

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2011, ROY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Approval of September 20, 2011, minutes
2. Mayoral Proclamation establishing the day of October 4, 2011, as German Foreign Exchange Students Day
3. Recognition of Employee of the Month for July 2011
4. Public comments
5. City Manager's report
6. Mayor and Council reports
7. Adjourn

Minutes of the Roy City Council Meeting held October 4, 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
Councilwoman Willard Cragun
Councilman Brad Hilton
Councilman Larry Peterson
Councilman Dave Tafoya
Councilman Michael Stokes

City Attorney Andy Blackburn
Secretary Michelle Drago

Excused: City Manager Chris Davis

Also present were: Tony Reynolds, Community and Economic Development Director; Amy Mortenson, Jean Ritchie; Trudy Cragun; Thair Blackburn; Aaron Lowder; Mrs. Lowder; Clay Hilton; Amber Hilton; Nicolette Jorgensen; Mercades Bigelow; Misty Fields; Jessica McKinney; Mikey Levesque; Madi Larsen; Kennedy Colohan; Brittany Harris; Michelle Harrison; Corey Albright; Megan Illum; Marge Becraft; Chelsea Theobald; Sam Carter; Ashleigh Lee; Damien Dibble; Jake Witbeck; Diane Pingree; Kestra Pingree; Adam Bowers; Gary Adams; Sascha Behrens; Moritz Brodner; Eveline Eisermann; Leon Falke; Julius Ganssmann; Isabelle Grupe; Sara Hartmann; Amin Hamza Hassan; Julius Heise; Carlotta Hofmann; Maximilian Hechtemann; Katharina Jacobitz; Magdalena Kampa; Felix Klammt; Niklas Kohler; Clemens Lechte; Fiona Linne; Julia Matschke; Alexandra Nagel; Tabea Nalik; Sylvia Nguyen; Andrea Nguyen; Julia Richter; Max Scholz; Nina Schoschnik; Laura Stahlmann; Friederike Voss; Merle Marie Werner; Alexandra Mahlmann; and Christoph Schnapperelle.

Moment of Silence: Councilman Stokes

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Stokes

Mayor Ritchie welcomed students from Roy High School working on credits for their government class. He also welcomed the German foreign exchange students who were in attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2011, MINUTES

Councilman Peterson moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2011, as written. Councilman Cragun seconded the motion. Council members Cragun, Hilton, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted "aye." The motion carried.

2. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING THE DAY OF OCTOBER 4, 2011,
AS GERMAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS DAY

Mayor Ritchie welcomed Gary Adams, the German teacher from Roy High School.

Gary Adams thanked the Mayor and Council members for their support. He introduced the two adult leaders who were accompanying the German students - Alexandra Mahlmann and Christoph Schnapperelle.

Councilman Cragun and his wife Trudy read the names of the German foreign exchange students - Sascha Behrens; Moritz Brodner; Eveline Eisermann; Leon Falke; Julius Ganssmann; Isabelle Grupe; Sara Hartmann; Amin Hamza Hassan; Julius Heise; Carlotta Hofmann; Maximilian Hechtemann; Katharina Jacobitz; Magdalena Kampa; Felix Klammt; Niklas Kohler; Clemens Lechte; Fiona Linne; Julia Matschke; Alexandra Nagel; Tabea Nalik; Sylvia Nguyen; Andrea Nguyen; Julia Richter; Max Scholz; Nina Schoschnik; Laura Stahlmann; Friederike Voss; Merle Marie Werner; Alexandra Mahlmann; and Christoph Schnapperelle.

Mayor Ritchie the Mayoral Proclamation establishing the day of October 4, 2011, as German Foreign Exchange Students Day.

Councilman Stokes moved to approve the Mayoral Proclamation establishing the day of October 4, 2011, as German Foreign Exchange Students Day. Councilman Hilton seconded the motion. Council members Cragun, Hilton, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted "aye." The motion carried.

Mayor Ritchie presented a proclamation plaque to Gary Adams and a signed copy of the proclamation to each of the German students and their leaders.

3. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2011

Mayor Ritchie stated that Andy Blackburn had been nominated as the July 2011 Employee of the Month. Andy served as the Roy City Attorney and Risk Manager. He had a full plate with his various responsibilities. He was not being nominated for any particular reason or event, but because of everything he did. He kept the City's ordinances up-to-date and directed the Justice Court activities. He had saved the City untold dollars with his mediation and remediation efforts. He frequently took work home with him and still made time to assist City department heads. He always had a positive attitude.

Andy Blackburn introduced his father Thair Blackburn.

Councilman Tafoya moved to accept the nomination of Andy Blackburn as the July 2011 Employee of the Month. Councilman Cragun seconded the motion. Council members Cragun, Hilton, Peterson, Stokes, and Tafoya voted “aye.” The motion carried.

Mayor Ritchie presented Andy Blackburn with a recognition plaque and check.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Aaron Lowder and his wife, 5530 South 4300 West, stated that their home and the home of Clay and Amber Hilton, 5520 South 4300 West, were damaged by the sewage flooding that occurred on Memorial Day. They were told by an employee of the Public Works Department that the flooding was the City's problem and they would be taken care of. They recently received a letter from the City's insurance adjuster stating that the flooding was not the City's responsibility. He was a taxpayer and paid for services to be taken care of. The damage to his home caused by the City's sewer was not being taken care of. How could the City's insurance adjuster determine that the damage was not the City's responsibility when he never looked at his home?

Clay Hilton stated that during the flooding on Memorial Day, ground water did come through his crawl space. He had pay someone to take care of that problem. The City employees did a great job of helping them on Memorial Day. A City employee told them the sewer flooding was the City's responsibility. The insurance adjuster did come to his house before sending the letter. He wondered at what point the City determined the damaged caused by the sewer was not the City's fault.

Mayor Ritchie asked if the Lowder's and the Hilton's had sump pumps. Clay Hilton said neither of them had sump pumps.

Clay Hilton understood that the sewer backup was caused by a City employee who overloaded the circuits and shut off all of the pumps. They would like to have the damage caused by the sewer repaired.

Andy Blackburn stated that he would be happy to meet with the Lowder and Hilton families in a different setting to review the findings of the investigation.

Aaron Lowder stated that if there was an investigation, no one had looked at his home. How could the investigation be complete?

Mayor Ritchie stated that each home was an individual case. He encouraged the Lowder's and Hilton's to meet with Andy Blackburn. The investigation had found that there were a series of events.

Councilman Cragun asked if the insurance adjuster spoke with them. Clay Hilton said the insurance adjuster did come to his house. Aaron Lowder said they never came to his home. Jill Dean, from the City, told them an insurance adjuster would come out, but no one ever did.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no a report as the City Manager was not in attendance.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Ritchie reported that construction of the trail was moving along. Although the grand opening would soon be held, the trail was already heavily used. The trail had been striped. The contractor was putting in the approaches and safety measures.

7. ADJOURN

Councilman Hilton moved to adjourn at 6:21 p.m.

Attest:

Joe H. Ritchie
Mayor

Amy Mortenson
Recorder

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