

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HARRISVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
363 West Independence Blvd.
Harrisville, Utah 84404

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- COUNCIL:** Mayor Richard Hendrix, Council Member Chad Allen, Council Member Wayne Crowther, Council Member Darla Fowers, Council Member Bruce Richins, Council Member Grover Wilhelmsen.
- STAFF:** Bill Morris, City Administrator; Jennifer Morrell, City Recorder; Gene Bingham, Public Works Director; and Bryan Fife, Public Works Department.
- VISITORS:** Ruth Pearce, Jeff Pearce, Jonathan Morrell, Gary Saunders, Bob Howard, Bryan Saunders, Angie Powell, Rachel Martin, Cayla Cornwell, Kara VanBeekum, Jacob VanBeekum, Jim Mackley, and Jon Andersen.

Mayor Hendrix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all visitors.

Council Member Fowers led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the opening ceremony.

CONSENT AGENDA

Action to approve the minutes of January 26, 2010.

MOTION: Council Member Allen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Richins seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Discussion of Central Weber Sewer Improvement District (CWSID) proposed rate increase.

Mayor Hendrix led the discussion by saying the proposed increase is higher than anticipated and will take effect in July. He mentioned the City's current rate for the sewer fee is \$8.14 and compared that to Marriott-Slaterville whose fee is \$14.30. He said Marriott-Slaterville will need to raise their fee to \$18 to meet the increase. In order to maintain what was set in the analysis Harrisville will need to raise the fee to \$11.

Council Member Allen asked about the sewer impact fees the City is behind on. Gene Bingham explained that those are for sewer projects totally separate from this issue. Bill Morris explained that the sewer impact fees can be recovered but we are behind on our garbage fees. Mayor Hendrix commented that we really don't have a say in this but need to pass the cost along. There was some discussion from Council Member Allen about doing one fee raise this year for both sewer and the amount we are behind on the garbage instead of raising the fees year after year. Bill Morris said there are proposed sewer rate increases for the next three years. Council Member Fowers said because we don't have an option but to raise the fees we need to start doing some public relations type work between now and July to let our residents know about the increase. Bill Morris stated that we won't know what the rate increase will be for the next three years. Council Member Allen clarified that his thought was to raise the rates just enough to recoup what we are short on not to cover the increase over the next few years. Council Member Richins said he finds it hard to believe that our down economy has necessitated such a large increase.

There was some discussion on getting more information about what the increased rate is being used for and inviting the CWSID to come to a City Council meeting. Council Member Richins said he is grateful that the Mayor is on the CWSID board and is able to get information for the Council. Mayor Hendrix said there will be more discussion on this before the budget is set. Bill Morris explained that the Mayor is writing a state of the city article for the newsletter and the web site. It will let residents know there is no tax increase this year, the City has paid off its bond, and has no debt. It will also say that CWSID is raising its rates and those fees will be passed on to the users, clarifying that Harrisville City is not responsible for raising their rates.

2. Report on "Meet the Legislators Day".

Council Member Richins explained that this is the third year the Youth City Council has participated, with ten of their sixteen members attending. Council Member Richins gave a brief overview of their day saying the keynote speaker was former New York City Mayor Rudy Guliani who spoke about the challenges he faced as mayor. They also heard from former baseball player Dale Murphy. He said they enjoyed a nice luncheon, took a tour of the State Capitol, and were able to witness some senate and legislature meetings. Council Member Richins asked Youth City Council Mayor Cayla Cornwell to share her thoughts. She said it was a fun experience to see what goes on and enjoyed hearing Dale Murphy talk about how to succeed. She also liked the food and seeing other kids that were involved. Jonathan Morrell said it was fun. He enjoyed seeing the capital building and would like to go again. Brian Saunders said he liked hearing Mayor Guliani talk about the murders in New York City and how he cracked down on it. He also liked the tour of the capital. Kara VanBeekum said it was fun touring the capital and sitting through some of the meetings. She said she was surprised to see what problems they solve that often go unnoticed by people. Jacob VanBeekum said the food was okay and he liked the tour of the capital and all the statues. Council Member Richins said there were 500 Youth City Council members in attendance. One thing that stood out to him was former Mayor Guliani talking about all the people in the city on welfare and how he changed the title of the welfare office to "job placement office". He also gave people an incentive to get a job or made those who could work for their welfare.

3. Public Comments.

4. Mayor/Council Follow-up.

Council Member Wilhelmsen talked about Heritage Days which will be held July 30th & 31st. He said they are working to come up with a theme, organize committees, and are sending out emails for volunteers. They will have something coming soon for the newsletter. Council Member Allen was approached by Aaron Fields who would like to talk to the Council about the prospect of combining Heritage Days with Founders Day and Cherry Days. Mayor Hendrix says he meets with the mayors of North Ogden and Pleasant View once a month and will discuss it with them. If they want to go forward with that idea they can be included on a future Council agenda.

Council Member Richins introduced Jon Andersen, a Harrisville resident, who is the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Director for South Ogden City. He was invited to come and answer questions for a proposed splash pad. He said the South Ogden splash pad cost \$250,000. He gave the days and hours of operation and said the amount of use the park is getting is phenomenal. The peak hours are between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and they average 150-250 people an hour.

Mr. Andersen talked about the mechanics of the splash pad and how it works as well as the requirements for testing from the health department. One thing they learned from experience was the necessity of building a hand rail around the splash pad and installing a drain system all the way around. He said they have a playground close by with wood chips that initially caused havoc on the pump systems but they have things down to a science now. Mayor Hendrix asked about the requirement to put the splash pad close to a rest room. Mr. Andersen confirmed it was a requirement and said that is where they have their pumps located. He also mentioned the cost for chemicals averages \$1500 a year to treat the water. Mayor Hendrix asked about parking.

Mr. Andersen said they had 15-20 stalls in the park, have added an additional 10-15 stalls, and implemented an agreement for overflow parking with the Ogden Athletic Club. He also talked about looking closely at vendors and the features of the spray products. Their features are universal and interchangeable.

Council Member Fowers asked if they have any adult supervision. Mr. Andersen said they do not; however, he did hire some college kids part-time to help alleviate problems they were having with litter in the bowery. They make sure the area is clean prior to each reservation time. Council Member Wilhelmsen asked about maintenance and operation costs. Mr. Andersen said their electric bill did go up and averages \$400-\$600 a month because the pumps run all the time. Council Member Richins asked what Riverdale City has learned from South Ogden in designing their park. Mr. Andersen said the main thing was South Ogden lost a lot of grass the first year because the grass was right up against the splash pad. They have extended the sidewalk further out and added a curved drainage system which now contains the water.

Council Member Fowers asked if they have had any liability issues. Mr. Andersen said none that he is aware of. Council Member Wilhelmsen asked about problems with vandalism. Mr. Andersen said they have had very little and it's been limited due to the high foot traffic in the park. Council Member Allen asked if Mr. Andersen would support a splash pad in Harrisville. He said as a resident, he would love it. He feels the splash pad "really gives you the biggest bang for your buck" and he is still amazed at all the people it draws in. Council Member Wilhelmsen asked if there was any other maintenance or restoration that could be expected. Mr. Andersen said the main thing is removing hard water deposits, maintenance of pumps, and cleaning the nozzles.

Council Member Fowers asked Mr. Andersen what he thought the greatest pro and the greatest con was. He said the pro is the use it gets is phenomenal, the con is the maintenance. Mayor Hendrix asked if there is shade for mothers bringing kids over. Mr. Andersen said that is the thing they lack, but people bring their own shade and umbrellas. He also said people have been respectful of bowery reservations and have been self policing. Council Member Allen asked if he would suggest a fence around it to keep people out when it's closed. Mr. Andersen said no, once it shuts down the crowd goes away and adding a fence could be a liability issue. He also added that they have a strong police presence in the park. Bill Morris said the City has included a video surveillance system in with the grant.

Adjournment

Being no further business, Mayor Hendrix moved to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

RICHARD HENDRIX
Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNIFER MORRELL
City Recorder

Approved this 23rd day of February 2010

**HARRISVILLE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION**
February 9, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

1. Discussion on RAMP application.

Mayor Hendrix explained that the City had been visited by a member of the RAMP committee who took a tour of the proposed splash pad site. Bill Morris further explained that there were some concerns with the submitted grant application. The committee likes to see hard money matching the project cost of 50% or greater. He said there is some concern with the City submitting the ball park upgrades as the means of matching the splash pad expense. The committee member representing RAMP explained that it would have been best to submit the park renovations in phases with the City matching money to each phase. However, they did like that our splash pad would be something people could enjoy for no cost.

Mayor Hendrix explained that he and Gene Bingham have some concerns about the splash pad regarding location and maintenance costs. Mr. Bingham is here tonight with Bryan Fife who is responsible for the parks. They are pursuing getting Mr. Fife trained to work with pool chemicals. Mayor Hendrix further explained that he was concerned about losing part of the park for Heritage Days, the continuing maintenance costs over and above the initial cost to install it, and available parking. He said they have asked Jon Andersen, Public Works Director for South Ogden, to come at the end of the Council meeting to answer questions. Council Member Richins talked about the survey on South Ogden's website noting there were never more than 200 people at a time. He also asked if the RAMP funds we get based on population each year can be carried over. Mayor Hendrix explained that it could not, the money has to be spent the year you receive the funds and is reimbursed after you have incurred the expense. Mayor Hendrix asked the Council to be thinking of some questions for Mr. Andersen.

2. Council Retreat.

Mayor Hendrix explained the need for a Mayor/Council retreat. It would facilitate training that needs to occur, discussion on the 2010/2011 budget, discussion on the sewer district increase, and any items the Council would like to discuss. He asked when they would like to schedule it. Council Member Wilhelmsen asked what the time frame was for getting the budget complete and also mentioned discussing the veteran's memorial grant they had pursued at one time. Council Member Crowther asked about the possibility of introducing the City Staff to the Council. There was some discussion about how best to do that. Council Member Fowers asked about scheduling public meetings. Discussion followed on a date that would work for everyone. It was decided the retreat would be held on Friday, March 12th from 6-9 p.m. at the Martin Henderson Harris cabin. Council Members will email Jennifer Morrell with any items they would like to see included on the agenda. Dinner will be something simple and inexpensive.