

1 **City of Washington Terrace**

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3 Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting
4 Held on August 21, 2018
5 City Hall, 5249 South 400 East, Washington Terrace City,
6 County of Weber, State of Utah
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8 **MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

- 9 Mayor Mark C. Allen
10 Council Member Scott Monsen - excused
11 Council Member Blair Brown
12 Council Member Larry Weir
13 Council Member Scott Barker
14 Council Member Jeff West
15 City Manager Tom Hanson
16 Public Works Director Steve Harris
17 City Recorder Amy Rodriguez
18 Fire Chief Kasey Bush
19 Finance Director Shari' Garrett
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22 **Others present**

23 Val Shupe, Steve Jacobson, Amy Miller, Claudette Rothwell, Dell Kraaima, Brent Butler
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25 1. **ROLL CALL** **6:00 P.M.**

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27 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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29 3. **WELCOME**
30 The Mayor offered condolences to the Monsen Family.
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32 4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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34 4.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
35 4.2 **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2018, MEETING MINUTES**

36 Items 4.1 and 4.2 were approved by general consent.
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38 5. **SPECIAL ORDER**

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40 5.1 **PUBLIC HEARING: TO HEAR COMMENT ON ENACTING AN ORDINANCE**
41 **AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF ELECTED AND STATUTORY**
42 **OFFICIALS AND ADOPTING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE APPLICABLE TO**
43 **ANY OFFICIALS OR OFFICERS**

44 Rodriguez explained that the public hearing is to hear comment on a statutory ordinance that we must
45 have by state law to adopt the compensation for elected officials and statutory officers. She stated that
46 Council directed staff to adopt the current Council wages, thus triggering a new public hearing whenever
47 the amount increases. Council directed staff to set the wage ranges for the City Recorder and Treasurer.
48 Rodriguez stated that the ranges were set at \$43000-70,000 for the Recorder, and \$38000-65000 for the

49 City Treasurer. She noted that these ranges are not reflective of what is in the budget. These ranges are
50 set as a guideline as to when a public hearing will need to be held and a new ordinance adopted.

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52 **Mayor Allen opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.**

53 There were no citizen comments.

54 **Mayor Allen closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.**

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56 **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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58 Resident Val Shupe- 90 E 5600 S- stated that the grass was so high at the football field that you could not
59 see the kid's shoes. He stated that the mower being broken is not an excuse for the poor condition of the
60 field. He stated that the restrooms were filthy as well.

61 He stated that the coaches should not have to mow the field themselves. He stated that the city
62 maintenance needs to learn to mow and bag the grass properly for football and baseball seasons. He
63 stated that it was very dangerous.

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65 **7. COUNCIL/STAFF RESPONSE AND CONSIDERATION TO CITIZEN**
66 **COMMENTS**

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68 Hanson stated that the field is being mowed, however, the city mower is broken. Hanson stated that the
69 field is usually mowed by the city a second time on Friday nights. He stated that the contractor cannot
70 mow the field on Fridays due to a scheduling conflict. Mayor Allen suggested getting a loaner mower.
71 Mayor Allen stated that he was surprised that the restrooms were dirty because the crew takes pride in
72 taking care of the property.

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75 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

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77 **8.1 MOTION/ORDINANCE 18-11: AND ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE**
78 **COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STATUTORY**
79 **OFFICERS AND ECLUSION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM THE FEDERAL**
80 **FAIR LABORS STANDARDS ACT FOR THE CITY OF WASHINGTON**
81 **TERRACE, UTAH**

82 **Motion by Council Member Barker**
83 **Seconded by Council Member Weir**
84 **To adopt Ordinance 18-11**
85 **Adopting the compensation schedule for**
86 **Elected officials and statutory officers**
87 **Approved unanimously (4-0)**

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89 **8.2 MOTION.RESOLUTION 18-08: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COUNTY**
90 **WIDE MUTUAL LAND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT**

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92 **Motion by Council Member West**
93 **Seconded by Council Member Barker**
94 **To adopt Resolution 18-08**
95 **Authorizing a county wide mutual land fire protection agreement**
96 **Approved unanimously (4-0)**

Roll Call Vote

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9. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

Mayor Allen asked if there will be lights on the new 5700 South. Harris stated that there will be two streetlights (lighting) on that road. He stated that it is expensive to put lights on the 5600 South area, however, it could be done. Harris will bring an estimate to the Mayor on two lights for that road.

Mayor Allen stated that he visited a resident on 195 E 5540 S who stated that there are a lot of speeders in his area. Hanson stated that we are waiting on a few parts to install the speed signs that have been purchased.

Hanson stated that a dead tree will be removed from Little Rohmer Park.

10. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Hanson stated that the bid requests have been sent out for salvage of the old public works shop.

Hanson stated that the fleet vehicles are still out for sale.

11. UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 22, 2018: First day of School for Washington Terrace Schools
- August 30, 2018: Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- September 3, 2018: City Offices closed for Labor Day
- September 4, 2018: City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURN THE MEETING: MAYOR ALLEN

Mayor Allen adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

**13. WORK SESSION: (immediately following the regular scheduled meeting)
Topics to Include; but are not limited to: FIRE DEPARTMENT STRATEGY**

Council Adjourned into the Work Session at 6:29 p.m.

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146 **Others present**

147 Ogden Fire Department Chief Mike Matthews, Incident Battalion Chief Mike Sale, Weber County
148 Sheriff Kathy Murdock, Asst. Chief Eric Benlen

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150 Chief Bush stated that we have been in discussion with Ogden City as far as to what they have to offer
151 and how they can help our department.

152 Hanson stated that there will be some ambulance improvements for our own house. Hanson stated that
153 recent news articles make it appear that our system is dysfunctional, which is misleading.

154 Hanson stated that an important point to remember is that the numbers in the presentation are only
155 responding to a point in time today. He stated that the numbers do not include changes in pay moving
156 forward. He stated that the numbers are only general, as are the numbers that the district is presenting.

157 Chief Matthews stated that they have an obligation to serve for transport separate from the 9-1-1
158 emergency calls. He stated that there are three components of EMS 1. First Responders 2. Advanced life
159 support (paramedic services) 3. Ambulance Component.

160 Matthews explained the call times for Ogden Ambulance. Matthews stated that the Department believes
161 in the county paramedic program as regional assets.

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163 Chief Matthews stated that he sat down with Chief Bush concerning the ambulance program. He stated
164 that there is a lot of efficiency in the program with the City. He stated that some of the revenue that is
165 received is shared with Washington Terrace.

166 Matthews stated that Ogden will dispatch their Battalion Chief to Washington Terrace structural fires .
167 He stated that he can be utilized to train and teach. Matthews read an amendment to the Ogden
168 Ambulance Agreement regarding the Battalion Chief.

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170 Chief Matthews stated that the needs of Washington Terrace are unique and has unique issues in the
171 community. He stated that the consolidation district will cost more. He stated that Council needs to really
172 consider many things when moving forward with their governing of the Fire Department. He stressed
173 long range planning while moving forward.

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175 Mayor Allen asked if the Sheriff Department is part of the EMS response. Matthews stated that the
176 Sheriff Department is EMS trained, however, they are not part of the first responder designation. He
177 stated that they may arrive first and can offer care, however, the control of the patient belongs to the first
178 responder/paramedics. Murdock stated that the Washington Terrace response times are pretty good,
179 especially for a volunteer department. Mayor Allen stated that we have enhanced first responder system.
180 Matthews agreed. Murdock stated that there is an advanced EMT deputy on every shift that covers this
181 end.

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183 Matthews stated that it is difficult to receive revenue from ambulance services. Council Member Barker
184 asked what Chief Matthews thinks the City needs for Fire. Matthews stated that we need two to three
185 people on scene to keep a small fire small. He stated that a first objective would be to offer incentives to
186 get more fighters on staff for the initial attack, preferably 3 people. He stated that this objective would
187 move the fire department forward. Chief Bush stated that we have two on shift now, and we would need
188 a third person to be added. Chief Matthews stated that the ambulance officers can fill in for fire fighters
189 on immediate responses. He stated this is a great benefit to the department. Chief Bush stated that he
190 appreciates the use of the Battalion Chief.

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193 Bush stated that the goals of the department are to improve recruiting, provide cost efficient service

194 balance with ability to pay, improve fire response, competitive wages for recruitment and retention. He
195 stated that the department currently has a full time chief, two part time captains, 2 volunteer firefighters
196 on each chief, with 2 full time ambulance crew from Ogden.

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198 Chief Bush described several options to consider, which include an extra person on shift, and the addition
199 of the battalion chief. He stated that the options include increasing the budget for extra people, keeping
200 the budget the same, possibly going to a part time force.

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202 Chief Matthews stated that the proposed wages (11.00-13.00) is keeping in line for a slower department.
203 Bush stated that the optimal option, which is the first step to achieving all the goals, will cost an
204 estimated 35 percent tax increase (around \$55.93).

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206 Chief Bush estimated we would need to up-staff the department and have around 25-30 Firefighters.
207 Bush stated that not having our own ambulance service is attractive to firefighters.

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209 Chief Bush stated that the District Consolidation proposed that the cost for full time captain, and two part
210 time fire fighters would cost an increase of (92.00). Bush discussed the pros and cons of consolidation
211 and pros and cons with staying in house.

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213 Murdock stated that the city will lose all control on finances if we chose to go to a district.

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215 Hanson stated that he realizes that there will be competing voices for tax increases. He stated that this
216 discussion is just the beginning.

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218 Chief Bush stated that the District proposal looks good on paper but they are not accounting for
219 ambulance services and jump staffing.

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221 Chief Matthews stated that he does not believe the district will apply for a paramedic license, and will
222 stay with the contract with Ogden.

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224 **The work session was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.**

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Date approved

City Recorder