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Minutes of a regular meeting held January 2, 2013 at Sunset City Hall, 200 West 1300 North, Sunset, Utah; Mayor Bangerter presiding.

**Mayor and Council Present:**

Chad Bangerter	Mayor
Brent Andrews	Council Member
Ricky Carlson	Council Member
Ryan Furniss	Council Member
Kevin Snow	Council Member

**City Employees Present:**

Susan R. Hale	Recorder
Linda Youngdell	Treasurer/Office Manager
Ken Eborn	Police Chief
Neil Coker	Fire Chief
Norm Noyes	Public Works Director

**Excused:**

Jake Peterson	Council Member
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**Others Present:**

Terry Avondet	Citizen Corps
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**REGULAR SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Bangerter.

Council Member Snow gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Council Member Furniss made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2012 as presented. Council Member Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Vouchers:** Council Member Andrews made a motion to approve the vouchers for GBGH Holdings in the amount of \$9,167.00. Council Member Snow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

- 1. Appoint Brian Parker and Brad Weller for another four year term on the Planning Commission:** Mayor Bangerter said Commissioners Parker and Weller have been on the Planning Commission for a long time and would like to stay on for another term. Council Member Snow advised he read the ordinance and it said they cannot have more than two members in the same profession on the Commission and wondered if they could find out what each member does so they don't go against the ordinance. He read Sunset Code 2-1-1. C. Appointment Of Specific Members: The planning commission shall consist of individuals as set forth herein; provided that no single professional, vocational or special interest group

shall provide more than two (2) members. The city council shall appoint members from such professional, vocational and interest group areas as well as geographical areas to ensure a reasonable representation of the community. Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell, who also does the agendas and minutes for the Planning Commission, said they are all in different professions. Mayor Bangerter said the issue needs to be brought before the Commissioners so they know for future reference. Council Member Snow asked why they were not also appointing the Chair as the Mayor is required to do every year. It was explained the Commissioners did not hold a meeting in December and they have been given the courtesy of recommending who they would like to have appointed as Chair. Council Member Snow said Mayor Bangerter could just appoint the Chair without the Commissioners first holding a meeting. Mayor Bangerter said he likes to accept the Commissioners' recommendations because they work with each other and know who would be good.

Council Member Andrews made a motion to appoint Brian Parker and Brad Weller for another four year term on the Planning Commission. Council Member Snow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Appoint Joyce Hammer for another five year term on the Board of Adjustment:** Mayor Bangerter said Board of Adjustment Member Hammer has agreed to serve another five year term and he would like to appoint her for it.

Council Member Andrews made a motion to appoint Joyce Hammer to another five year term on the Board of Adjustment. Council Member Furniss seconded the motion. Council Member Carlson said they have talked in the past about changing the make up of the Board of Adjustment. It was discussed and decided to leave it as is for now and discuss it again at a later date. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Discussion and possible approval of the 2012-2013 plan year agreement with PEHP:** Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell explained the City is already in this contract; PEHP is just late getting the contract to the City for a signature.

Council Member Furniss made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 plan year agreement with PEHP. Council Member Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Discussion and approval of the 2013 Council meeting dates:** The dates were discussed and it was mentioned November 5 should be November 6.

Council Member Andrews made a motion to approve the Council dates as amended. Council Member Furniss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Elect a Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2013:** Mayor Bangerter thanked Council Member Snow for his service as the Mayor Pro-Tem for 2012. He recommended Council Member Furniss serve as the Mayor Pro-Tem for 2013. There were no other recommendations.

Council Member Snow made a motion to elect Council Member Furniss as the Mayor Pro-Tem for 2013. Council Member Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Discussion and possible approval of Council assignments:** Mayor Bangerter read the 2012 assignments and discussed some changes for 2013 with the Council. The changes suggested were as follows: 1) Council Member Snow to replace Council Member Peterson for Economic Development due to Council Member Snow's involvement with Better Cities; 2) Mayor Bangerter to replace Council Member Furniss for Recreation because Sunset's recreation mostly only involves events and Mayor Bangerter is good at organizing and promoting events, 3) Council Member Furniss to replace Council Member Snow for the Youth City Council because Council Member Furniss has a child who may be interested in being in the Youth City Council and usually parents with children in programs tend to be more involved; and 4) to add Military Affairs to the Council assignments with Council Member Carlson remaining assigned to it, along with resident John Stratton. The rest of the assignments were left the same as 2012.

Mayor Bangerter said he did not want to have the assignments approved tonight and wanted to further review them. The item will be on the next meeting's agenda for approval.

7. **Discussion and possible approval of 2013 Council training:** Council Member Furniss said he needs to make his vacation arrangements for the year by January 5<sup>th</sup> so he needs to know if they will be attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Spring Conference held April 10-12, 2013. Mayor Bangerter suggested, because the spring conference is the more expensive one, maybe only the Council Members who were unable to attend the fall conference attend the spring one. He feels the annual conference in the fall is the most beneficial for them because it's the main one. They can even have someone from the League provide private training at the City for no cost to help save the budget. Council Member Carlson reminded them the Local Officials Day with the Legislators is coming up on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Snow feels both conferences are beneficial due to networking with other Councils. The pros and cons of the two conferences were discussed further. Council Member Furniss believes there is enough money in their budget to allow anyone who wants to attend to do so. He said training is a valuable tool and in Phoenix last year there was a Fire Association conference on building fire stations. He would like to see maybe the Mayor, the Council Member over the Fire Department and the Fire Chief attend that type of conference. Mayor Bangerter asked who planned to attend the ULCT Spring Conference and only Council Members Furniss and Snow said they plan to for sure. Council Member Carlson said he may go. Mayor Bangerter said they would probably be opening the budget on other matters soon and would look at their training budget at that time also.
8. **Council Member reports and general information:** Council Member Andrews thanked all the employees and public for attending the Council meetings. He said he still needs to come in and get his iPad set up although he has received a lot of flack over it.

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Council Member Furniss reported he had put a survey about recycling on his Council Member Facebook page and the data received is very small so far, but it is from a broad range of people. The majority favors complete recycling, but will not pay much for it. He also found, they would not participate in green waste recycling unless it is free. Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell said there will be a message on the utility bills about calling the Office with their feelings. The staff will use a form to ask questions and report answers of the people who call. Mayor Bangerter said he has used his article in the newsletter to ask people to contact him with their feelings and brought it up at the Senior Christmas Luncheon, where he receive some input. He is hearing the same as Council Member Furniss about wanting to do it but not pay for it. The problem is they are already paying for it and it will just get worse if a program is not implemented. Council Member Furniss said his next comments are totally outside the box, but was thinking about some of the needs in Sunset. The City Office has stated they need a part-time person and he would like to give them one, but it is not in the budget. He threw out maybe closing the office at noon every other Friday to the public to allow the staff to catch up on their work. For example, the good landlord program will be intensive at first and that would give them four hours for it. He knows there are some problems with it, but it's something to look at. Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell said every other Friday would not work because Fridays are busy. They are here at 8:00 every morning and don't open until 9:00 to give her time to balance get the cash drawers ready. It only takes the other two about 10 minutes for their part so they have the rest of the hour to catch up. Council Member Furniss said even more far fetched is another thought that maybe if things are slow Joe Maylin could come up and learn accounting or something else for half a day. That's the drastic type measures they are coming up with at his work and maybe it's time to rethink things. Maybe they could set aside some money for an on-call employee. He would like to explore these types of things at a future date. Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell said part-time is a far stretch. They used to have four full-time employees, then went to a part-time but the things the part-time employee was required to know, such as building permits, business licensing and Planning Commission secretary, was too much for them to learn on a part-time basis. She even thought of having someone just to take over Planning Commission minutes because that is a huge thing for her to have to do, but she couldn't fine anyone. Council Member Furniss said they may just have to raise taxes because what the Office needs is going to require more money. He just wanted to throw out some ideas, as far-fetched as they may have been. Mayor Bangerter believes the Department Heads have done a wonderful job of thinking outside the box and bringing in revenue such as Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell's idea to implement late fees, which generates \$20,000 a year. He believes that would pay for a part-time employee.

Council Member Snow thanked the Beautification Committee for choosing the winners of the Christmas Lighting and putting the signs out. He wondered if they could maybe put a box out in which residents could place their old and tattered American flags. They could then be picked up by a Boy Scout Troop to use in flag retirement ceremonies. Council Member Andrews said they did that one year during the Sunset Sam Winter Fest. Mayor Bangerter thought that was a great idea and it would be a good thing to implement into the Sunset Sam Winter Fest annually. Council Member Snow asked if Sunset's trash gets burned at the burn plant. Mayor Bangerter said usually it does not because Wednesdays some haulers get

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diverted to another place because the plant can't handle all the trash. When it gets picked up on Thursdays it does get burned. However, Wasatch Integrated is considering building another furnace.

Council Member Carlson was happy the City newsletter mentioned the need for residents to keep their sidewalks shoveled and their garbage cans taken back in after being dumped so they don't get buried in the snow because it is a problem in some areas.

Police Chief Eborn reported they ended the year 2012 with 179 more cases than in 2011. He has not had a chance to break them down to tell them what types of cases were up, but he does not believe it was major crimes. The Court is also up about 200 cases from 2011. Officer Jensen is back to work and seems to be doing well. The car is being repaired and will be done in a few days. The Police Department has been rewarded a small State grant that did not require any matching funds. It will be used to replace the remaining laptops and supply each officer with a personal audio/video recording device he can wear on his uniform.

Public Works Director Noyes commented the storm a week ago was a tough one because it didn't stop snowing for two days and then it turned really cold. The guys did a pretty good job and he would appreciate it if the Mayor and Council would let them know it if they see them because most of the time they only hear complaints. He said the Christmas tree pick up would be done the morning of January 9<sup>th</sup>. The Sunset Sam Winter Fest will be held on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will begin about 4:00 p.m. There will be an art show that will run Thursday through Saturday, a chili cooking contest and a refreshment of hot chocolate and donuts. He reminded everyone Fun Days will be on July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Chief Coker said they are beginning to organize the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a CERT class beginning on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell thanked Council Member Furniss for realizing Administration is running extremely shorthanded. For example, this is a payroll week and she had taken Monday off, so she cut her vacation a little short and worked last night on a holiday to make sure everyone got paid. She advised the W-2's will be out around January 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a problem as some employees are moving and not updating their payroll records, so she asked the Department Heads to remind their employees to do so or their W-2's won't get to them. Council Member Andrews appreciates those who go the extra mile for the City. Mayor Bangerter said all the Department Heads go above and beyond because their job is to make sure their departments run smoothly and they do a great job of it.

Mayor Bangerter said they have talked in the past about an employee recognition program for years served and he recently attended a Wasatch Integrated party where they were awarding their employees for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years of service. He sent the Council an email about it and would like to do something similar for Sunset City employees. He would like to give employees with 5 years of continuous service for the City \$50.00, \$100.00 for 10 years, \$150.00 for 15 years, \$200.00 for 20 years, \$250.00 for 25 years and \$300.00 for 30 years. He would like to begin with the calendar year 2012 and award those who have hit their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 year milestones during that year. It would total \$800.00 to

recognize those employees. If they don't do it for 2012, they will miss some great employees who hit 20 or 25 years and he believes it is important to recognize them. Then for 2013 there would be four employees and it would cost the City \$350.00. He believes they have the funds to do it. They would also give them a certificate of recognition they could have framed and put in their office or at home. He asked for the Council's opinion. Council Member Furniss strongly supports the idea. The North Davis Sewer District does the same and also gives them a pin with their years of service on it. Council Member Andrews said a long time ago he bought a bunch of certificates from the dollar store and gave them to Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell and said they're not bad looking. Mayor Bangerter said he would like to implement a policy so it continues after they are out of Office. Council Member Snow advised Layton City has a policy so they could just take theirs and tweak it to fit Sunset. Mayor Bangerter would like to recognize the 2012 people the first Council meeting of February. He would like them to be here to receive the award so it might have to be done in two meetings. Mayor Bangerter commented that every winter the business owners along Main Street clean off their sidewalks when it snows and then UDOT comes along and piles all the highway snow and slush back onto the sidewalks. The Mayor then sends the Police out to tell the business owners to clean their sidewalks and the business owners get upset because it's not their fault. He doesn't know how to solve this problem because UDOT has a job to do also. He asked anyone with suggestions on how to solve the problem to let him know. The City does not have the equipment to help with it. He believes the problem is unsolvable, but just wanted to bring it to the Council's attention. He brought up the recycle program and believes if they do it, they need to do the complete program and not just the green waste. He mentioned the Sunset Sam Winter Fest was originally implemented by Council Member Andrews and his family due to a tragic incident that happened in their family. That means a lot to him and he always tries to recognize it during the festival. He likes to run with things that are a little different and fun, but at the same time he does not want to step on Council Member Andrews' toes with things Council Member Andrews does not believe are right. He has implemented a few changes and he didn't do it to upset Council Member Andrews or cause any disrespect to him or his family. He just felt they went a little smoother with the whole Groundhog Day; like six more weeks of winter instead of the six more days. Being in the middle of winter he didn't think the six days made as much sense. Council Member Andrews said he doesn't understand changing it to six weeks because the reason they had six days was they wanted it to be different than Punxsutawney Phil. They wanted it to be a western version of Punxsutawney Phil, so instead of wearing top hats and tuxedos, they wanted to wear Hawaiian shirts or cowboy shirts and boots. That's why it kind of upset him when Mayor Bangerter came in with top hats for everyone and went with six more weeks instead of days. The City's participation in it has been wonderful and that's why he turned it over to the City, but he kind of felt like the City had changed some things he didn't want changed. Mayor Bangerter respects that and had not noticed anyone in cowboy hats or western outfits in prior years. He wanted to apologize for any hurt feelings and get feedback from the Council Members. Last year they set off some fireworks you can purchase in the stores and wanted to know if they wanted to do it again this year. He brought up the disclosure statements and said since the issue with him, he realized it runs through his office so he has asked that financial disclosure statements be submitted by all employees. When they are turned in, they will be brought before the Council to review and discuss any concerns.

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Recorder Hale said there are some flag pole banner type signs being put up by businesses and there is nothing in the City's ordinance that regulates them or states they are allowed. She asked if the Council wanted to review the issue. She has not checked with other cities yet to see what their regulations are. Mayor Bangerter asked her to do some research on the issue and then bring it back before the Council. Right now, if any are blocking traffic view or otherwise causing a hazard the police can address it. Chief Eborn said he remembered back to when the Council was revising the present sign ordinance and it seemed they wanted to be a little more lenient to help businesses. Right now the signs are not blocking any view and are not a traffic hazard. Recorder Hale will check with some other cities.

Council Member Furniss made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Snow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved – January 15, 2013.

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Chad Bangerter, Mayor

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Susan R. Hale, Recorder