

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2015, ROY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of the Roy City Council Meeting held February 3, 2015, 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 Willard Cragun	City Manager Andy Blackburn
Councilman John Cordova	City Attorney Clint Drake
Councilman Brad Hilton	Secretary Michelle Drago
Councilman Dave Tafoya	
Councilwoman Karlene Yeoman	

Excused: Councilwoman Marge Becraft

Also present were: Travis Flint, Parks and Recreation Director; Cathy Spencer, Management Services Director; Bert Visser, Don Budge; D. L. Thurman; Jane Thurman; Danny Hammon; Elizabeth Brown; Greg Sagen; Gennie Kirch; Tristin Leishman; David Webb; Jason K., Hannah Sugimeto; Kirstin Steirken; Shyann East; Dezirae Sandoval; Danielle Argyle; Nate Jones; Chris Sarlo; Teresa Anderson; Kenny Anderson; Ashleigh Howell; Jacob Liftger; Spencer Hilton; Darrell Thompson; and Phoenix Sustaita.

Moment of Silence: Councilman Hilton

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Hilton

#### 1. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2015, MINUTES

**Councilman Cordova moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2015, as written. Councilwoman Yeoman seconded the motion. Council members Cordova, Hilton, Tafoya, and Yeoman voted “aye.” The motion carried.**

#### 2. DISCUSSION OF NORTH PARK CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Mayor Cragun stated that this agenda item was to discuss the North Park construction plans. The old North Park School was torn down and plans were underway to develop that ground.

Travis Flint, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that a little over a year ago the City started putting together a conceptual design for the new George Wahlen North Park. The Council members had received a copy of the proposed plan. The park would be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 would be the north end; Phase 2 was on the south end where the old school was. Phase 1 did not contain bells and whistles. The existing tennis courts were in good condition. They would remain. Councilman Tafoya had asked for better basketball standards. Phase 1 would have three smaller, multi-use baseball fields, a pavilion, restrooms, the start of the walking trail, and the bulk of the

parking. The staff wanted to move from conceptual plans to a detailed design that could be bid. They hoped to begin construction on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman Tafoya asked what part of Phase 1 would be lit. Travis Flint said the tennis courts were already wired for lights. The baseball field would not have lighting. The staff was trying to stay within the budget and felt the pavilion, restrooms, and playground were a higher priority than lighting. Lighting would be a long range possibility. They would look at lighting in future RAMP grants.

Councilman Tafoya said he had been asked by a parent if one of the fields could be turned into a first class baseball field with a grass infield. Travis Flint said the City was working with Sandridge Junior High to put in a full sized baseball field. It was located on the northeast side of the school. It would have an elevated pitching mound. There weren't a lot of older kids that wanted to play baseball, which is why the fields proposed at North Park would multi-use fields. The pitching mounds could be adjusted to accommodate different age groups. He felt the City would be better off helping to make a full size, regulation baseball field at Sandridge Junior High.

Councilman Tafoya said he was talking about the type of field the Little League World Series would play on. Mr. Flint said one of the fields at North Park would be ideal for that type of field. Plans could include grass on one infield.

Councilman Hilton stated that Travis Flint, Andy Blackburn, and Cathy Spencer had spent a lot of time putting together a budget for Phase 1 of North Park.

Councilman Cordova suggested that conduit for future lighting be installed during construction. Travis Flint said they did plan to run conduit during construction. It was a minimal cost and would save time and money in the future.

Councilman Tafoya stated that at the last public meeting at North Park, residents wanted to know what was going on. He suggested that Mr. Flint hold another public meeting to allow residents to submit comments and to be informed about what was going on. Travis Flint said he would work with the North Park principal and PTA to set up a meeting.

Mayor Cragun asked if the City had looked at CDBG grants to fund the lighting. Mr. Flint said he had looked at RAMP grants, but not CDBG funding. The City had not asked for field lights in this RAMP grant. It asked for funds to build restrooms, the parking lot, parking lot lights, and field amenities.

Mayor Cragun opened the floor for public comments.

Darrell Thompson asked if there would be a concession building. Mr. Flint said there were storage buildings that could be turned into concessions. The long range plan was to have a concessions area.

Bert Visser, 4833 South 2500 West, asked why the City didn't take part of the land for a cemetery. Travis Flint said the City did not gain real estate in the land swap with the school district.

Mayor Cragun stated that the City staff was working on the cemetery issue. A citizen had volunteered time to work on it as well. Up to this point, no citizens had been willing to donate land for a cemetery.

Councilman Tafoya asked if a splash pad would be in Phase 1 or 2. Mr. Flint said it would be in Phase 2. He wanted to schedule a work session to discuss future improvements with the Council.

Don Budge, 2259 West 4800 South, asked where the grant money was coming from. Mr. Flint said the City had received some funds when it exchanged land with the school district. The City also received \$108,000 from Weber County in the form of a RAMP (Recreation, Arts, Museums, Parks) grant. Those two sources compromised the bulk of the funding.

Mayor Cragun stated that the City would keep citizens informed about the project as it moved along. The staff had done an excellent job of putting the plan together. It was very challenging for the City to meet the needs of the residents.

### 3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Andy Blackburn stated that the City had submitted an application for a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) to do the curb, gutter, and sewer in the Hal Vern Subdivision. There would be a meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> to rate the applications. Final decisions would be made between April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Andy Blackburn stated that the City had been asked if it was interested in purchasing the youth detention center in front of the Public Works building. He asked that the Council members to think about it and let him know what their thoughts were.

Andy Blackburn stated that the staff would present budget adjustments for personnel at the next Council meeting.

Andy Blackburn stated that Representative Schultz wanted to hold a work session with the Council. He asked that the Council members let him know date would work best. The Council could also discuss future North Park improvements with Travis Flint.

Andy Blackburn updated the Council on the 2015 Utah State Legislative Session.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bert Visser, 4833 South 2500 West, stated that he had been discussing the proposed subdivision between the railroad properties for some time. He had a good discussion with the City Attorney about the legality of the subdivision approval. The City Attorney

was correct in one sense, but not in another. The City Council could not guarantee the stub road would ever go through. The railroad still owned the old D&RG right-of-way. He had talked to the railroad's main office. They were concerned about the proposed traffic from the subdivision. He was told by someone at the railroad that the D&RG tracks would reopen. If that happened, these houses would be isolated. If both tracks were blocked, emergency equipment would not be able to reach this subdivision. A vehicle traveling down the hill would not be able to see a car from the subdivision until it was on top of it. He hoped Roy City had liability insurance to take care of a death. Traffic would back up onto the tracks. He wanted to know who came up with the idea of putting houses on property that had been zoned for light manufacturing for over 20 years. Who started it? He felt the City Council made a mistake by approving this subdivision and that the Council knew it had made a mistake. He had no financial interest in anything to do with the subdivision. He just wanted people to know how dangerous this subdivision was. He understood that it was pretty well too late to stop it.

Don Budge, 2259 West 4800 South, agreed with Bert Visser. It was probably too late to do anything about the subdivision. He felt the codes had been violated and changed. The proposed houses weren't required to have proper setbacks. There would only be six feet between the houses. He felt the Council had downgraded the look of Roy City for all of the rest. He understood these homes were for young families that didn't want to do yard work. Bert Visser talked to a man at Weber County after meeting with the City Attorney. The gentleman from Weber County looked at the subdivision plans and said that the Council's decision was legal. The stub road, rather than a cul-de-sac, made it legal. However, the gentleman from Weber County said it was highly unethical. He was concerned that the homes would not be sellable. He was also concerned that if the homes remained empty, someone could subsidize them to house illegal aliens.

D.L. Thurman, 4953 South 3100 West, was very concerned about the proposed road. He felt a more in-depth highway study should be done. He had lost five mail boxes on his property on 4800 South. When this subdivision was first proposed, Lee Holt, a former Planning Commission member, expressed concern that someone would get killed at this location. Someone was killed the very next day. In the day's newspaper there was a report that 4700 South was being closed, which would create more traffic on 4800 South. People really were going to die.

Mayor Cragun stated that residents seemed to feel that the City Council had blinders on and were unaware of what went on in the City. He remembered when the area west of 2700 West was rural. He was on the Council when that area began to change. The size of the lots in the area to the west was downgraded, which made it possible for children to stay in Roy. Some of the very people who spoke against development were those who were developing property years ago. The City Council did understand the traffic problems. If roads further to the west were developed some of the traffic on Roy City streets would be removed. There were plans to take traffic from 5600 South. Midland Drive was being widened. The City was planning for more growth. It was looking at the long term future of the City.

D. L. Thurman stated that Roy City's planner refused to read a paper written about the traffic in this area because the man who wrote it didn't have a degree in traffic engineering. The man who wrote the paper was an educated man with six different degrees. He asked that the Council study the traffic again. He planned to give anyone who lost a life a copy of the paper the planner refused to read. The City would end up in court. He liked Roy, but he did not want to pick up body parts in his yard.

Darrell Thompson stated that he had lived in Roy for 60 years and previously served on the Board of Adjustment. In the past few weeks he contacted the Mayor and emailed the Council members. He appreciated the Mayor's time and Councilman Hilton's response to his email. . He was concerned about shopping in Roy. He hadn't seen any emphasis on developing businesses or increasing the tax base other than building houses. He didn't feel that adding more houses would help Roy. He didn't understand why that was the City's focus rather than commercial. He felt there needed to be more conversations and discussions with the citizens. His latest problem was the maintenance of his street. He spoke with Ross Oliver, the Public Works Director, who told him his street was on the list to be redone. The City needed a bigger tax base so there would be increased funds for street maintenance. The City needed to encourage citizens to shop in Roy and make them aware of what businesses were here. The City needed to support the businesses as part of the City's quality of life.

#### 5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Cragun paid tribute to Flora Ogan, one of the icons of Northern Utah. He recently had the unfortunate opportunity to attend her funeral. She worked at the *Standard Examiner* for years. She was an outstanding lady and a strong advocate of Utah. She was born and raised in Roy. She spoke very highly of the Ogden area and the people who represented it. Even when she disagreed with an opinion, she still listened respectfully. She would be sorely missed.

Andy Blackburn stated that one of Roy City's residents would be on *Survivor*. The season premier would be broadcast at Roy High School on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The event was open to anyone who wanted to attend. Mayor Cragun said that Sierra Thomas was an outstanding athlete at Roy High School. She began participating in rodeos and had been to the PRCA Rodeo in Las Vegas. He asked that information about Sierra be posted on the City's website. Clint Drake said it had already been done.

#### 6. MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL

**Councilman Tafoya moved to hold a closed meeting in the City Manager's Conference Room at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Councilman Hilton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Council members Hilton, Yeoman, Tafoya, and Cordova voted "aye." The motion carried.**

7. CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL

A closed meeting was held in the City Manager's Conference Room from 6:45 to 8:13 p.m. Those in attendance were: Mayor Cragun, Councilman John Cordova, Councilman Brad Hilton, Councilman Dave Tafoya, Councilwoman Karlene Yeoman, City Manager Andy Blackburn, and City Attorney Clint Drake.

9. ADJOURN

**Councilman Hilton moved to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Councilman Cordova seconded the motion. Council members Cordova, Hilton, Tafoya, and Yeoman voted "aye." The motion carried.**

Attest:

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Willard Cragun  
Mayor

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Amy Mortenson  
Recorder