

MINUTES OF HARRISVILLE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 9, 2014 – 7:00p.m.
Council Chambers
363 West Independence Blvd
Harrisville, Utah 84404

Present: Mayor Bruce Richins, Council Member Michelle Tait, Council Member Grover Wilhelmsen, Council Member Jennifer Morrell, Council Member Jeff Pearce, Council Member Jennifer Jensen.

Staff: Bill Morris, City Administrator, Jennie Knight, City Recorder.

Visitors: Ruth Pearce, Spencer Bischoff, Logan Hadley, Braxton Dean, Joshua Whiteman, Robert Bischoff, Bentley Merrill, Drew Webb, Nate Brandley, Axel Nelson.

7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Richins called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors.

2. Opening Ceremony.

Scout Troop 496 led the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Richins conducted the opening ceremony.

3. Consent Items.

- a. Approve the minutes of November 25, 2014 as presented.

MOTION: Council Member Tait motioned to approve the consent items of December 9, 2014 as presented. Council Member Pearce seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

4. Business Items.

- a. Discussion/possible action to adopt new 2015 Meeting Schedule.

Bill Morris explained this motion is a formality to adopt the regular meeting schedule for the following year. This will be published on January 1, 2015 as required by law.

MOTION: Council Member Pearce motion to adopt the new 2015 Meeting Schedule as presented. Council Member Morrell seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

b. Discussion/possible action on advice and consent to Mayor's Appointment:

- Appointment of Jeff Pearce as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Richins explained he would like to continue the rotation for Mayor Pro Tem. This will also update the seating arrangement.

MOTION: Council Member Wilhelmsen motioned to give the advice and consent to appoint Jeff Pearce as the Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Morrell seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

c. Discussion/possible action to approve Harrisville City Resolution 2014-13; a resolution for Harrisville City, Utah, authorizing an agreement between the city of Harrisville and Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce for Professional Services in support of the Utah Transportation Coalition; and an effective date.

Mayor Richins explained the first time he was introduced to this proposal was down at the league conference in September. There is not enough funding in small cities and towns for transportation; which includes trails, sidewalks, and pathways. These services are important to residents. The last tax increase for transportation was in 1983. All of the cities and towns have aging infrastructure.

An example in our area is 2550 North in Pleasant View. They do not have the funding to bring this road up to standard. There is a shortfall between 3 to 11 billion dollars in needs for transportation infrastructure throughout the state for cities and towns. The proposal would increase the sales tax .25% to be dedicated for transportation. Bill Morris said there was follow-up sent out to Council in email regarding the gas tax hasn't been increased since 1997. We now find different modes of transportation including hybrid cars. By including this as a sales tax they would be reaching all people regardless of their mode of transportation.

Most cities and towns are struggling and fund transportation projects through their general funds. The proposed resolution would be an agreement with the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce to lobby in our favor to resolve transportation issues in the legislature. The resolution will include on change in the compensation section not to exceed \$250. Council Member Tait asked if the Chamber of Commerce is for or against this proposal. Bill Morris explained the chamber of commerce represents the businesses and they are on board with this proposal.

Council Member Pearce said he spoke with Gage Froerer who expressed support. Council Member Morrell commented the need to educate the public when this goes to the ballot and this will provide assistance with those needs. Bill Morris explained the proposal includes a communication tool kit to use to inform the public; including information to be placed on the website and in the newsletter.
[Council Member Jensen arrived.]

Mayor Richins explained the fee for each city is based on population. The minimum for small communities is \$5. The intent is to include as many cities and town showing support to demonstrate to the legislature we are serious about transportation issues. Mayor and Council agreed this needs to happen. Bill Morris said this extra funding would help with 2550 North.

MOTION: Council Member Tait motioned to approve Harrisville City Resolution 2014-13; a resolution for Harrisville City, Utah authorizing an agreement between the city of Harrisville and Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce for Professional Services in support of the Utah Transportation Coalition; and an effective date. Council Member Wilhelmsen seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.

Council Member Morrell	Yes
Council Member Jensen	Yes
Council Member Pearce	Yes
Council Member Tait	Yes
Council Member Wilhelmsen	Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

Bill Morris will provide a report as this moves through the legislative process.

d. Discussion/possible action to approve proposal to reduce speed limit on West Harrisville Road to 35 mph.

Bill Morris said this item was tabled from the last meeting. The new packet includes the study and updated statistics. He explained the study wasn't very old and is quite extensive. People are turning from a stopped position onto West Harrisville Road which is a busy road and staff is concerned with safety with the increase in traffic. Council Member Jensen said she went out and talked to residents and received feedback they would like to see the speed limit reduced. She feels like the speed limit should be reduced. Council Member Pearce pointed out there are a lot of people coming out of driveways along this area as well. This will also standardize the speed on this road from 1200 West to Highway 89.

Council Member Morrell asked if there was an increase in tickets when Marriott-Slaterville reduced the speed on a main road. Bill Morris said officers use this as an education tool and only ticket drivers who exceed 10+ mph over the speed limit. Council Member Morrell said she drove West Harrisville Road in the dark the other night and realized how the changes in lanes affect the ability to make turns. Council Member Tait said she travels this road daily and very rarely can maintain 35 mph. Council Member Jensen agreed.

MOTION: Council Member Morrell motioned to approve the proposal from staff and the transportation impact study to reduce the speed limit from 40 to 35 mph

on West Harrisville Road. Council Member Pearce seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Richins said he feels this will help. Mayor and Council gave a brief discussion about the amount of homes the new development in Ogden includes and the impact this will have on this area.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - (3 minute maximum)

Mayor Richins thanked Logan Hadley for leading the pledge of allegiance.

Joshua Whiteman, Harrisville 4th Ward, commended Council on reducing the speed limit on West Harrisville Road. His children attend the day care right in this area. He has witnessed traffic moving fast on more than one occasion. He also appreciated the prayer during the opening ceremony.

Bentley Merrill, Avalon Hills, said he has noticed crashes on the nearby streets and appreciates lowering the speed limit.

6. MAYOR/COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP:

Mayor Richins invited Council to attend the staff luncheon on Tuesday, December 16th at noon.

Mayor Richins informed Council the sidewalk project on 2550 North will not qualify for a CDBG grant so we will be applying for a RAMP grant instead. Council Member Wilhelmsen asked if the survey will still be required. Bill Morris said the survey was to show a low to moderate income level in the area for the CDBG grant and will no longer be necessary. He said this issue is on the agenda for project management meeting on Thursday and will include a discussion with the Chatlains, who are property owners of property without sidewalk and are looking to subdivide property. Council Member Tait said there was an alternative plan discussed at staff meeting. Bill Morris said if there is a subdivision through the Chatlains property this might provide access but they are not looking to solve the sidewalk issue with this option.

Council Member Jensen said the speed trailer was placed on her street but is not working. Mayor Richins said Lt. Wheelwright mentioned in staff meeting the battery had to be replaced.

Council Member Pearce asked if Pleasant View can reduce the speed limit on 2550 North. Council Member Wilhelmsen asked if they could at least put up another speed limit sign. Council Member Jensen said they tried to get a children school zone. Bill Morris said the school access routing plan must include the PTA approval. He suggested the PTA ask for a school zone at that time. Council Member Pearce would like to see signs that are like speed trailers, with flashing lights.

Robert Bischoff offered his services with the 2550 North sidewalk issue saying he is on the community action group for Majestic Elementary. Bill Morris pointed out the RAMP

grant deals with trails and pathways in a recreation aspect and the CDBG grant relates to safety. Council Member Jensen said she has pictures of this area.

Council Member Pearce asked if the police car in the parking lot will be surplus. Mayor Richins said this should be taken care of the beginning of next year.

7. Adjourn.

Mayor Richins motioned to adjourn at 7:33pm.

ATTEST:

BRUCE RICHINS
Mayor

JENNIE KNIGHT
City Recorder