

City of Washington Terrace

Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting

Held on January 20, 2015

City Hall, 5249 South 400 East, Washington Terrace City,

County of Weber, State of

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Mark C. Allen

Council Member Mary Johnston

Council Member Blair Brown

Council Member Robert Jensen- Excused

Council Member Scott Monsen

Council Member Val Shupe

City Recorder Amy Rodriguez

Public Works Director Steve Harris

Finance Director Shari' Garrett

Fire Chief Kasey Bush

City Manager Tom Hanson

Lt. Jason Talbot, Weber County Sheriff's Office

OTHERS PRESENT

Del Kraaima, Travis Thyfault, Sydney Tesch, Rachael Barrowes, Ulis Gardiner

1. ROLL CALL

6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. WELCOME

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4.2 APPROVAL OF JANUARY 6, 2015, MEETING MINUTES

Items 4.1 and 4.2 were approved by general consent.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bonneville students Sydney Tesch and Rachael Barrowes appeared on behalf of the Bonneville Graduation Class. They thanked Council for their past donations and requested a donation for a safe graduation party to be held at Fat Cats sponsored by the PTSA. They also gave Council an invitation to attend a Community That Cares town hall meeting "Rising Above it", which will speak on harmful effects of underage drinking. Two key speakers include the police commissioner of South Ogden and the VP of the National Skiing Association.

Resident- Travis Thyfault- 326 E 4800 S-stated that he owns a prairie falcon for hunting and education purposes and has been served a notice that he is not allowed to own a wild animal in the City. He is requesting that Council change the rule to allow falconers to house the falcons at their homes. He stated

48 that he has state and federal permission to keep the bird. He stated that he is federally regulated and asked
49 that the City allow falconers to live in Washington Terrace. He stated that his falcon is a wild animal,
50 however, falconers rehab the birds and release the birds into the wild. He stated that he also uses his bird
51 for hunting. He stated that his bird is not a pet and is locked up at all times. He asked what steps are
52 needed to have the ordinance changed.

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54 **6. COUNCIL/STAFF RESPONSE AND CONSIDERATION TO CITIZEN**
55 **COMMENTS**

56 Hanson stated that the Council has donated to the school in the past for the graduation party, noting that
57 the class has supported the City with the Easter Egg Hunt in past years. Hanson noted that the donation is
58 in the Council budget. The item will be put on the next Council Meeting agenda. Mayor Allen thanked
59 the representatives for bringing this to Council early.

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61 Thyfault clarified that he is an apprentice falconer. Hanson stated that staff has not researched the issue
62 and does not have any suggestions for Council at this time. Council Member Shupe asked if the state
63 makes any recommendations on housing the animals. Thyfault noted that he has a shed with bars on the
64 front to keep the falcon and others safe. He stated that this is allowed by the federal government. Council
65 Member Shupe asked if he knows of anyone else in the city that has a falcon. Thyfault stated that he does
66 not know of any other Washington Terrace residents who own a falcon. Thyfault stated that he hunts with
67 the falcon in Morgan and Farmington. He stated that his bird needs more height to fly. Thyfault stated
68 that federal and state law prohibits him from letting the falcon hunt on its own. Council Member Brown
69 stated that he would be in support of granting an exception and would like to learn more about the
70 practice. Council Member Johnston stated that her son is also a falconer and stated that the falcons are
71 very confined. She stated that there in her experience, the only problems are if the falcons are hunting in
72 the city and see something that they want more than the falconer's food. She stated that falcons are
73 tracked and it is a very educational hobby. Council Member Monsen stated that if a practice is licensed
74 by the state, he does not see any issues with allowing it in the City. Mayor Allen directed Hanson to
75 research the ordinance and practice and make recommendation to Council as to how to change the
76 ordinance if they approve.

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78 **7. NEW BUSINESS**

79 **7.1 PRESENTATION: FINANCE QUARTERLY REPORT**

80 Garrett presented the finance quarterly report to Council, highlighting that there is 7.5 percent increase in
81 sales tax. She stated that the point of sales tax is listed as \$100,000 and the City receives half of that
82 amount. Garrett stated that \$318,000 in sales tax collections this last quarter. Garrett stated that permits
83 were down, as anticipated. Garrett stated that Business License collections are substantially received and
84 came in very strong. She noted that there have been a few new businesses in the city, as well as
85 delinquent collections. Garrett stated that the state fuel tax is a fixed tax and lower gas prices should not
86 have an impact on the City unless consumption decreases. Garrett stated that there has been solid
87 trending as far as the economy and revenues and it is being looked at cautiously but optimistically.
88 Garrett stated that Weber Basin Water exceeded their contracted amount and has contributed to the water
89 fund by an extra \$21,000. Mayor Allen asked why the franchise fees are decreasing. Garrett stated that it
90 is driven off of franchise providers and noted that consumption is lower this year, primarily in gas.

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92 **7.2 PRESENTATION: SHERIFF'S OFFICE MONTHLY**

93 Hanson introduced Lt. Jason Talbot who presented the report to Council. He explained the
94 Standard Response Protocol that is being used in the schools in active shooter situations. He stated that
95 they have been conducting Lock Out drills at the schools, as well as Lock Downs. Lt. Talbot stated that

96 there have been over 80 school shootings in the country this past year. Lt. Talbot stated that he wanted
97 Council to be aware that he will let Hanson know when the drills will be performed. Lt. Talbot stated that
98 the office is working on an "It's Safe To Tell" Program for students to call anonymously to report
99 activity that is happening. He stated that it can be for any activity, but it is found to be used more for
100 suicide preventions. Talbot stated that the drills will fall under Community Policing on the reports.
101 Mayor Allen addressed the Winter Parking ordinance, asking that the Office strictly enforce the
102 ordinance, noting that many residents did not move their cars a few weeks ago during a snow event.
103 Council Member Johnston stated that she has always appreciated the officers going into the schools and
104 being present at the schools.

105 **7.3 PRESENTATION: FIRE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT**

106 Chief Bush presented the report to Council, stating that there have not been any major incidents in the
107 City. He stated that there have been some medical calls as well as Carbon Monoxide detector checks.

108 **7.4 MOTION/RESOLUTION 15-02: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE** 109 **EXTENSION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT WITH WEBER** 110 **COUNTY**

111 Hanson stated that he has found that four other cities have already signed letters of intent to move
112 forward. Hanson noted that the contracts are based on population and calls for service.

113 **Motion by Council Member Monsen**
114 **Seconded by Council Member Johnston**
115 **To approve Resolution 15-02 to**
116 **Approve the extension of the law enforcement contract**
117 **With Weber County**
118 **Approved unanimously (4-0)**
119 **Roll Call Vote**

120 **8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF**

121 * Council Member Brown stated that his wife received a parking ticket in another city for
122 parking close to a curb and asked if the City had a similar ordinance. Lt. Talbot responded that
123 the law is a state law, but the Officers stated that they have never written a ticket for that law.

124 **9. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

125 Hanson noted that the next meeting will involve an RDA Meeting
126 Hanson stated that staff is working on updating the website.
127 Hanson noted that Harris and Remington have been researching Public Works shops and
128 will update Council on their findings.

129 **10. UPCOMING EVENTS**

130 January 29th: Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m.
131 February 3rd: City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

132 **11. MOTION: ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

133 Council Adjourned to Closed Session to discuss:

- 144 ○ Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems
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**Motion by Council Member Johnston
Seconded by Council Member Monsen
To adjourn into closed session
Approved unanimously (4-0)
Time: 7:02 p.m.
Roll Call Vote**

154 **12. ADJOURN THE MEETING: MAYOR ALLEN**

155 Mayor Allen adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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159 Date Approved

_____ City Recorder

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