

# City of Washington Terrace

Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting

Held on February 17, 2015

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

County of Weber, State of

## **MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT AT WORK SESSION**

Mayor Mark C. Allen

Council Member Mary Johnston

Council Member Blair Brown

Council Member Robert Jensen

Council Member Scott Monsen

Council Member Val Shupe

City Recorder Amy Rodriguez

Public Works Director Steve Harris

Fire Chief Kasey Bush

Asst. Fire Chief Clay Peterson

City Manager Tom Hanson

### **1. WORK SESSION: FIRE TRUCK DEMONSTRATION & RIBBON CUTTING 5:00 p.m.**

The Mayor and Council gathered in the North parking lot for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the recently purchased ladder truck. Chief Kasey Bush, along with some members of the Fire Department demonstrated the features of the truck.

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Lt. Jason Talbot, Weber County Sheriff's Office

Deputies from the Weber County Sheriff's Office

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Charles Allen, Larry Weir, Del Kraaima, Sheriff Terry Thompson, Chief Clint Anderson, Ulis Gardiner

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**6:00 p.m.**

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **4. WELCOME**

49 **5. CONSENT ITEMS**

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51 **5.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

52 **5.2 APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 2015, MEETING MINUTES**

53 Items 5.1 and 5.2 were approved by general consent.

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55 **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

56 Resident Travis Thyfault-326 E 4800 S- brought his falcon into the council chambers. He wanted to  
57 address Council about proposed changes to the Animal Ordinance to allow falconry. He stated that he  
58 would like to have a meeting with staff and Council concerning the changes before it is passed. He would  
59 like other falconers to be able to give their opinion.

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61 **7. COUNCIL/STAFF RESPONSE AND CONSIDERATION TO CITIZEN**  
62 **COMMENTS**

63 Hanson stated that he will give his comments in item 8.3.

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65 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

66 **8.1 SHERIFF'S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT**

67 Lt. Talbot noted that the closed reports from investigations was not included in the packet, but will be  
68 given to Council once it is available. He will be reviewing the investigation reports with Hanson.  
69 The Mayor stated that he received several calls on skateboarders. Mayor Allen asked the reasoning  
70 behind the low citation numbers compared to last year. Talbot stated that parking citations could be down  
71 because of the lack of snow this year.

72 Lt. Talbot introduced officers that are working in the City. The officers included: Scotty Sorenson, Doug  
73 Nye, Jared Green, Dave McKinnis, Camille Colvin , Jason Vandenberg, Jake Weasey, Brian Jacobs,  
74 Andy Allen, Eric Wadman, Jeremy Rock, Mark Gordman, Mike McDonald, Tyler Greenhall, Chad  
75 Allen, Bob Johnson, Cameron Hartman, Cody Ryan, Jeff Lemberes, Matt Jensen, Daniel Zumbagna.

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77 Council Member Jensen stated that he appreciates the crew. He asked Lt. Talbot if there was anything  
78 that he specifically wants to accomplish. Lt. Talbot stated that he brings change and new goals. He stated  
79 that he appreciates phone calls from Hanson or Council on issues so that he knows what is happening in  
80 the City. Mayor Allen thanked Lt. Talbot and the entire crew for the job that they do. The Mayor also  
81 noted that Hanson has written a newsletter article regarding his feelings concerning law enforcement in  
82 the City. He wanted to let the Office know that the City is on their side and they are appreciated.

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84 Hanson stated that Lt. Talbot is an extension of his administrative team. Hanson stated that Talbot keeps  
85 him informed and that information is passed on to Council when warranted.

86 Council Member Monson asked about confidentiality concerning privacy issues. Lt. Talbot stated that  
87 whatever he tells Hanson is ok to release to Council and concerned citizens if asked.

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89 **8.2 MOTION: RE-APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSIONERS**  
90 **SCOTT LARSEN AND LARRY WEIR**

91 The Mayor stated that his recommendation is to re-appoint both Commissioners to the  
92 Commission.

93 **Motion by Council Member Johnston**  
94 **Seconded by Council Member Jensen**  
95 **To Re-appoint Planning Commissioners**  
96 **Scott Larsen and Larry Weir**

97 **Approved unanimously (5-0)**  
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99 **8.3 DISCUSSION/MOTION: COUNCIL TO DIRECT STAFF AND PLANNING**  
100 **COMMISSION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FALCONRY**  
101 **WITHIN THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

102 Hanson stated that staff has done research on falconry and animal control issues. Hanson stated that the  
103 process needs to originate through the Planning Commission. He stated that the topic would deal with  
104 number of falcons, feeders, and other issues. He asked if Council would like for this issue to go through  
105 Planning Commission for further considerations or recommendations.

106 Council Member Shupe stated that he has received calls from neighbors with concerns about the birds.  
107 He stated that he would like staff to talk to the neighbors and the people who are affected by it. Council  
108 Member Shupe stated that Council will need input from the neighbors in the area.

109 Council Member Monsen stated that he is in favor of moving forward with the fact finding portion of  
110 falconry. He would like to proceed in the process.

111 Hanson stated that a public hearing would be held during the Planning Commission meeting. Council  
112 Member Shupe stated that people don't always come to public hearings, but he would like staff to talk to  
113 the neighbors in conjunction with the hearing.

114 Council Member Johnston stated that she is curious as to what the neighbor complaints consist of.

115 Council Member Brown stated that he would like move forward.  
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117 **Motion by Council Member Brown**  
118 **Seconded by Council Member Monsen**  
119 **To proceed and send the item to Planning Commission**  
120 **For further review**  
121 **Approved unanimously (5-0)**  
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123 **8.4 PRESENTATION: THE GOOD LANDLORD PROGRAM**

124 Hanson and Rodriguez presented on the requirements and practices of the Good Landlord Program,  
125 stating that it is a proactive Landlord Program that helps reduce criminal activity by the use of best  
126 practices in tenant selection and management. Hanson stated that he received a letter from a resident who  
127 had issues with how many rental properties there are in the City. Hanson stated that it is a right of a  
128 homeowner to rent out their property if they choose. Hanson stated that he has been working with a  
129 coalition working on Good Landlord problems and concerns.

130 Council Member Brown stated that he would like to see the City be a little tougher on the appearance of  
131 properties across the board.

132 Council Member Jensen asked if Hanson thought the program is successful in keeping up with property  
133 maintenance with owners that do not live in the city. Hanson stated that he realizes that the issues do not  
134 always get solved and is challenging, but the City is trying to keep the lines of communication open and  
135 continue the effort in cleaning up the properties.  
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137 **9. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF**  
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139 \* Council Member Johnston stated that it was fun to see the fire truck in action and stated that it makes  
140 her feel proud that we've come this far in the City.  
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142 \* Council Member Brown stated that the new fire truck exceeded his expectations and is very impressive.  
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144 \* Council Member Jensen asked about increased accidents on the widened Adams Ave. Road. Harris

145 stated that there have been fewer accidents in the area than before the widening of the road.

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147 \* Council Member Monsen stated that he appreciates the Sheriff's deputies sitting in the Council  
148 meetings and he expressed his appreciation for the Sheriff's Office.

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150 \* Council Member Shupe asked Harris about leveling a bump on the Road onto Adams. Harris stated that  
151 the Adams Avenue Project will correct the project. He stated that it has not been able to be fixed with the  
152 weather. Council Member Shupe asked that the Sheriff's Office watch the speeding on Adams Ave.

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154 \* Mayor Allen stated that he and Council Member Johnston will be representing the City tomorrow night  
155 at the Keys for Our Communities event. Mayor Allen commented on the newsletter this past month and  
156 the amount of information that is included. He stated that the department heads do a great job keeping the  
157 residents informed.

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159 **10. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

160 There were no administrative reports.

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162 **11. UPCOMING EVENTS**

163 February 26<sup>th</sup>: Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m.

164 March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Council Work Session 5:00 p.m.

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

168 Mayor Allen adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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170 **13. RDA MEETING (Immediately following the regular Council meeting)**

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**Date Approved**

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**City Recorder**

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