

**Sunset City Corporation  
City Council Minutes  
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Minutes of a regular meeting held March 17, 2009 at Sunset City Hall, 200 West 1300 North, Sunset, Utah; Mayor Gotchy presiding.

**Mayor and Council Present:**

Dan Gotchy	Mayor
James Bridges	Council Member
Cheyrl Budge	Council Member
Ricky Carlson	Council Member
Ray Chapman	Council Member
Ryan Furniss	Council Member

**City Employees Present:**

Susan R. Hale	Recorder
Linda J. Youngdell	Treasurer/Office Manager
Neil Coker	Fire Chief
Mickey Hennessee	Public Works Director
Vicky Gold	Recreation Supervisor
Shawn Valdez	Police Lieutenant
James Weston	Asst. Fire Chief
Fire Fighters:	Amy Kippen
Travis Jeffery	Anthony Bott

**Excused:**

Ken Eborn	Police Chief
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**Others Present:**

Itol & James Hunt	Green Attic, Inc.
Jorgen Nicholls	Brian Nicholls
Heidi & John Blaylock	Citizen Corps
Jaime Meredith	Sunset on Watch
Allyson Jackson	Citizen Corps
Chad Bangerter	CERT, VIPS, Planning Commission
Brad Weller	Planning Commission

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

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

**Approval of Vouchers:** Council Member Budge made a motion to approve the vouchers for Zion's Bank in the amount of \$90,634.08. Council Member Furniss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments:** Anthony Bott stated he lives in Clinton and he is here tonight because it is his understanding the Council may be selling some property in back of the City Building to help pay for a new fire station or an ambulance. He and his wife are interested in purchasing a lot if

they decide to sell. He has worked for the Sunset City Fire Department for 3 ½ years and would like to live in the City next to the fire station. He said he could not stay for the rest of the meeting because he had to teach an EMT class.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

1. **Request for donation from Jorgen Nicholls for attending the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C.:** Council Member Bridges stated there has been a request from Jorgen Nicholls to attend a Young Leaders Conference. He asked Jorgen to tell the Mayor and Council more about this conference. Jorgen Nicholls said he was doing really well in school so his teacher nominated him for the trip. He said he is really lucky to have this opportunity. He has heard a lot about this conference and believes he will have a lot of fun. Council Member Bridges said the maximum they can donate to an individual is \$75.00 and proposed they do so.

Council Member Budge asked Jorgen how much this trip is going to cost him. His father, Brian Nicholls, replied it will be \$1,890 for the conference and they still have to pay for his travel. They found out yesterday that Jorgen has been accepted. Council Member Furniss congratulated him and stated he just attended the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. and said it was very moving. He said he wishes it could be more, so he will donate some of his own money towards his trip. Mayor Gotchy agreed that the amount from the City could be more and urged everyone who could to donate.

Council Member Bridges made a motion to donate \$75.00 to Jorgen Nicholls to go towards attending the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Request from Green Attic, Inc. to temporarily park a semi trailer at their business located at 207 W. 1800 N.:** Mayor Gotchy stated James Hunt would like a trailer to be used as a storage container for his business. Mayor Gotchy believes if the Council allows Mr. Hunt to have this use, they would have to open it up to the whole City.

James Hunt stated this would only be temporary storage for his insulation until they can build a permanent storage structure. It would only be for three to four months. Council Member Furniss agreed with Mayor Gotchy, saying he believes this would open Pandora's Box. His concern is that this request comes after he already has the trailer on his property and found out it was illegal. He believes if they do allow this, it would have to be for a very limited time. Mr. Hunt stated he also has a real estate company he runs from there. He lives in the house next door and owns both properties. A company swaps out the empty trailer for a full one every week. Mayor Gotchy said there are a lot of truck drivers who live in the City and would like to park their rig in the City overnight when they are home, but the Council has not allowed it to happen. If they open this door for Mr. Hunt, they would have to open it for the others. He asked Lt. Valdez for the police's position on this issue. Lt. Valdez said the only thing the Police Department would ask is that if they are going to do this, they amend the ordinance to grant temporary permission because as is the ordinance does not allow it at all. Council Member Carlson believes they need to consider the business is in a commercial zone

and favors a temporary situation. Council Member Chapman passed around pictures that were given to him that show there are other violations on the property besides the trailer. Mr. Hunt said he has owned the properties for about a year and is slowly working on them. He would like to eventually tear one house down because it is just built on a slab. Mayor Gotchy, asked if they allow this for a period of say two months, what will they tell truck owners when they only want to park their rig in the City for one night a week. Council Member Furniss said this is hard for the Council because they want the business to stay, but there are ordinances they have to keep to. However, he does favor a temporary situation.

Fire Chief Coker asked Mr. Hunt why he has for sale signs on the properties when he said he wants to build a permanent storage building on one of the properties. Mr. Hunt replied they need to take them off the market because at first they were trying to get all the neighbors to sell so a developer could build something bigger there, but that fell through. Council Member Bridges stated the ordinance is very clear that no semi tractor or semi trailer is to be parked within the City limits. He asked if they were going to change the ordinance so Mr. Hunt could have his there. He believes they need to stick with their ordinance or change it. Council Member Budge said this is the second or third time this issue has come up in the last few years. Council Member Carlson suggested they review the ordinance because this is not a resident, it is a business and maybe there should be more leeway on commercial property for businesses. Mayor Gotchy said a truck driver's truck is his business. Council Member Bridges believes if you have one you need to have them all. Council Member Furniss believes this is something that needs to be discussed more and amend the ordinance to allow trucks or trailers temporarily. Also, so it allows Crystal Cottage to have truck drivers spend the night and park their rigs in the parking lot. For now maybe they could at least grant Mr. Hunt an extension until the next council meeting when they can decide on the ordinance.

Mr. Hunt advised he is having the trailer removed on Friday and he won't bring it back until the Council decides what they will do.

Council Member Furniss made a motion to table this issue. Council Member Budge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Update from the Sunset City Citizen Corps Council:** Heidi Blaylock advised the Sunset Citizen Corps now has a link to their website through the Sunset City website. This helps the citizens learn more about the Citizen Corps program. The webpage has the contact information, a list of upcoming events, mission statement and a description of the five pillars under the Citizen Corps umbrella. They will soon have a link to the National Citizen Corps webpage. She thanked Christina Arbogast for getting their link on the City's webpage. They will be having three BBQ's this year by combining some of the districts and holding the BBQ's in the three different parks in the City. They will alternate this with the former district BBQ's each year. Their first BBQ will be on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at South Park. They are continuing their work with Davis County on the Medical Corps Reserve Program by helping to recruit members. The next CERT class begins on Saturday, March 21st and there are about 20 residents signed up. They are continuing to hold review classes each month for current CERT members. They are working on the Neighborhood Watch Program which the

Federal Government calls "USA on Watch". They have personalized it to become "Sunset on Watch". She said they want to thank the Police Department for their support on this program and Chief Coker for laying the foundation for the Sunset Citizen Corps Program. She encouraged everyone to visit their website and to take a CERT class.

Jaime Meredith reported about the goals of Sunset on Watch. They got some volunteers from the open house they held two weeks ago and she would like to work with them to get one of the districts up and running. They want to hold another open house in the Sunset Room to get interest from more residents. They are working on advertising so the citizens will know what the program is and what is expected of it. They want to set up monthly district meetings and get the involvement of business owners, home owners, the Sunset Youth City Council and the youth of the City. They would like to obtain the engraver purchased by the previous Neighborhood Watch Program to help people identify their valuables. They'll be setting up a basic chain of command.

Fire Chief Coker reported he and Mrs. Blaylock applied for an EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) for Citizen Corps emergency preparedness. He received a letter today stating they had been awarded \$5,000. Mayor Gotchy and the Council Members cheered the news and Mayor Gotchy said that will help them a lot.

- 4. Revisit awarding of bid to erect a freeway billboard sign on City owned property at 1600 North and Main Street:** Mayor Gotchy stated the Council is revisiting this item because there had been some misunderstanding of utilities being in the way at this location, but there are not. If they do not allow a billboard sign to be placed on City owned property, another property owner could allow one to be built on their property because the ordinance now states the City will allow four in the City. If they do not allow this sign, they will need to change the ordinance back to three.

Council Member Furniss reiterated the fact that there was a misunderstanding, but this location is suitable and has no conflict with utilities. Planning Commissioner Bangerter talked to him after the last Council meeting and suggested a purpose for the possible revenue. It is one thing to get the revenue and just put it in the general fund, but it is different if they use it for a specific purpose. A new bowery has been talked about for some time and he presented a proposal to obtain one. The bowery would cost about \$180,000 and he got a financing quote from his friend who is the President of Centennial Bank. If they borrowed the \$180,000 for 10 years the payment would be about \$1,900 per month. The billboard sign revenue would pay \$1,500 and the City would be left to pay \$400. If the loan was extended to 15 years the payment would be about \$1,500 and the billboard sign revenue would pay the whole payment. The bowery would be great for Fun Days and employee parties and would be more enticing to the residents to reserve it. He strongly wants to have the billboard sign placed on City property, but if they don't pass it, they really need to amend the ordinance. The contract on the billboard is for a 20 year lease, with the payment increasing 15% every six years.

Council Member Furniss made a motion to award the bid to build a freeway billboard sign on City owned property located at 1600 North and Main Street to Reagan Outdoor Advertising. Council Member Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Ordinance 2009-03 amending section 9-6-4 of the Sunset City Code:** Mayor Gotchy explained that due to the awarding of the billboard sign bid, this item is now unnecessary.
6. **Council Member reports and general information:** Council Member Bridges thanked Mr. and Mrs. Blaylock for their tremendous effort in the Citizen Corps program. Their Council also does a lot of work. He is happy they will be holding another CERT class, which takes 24 hours for certification.

Council Member Carlson mentioned some items residents should do to prevent influx of mosquitoes. He said to remove stagnant water sources and register ponds with the Mosquito Abatement District so they can treat them. He advised the Recreation Department has prepared a booklet they are passing out and asked residents to look at it. He asked Jorgen Nicholls to wait and meet with him after the meeting.

Council Member Budge said there are so many people who do so many things in the City it is hard to thank them all individually. She really appreciates all the work done on behalf of the City. She asked Lt. Valdez if the rumor was true that they had arrested one person in the theft at Sierra R.V. Lt. Valdez replied yes, but he cannot really say more because the case is still under investigation.

Council Member Furniss reported he met with the Weber Davis Canal Company and Sierra R.V. this morning on some land Sierra R.V. parks some RVs on that is not paved or fenced. He went to see if they couldn't work that out and have it done. He believes some progress was made, but they'll see in the next few days. Despite the economic downturn, Sierra R.V. has not had to lay off any of their 15 employees and they are a good anchor for a tax base in Sunset. He reported the Davis County Sewer District is in good financial shape due to their great financial advisors.

Council Member Chapman thanked the Citizen Corps for all they do. He congratulated Jorgen Nicholls on his nomination and acceptance to attend the conference in Washington D.C. He asked the Council Members to think about what Anthony Bott said because he is a great fire fighter. If he has to move too far outside of Sunset, they will lose him as a fire fighter. He thanked Lt. Valdez for his help earlier today.

Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell said about a month ago she was approached by a Wells Fargo Bank Representative about a new service called "Desktop Deposit". That is a service that allows clients to run checks through a machine and the checks are automatically deposited into the client's bank account. It would cost \$800 to set up, but Wells Fargo offered to pay \$400 of it. She has signed up for it and it should be implemented in about two weeks. It will help with the "Check 21" legislation, which is for check flow. The City will keep the paper checks for about six months and destroy. As required by the State Money

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Management Council, she will still deposit the cash every three days. She advised the Planning Commission will be reviewing a conditional use request at their next meeting on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>. She reported the security glass in the office area has been installed and they have had both positive and negative comments on it from residents.

Fire Chief Coker advised the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. He reported that the residential fire on 400 West is still under investigation. The State Fire Marshall's Office and Insurance Investigator both said it was human caused and deliberately set. He requested to have the Council hold a work session before the next regular meeting to discuss building a new fire station and getting an ambulance. He would like to discuss financing and set parameters. Asst. Fire Chief Weston thanked Public Works Director for allowing them to use the shop area for some extrication exercises. He reported that about a week and a half ago they were called to a full arrest, which means a patient was not breathing and did not have a heart beat. Two fire fighters and one probationary fire fighter responded in a minute and a half and within two minutes of CPR brought the patient back to life and he is still alive today.

Recreation Supervisor Gold reported Layton Christian Academy played their first game on Sunset's softball field, which they are using for their home field. She thanked the Public Works employees for doing a great job preparing the field for them. She said "Student of the Month" is usually held the third Wednesday, but has been moved to the following Wednesday. Arrangements were made for Council Member Chapman to attend in Mayor Gotchy's place. Regarding Fun Days, she asked if the vendors can open at 10:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>, since it is a holiday. It was decided to allow them to open at 10:00 a.m. She reported the Recreation Booklets are being handed out by two employees for two hours per day until they are all out. She said the Sunset Room is being rented a lot more this year. Regarding the Adult Soccer League, the lights will not be able to be installed at South Park this spring, so they will probably have just a fall league this year at the Central Park field. AYSO will start their league on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gotchy asked Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell to post a donation request for Jorgen Nicholls on the City website. He asked the Council to think hard about the trailer situation because there have been more requests than just the item before them tonight for leniency on semi truck and trailer parking. He also asked them to think about selling some of the property behind the City Building. Chief Coker mentioned that Anthony Bott has made an offer on another house not in Sunset. He came before them tonight to see if it was even a strong possibility the Council might sell that property. If that would be the case, he would drop the other offer so he needs to know fairly soon. The Council Members discussed when to hold the work meeting and decided on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Selling the City property, the new fire station and the semi trailer situation will be on that agenda for discussion. Mayor Gotchy mentioned there has been talk of renegotiating supplying water for Falcon Hill. Council Member Furniss stated when MIDA gets up and running, they want bids to go out to the surrounding cities and counties for police service. Sunset needs to be ready when the offer comes. Mayor Gotchy thanked everyone for attending tonight.

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Council Member Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

These minutes have been read and approved at the regular City Council meeting held **April 7, 2009.**

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Dan Gotchy, Mayor

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Susan R. Hale, Recorder