

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held February 2, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the city Hall, Bountiful, Utah.

Present:

Mayor:	John Cushing
Council Members:	Samuel Fowler, Barbara Holt, William Moore, Harold Shafter, and Ann Wilcox
City Manager:	Tom Hardy
City Attorney:	Russell Mahan
City Engineer:	Jack Balling
City Recorder:	Arden Jenson
City Treasurer:	Galen Rasmussen
Rec. Secretary:	Nancy Lawrence
Dept. Heads:	Cliff Michaelis/Power Larry Higgins, Police

Official Notice of this meeting had been given by posting a written notice of same and an Agenda at the City Hall and providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation: Davis County Clipper, Deseret News, and Salt Lake Tribune.

Mayor Cushing called the meeting to order, following which Councilwoman Wilcox led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The invocation was given by Councilman Moore.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held January 26, 1994 were presented and approved as corrected on a motion made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Wilcox. Voting was by a majority with Councilwoman Holt abstaining due to her absence from the subject meeting.

Mayor Cushing welcomed the visiting Boy Scouts and reviewed information pertinent to the citizenship merit badge.

EXPENDITURE AND EXPENSE REPORT APPROVED FOR PERIOD JANUARY 20-26, 1994

Mr. Jenson presented the Expenditure and Expense Report for the Period January 20-26, 1994 in the amount of \$93,207.65. These expenditures were unanimously approved, as presented, on a motion made by Councilman Shafter and seconded by Councilwoman Holt.

SIX-MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEWED

Mr. Hardy presented the 6-Month Financial Review, noting that 47 percent of the budgeted revenue has been collected (\$15,479,000) and 45 percent of the budgeted expenditures have been expended (\$14,752,000). He reviewed the accounts in the General Fund, noting that Sales Tax was particularly strong, with a positive variance of \$110,000. He said this was attributed to building construction, food, general retail and fast food businesses being up in business activity.

With the upswing in the construction business, costs in this area have increased resulting in greater expenditures for the city for construction bids. The weather has created a negative impact on the budget due to the cooler, wet summer (less revenue from the sale of electricity and water and less activity at the swimming pool and golf course) ; and the warmer fall and winter (less revenue from the sale of electricity). There is also a concern that potential water shortages will decrease the amount of power that the City can generate at the hydro plants, necessitating the purchase of a more costly resource. He also noted that when the utility bills are lower, there is a decrease in franchise

taxes.

Mr. Hardy stated that the budget will be watched closely during the spring and capital projects will be postponed if necessary to achieve a balanced budget. He stressed that the 400 North project will be prioritized.

Mayor Cushing requested that a retreat be scheduled in the near future for the purpose of long-range planning. A tentative meeting was set for March 2, 1994.

REVIEW PROPOSAL TO ORGANIZE NEIGHBORHOOD AND YOUTH COUNCILS

Mayor Cushing reviewed that consideration had been given in the past to the formation of a youth council and Councilwoman Wilcox has accepted the assignment to follow through on this matter. Councilwoman Wilcox reported that many cities have successfully initiated a youth council and noted that Woods Cross has a particularly successful program and has offered to assist Bountiful in this regard.

As she pursued the notion of a youth council, Councilwoman Wilcox envisioned a neighborhood organization which would dove-tail with the youth council and provide citizen input on a local basis. She presented a proposal to the Council with a tentative organization based on elementary school neighborhoods and the activities and responsibilities that could be pursued by these groups.

The Council discussed the proposal and felt positive about the youth council. However, it was felt that the neighborhood groups might usurp programs which are presently in place through other groups. There was also a concern that the citizen groups might feel resentment if the recommendations they made were not accepted. (Past instances were cited where very good suggestions came from citizen committees; however, implementation was not possible due to lack of funding, etc.). A concern was also expressed that the neighborhood groups might compete for resources and funding and divide the community instead of strengthening it.

Councilwoman Wilcox was thanked generously by the Council and Mayor for the thorough job she had done in researching and preparing for this assignment. Councilman Shafter then made a motion that she be appointed to head a committee for the establishment of a youth council (with the number of members on the council left open for discussion). Councilwoman Holt seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES DISCUSSED BUT NOT ADOPTED

Mr. Mahan presented the following two ordinances for review and possible adoption:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNTIFUL CITY CODE TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF ALCOHOL FROM STORE WINDOWS OR DOORS;

and

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNTIFUL CITY CODE TO PROHIBIT THE RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS WITHIN ONE YEAR FOLLOWING A GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE.

With input from Chief Higgins, it was felt that the ordinance relating to the sale of alcohol should not be put in place without further study. The ordinance relating to going out of business sales was felt to be too restrictive for general purposes and that we should give businesses the leeway to operate. Where

there is a concern of violation of the spirit of the ordinance, the matter could be handled through other avenues.

Neither of these ordinances were adopted.

CONSIDER QUITCLAIM DEED - MAPLE HILLS #4, LOT 28

This matter was tabled; no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Fowler.