt it was time for cities and counties to speak up about State mandates without funding.

Mayor Ritchie stated that several immigration laws had been proposed; some were well worded. All of them were going through the sifting process. He felt something extremely positive would come out of it.

6. ADJOURN

**Councilman Stokes moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.**

Attest:

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Joe H. Ritchie  
Mayor

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Amy Mortenson  
City Recorder

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