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# City of Washington Terrace

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Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting  
Held on August 5, 2014  
City Hall, 5249 South 400 East, Washington Terrace City,  
County of Weber, State of

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**MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Mark C. Allen  
Council Member Mary Johnston- excused  
Council Member Blair Brown  
Council Member Robert Jensen  
Council Member Scott Monsen- arrived at 6:02 p.m.  
Council Member Val Shupe  
City Manager Tom Hanson  
Public Works Director Steve Harris  
City Recorder Amy Rodriguez

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Charles and Reba Allen, Del Kraaima, Liz Howard, Kamie Parker

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1. **ROLL CALL**

6:00 p.m.

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2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **WELCOME**

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

4.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4.2 **APPROVAL OF JULY 1, 2014, MEETING MINUTES**

Items 4.1 and 4.2 were approved by general consent.

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5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Resident Kamie Parker -294 W 4800 S- expressed concern about the safety at 300 West and 4800 South. She stated that she is very concerned about the safety of children and residents with the high traffic flow in that area. She noted that there are many speeders on that road and the turn onto 4800 South is particularly dangerous.

Liz Howard, representing her mother who resides at -154 E 5600 S- expressed concerned about a very high water bill that she received. She stated that she expressed concern back in June and was told by staff to wait until the next month to see if there was a problem with the meter. She stated that the July bill had doubled in cost. She wanted to know how often the meters are checked and wanted to know how Council would have handled the situation if their bill was extraordinarily high. She also expressed concern on how the Public Works Department treated her family when they came to her mother's house to check on the meters.

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Resident Blair Brown -187 E 4700 S- stated that he owns a 4- plex in the city and a secondary water main broke behind his 4 –plex in 2013. He stated that he wanted the public to know that he will be joining a lawsuit against the city, stating that the city allowed a garage to be built on top of the water line. He stated his concerned as a citizen and Council Member that pipes in the city are very old. He stated that he wants it known that he will be suing the city for no less than \$50,000.

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

Mayor Allen stated that the city cannot comment on the lawsuit that Mr. Brown spoke of during citizen’s comments because it is pending litigation.

Hanson stated that he is aware of the problem at the intersection of 4800 South and 300 East. He stated that the city is in the process of looking into getting a solar powered stop sign that would blink to make drivers more aware of the stop sign. Hanson stated that there is a school crossing a block over from the intersection and it is being reviewed by traffic engineers as to whether the stop sign will put the school crossing in jeopardy. He stated that the traffic engineers are analyzing the situation. Hanson stated that the city receives federal funds to maintain the road. The road has to have a minimum speed of 30 mph. Hanson stated that the city is looking into funding for speed monitoring signs. Ms. Parker stated that she is concerned with the turning onto 4800 South as well. Hanson stated that the city is reviewing the situation and trying to come up with the best solution for the problem. Hanson agreed that the main issue is getting people to drive the speed limit.

Hanson stated that staff has met with Ms. Howard’s family and has reviewed the situation. He stated that his understanding was that there was a water leak that was repaired. He stated that at that time, staff was told that the leak was fixed and that is why Ms. Howard was told to wait until the next bill to see the difference. Hanson stated that staff does not know where Ms. Howard’s water is going. Hanson stated that it is staff policy to check on leaks if requested by the resident.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 PRESENTATION: WATER METER OPERATIONS AND ACCURACY**

Hanson gave a presentation on the water meters that are used by the City. He stated that the meter does not turn unless water has gone through the system. He stated that the meters are tested for accuracy. Hanson explained the chamber assembly. Hanson reiterated that the disc will not cycle a meter unless water goes through. Hanson stated that water cannot go through the meter unless it is moving. He stated that the water has to be open on one end to move the meter. Hanson stated that it is impossible for meters to add numbers. Council Member Brown stated that he is concerned that staff did not go out and help solve the problem with Ms. Howard’s water leak. He stated that he is concerned that the City has an attitude that water bills cannot be adjusted. Council Member Brown stated that he is against the way residents are treated in regards to water problems.

Mayor Allen stated that staff does not have the authority to adjust water bills. Hanson stated that staff is able to adjust water bills if there is an error or problem on the city’s side. Mayor Allen stated that staff spends a lot of time and puts in a lot of effort to help residents with water issues.

**8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF**

\* Council Member Monsen stated that he has noticed that the traffic light on 4575 South and 300 West has been out. Harris stated that the light has been replaced within the last two days, noting that it took a

96 few weeks to get the parts to replace the light.

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98 \*Mayor Allen presented a short presentation on “One Ogden”, explaining what is happening in our  
99 neighboring city. He highlighted the Ogden marathon, and the new temple, which is expected to bring in  
100 750,000 visitors to the Ogden area. Mayor Allen stated that the idea of “One Ogden” is to change and  
101 develop Ogden, which in turn will help the surrounding areas. He stated that one of the goals is to bring  
102 the county together. Mayor Allen stated that around 1000 Ogden Ambassadors are needed over the next  
103 few weeks to help with all the visitors. He stated that if anyone would like to become an ambassador,  
104 they can visit the website [oneogden.com/ambassador](http://oneogden.com/ambassador)  
105 Mayor Allen also noted that the Weber County Fair begins tomorrow at the county fairgrounds and runs  
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108 **9. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

109 Hanson stated that the Public Works Department worked on the roads during the rain event this  
110 afternoon. Hanson stated that there were several people that were evacuated to the Civic Center and were  
111 helped by the Red Cross. He stated that the city received approximately 1 inch of water within 45  
112 minutes. He noted that some residents had water damage. Hanson stated that the City water system had  
113 over capacity issues, but there were no back-ups and the system worked well.  
114 Hanson stated that the Utah League of Cities and Towns will be coming up in September.  
115 Hanson stated that the City received a thank you card from the “Buy Locals First” organization.  
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117 **10. UPCOMING EVENTS**

118 Mayor Allen read the upcoming events.  
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120 **11. MOTION: ADJOURN INTO RDA MEETING**

121 **Motion by Council Member Jensen**  
122 **Seconded by Council Member Monsen**  
123 **To adjourn into RDA meeting**  
124 **Approved unanimously (4-0)**  
125 **Time: 6:55 p.m.**  
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127 **12. MOTION: ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

128 - Strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation  
129 Council Member Brown excused himself from the meeting.

130 **Motion by Council Member Shupe**  
131 **Seconded by Council Member Jensen**  
132 **To adjourn into closed session**  
133 **Approved unanimously (4-0)**  
134 **Roll Call Vote taken**  
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136 **13. ADJOURN THE MEETING: MAYOR ALLEN**

137 Mayor Allen adjourned the closed session and meeting at 7:31 p.m.  
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Date Approved

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City Recorder