

Sunset City Corporation
City Council Minutes
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Minutes of a regular meeting held April 20, 2010 at Sunset City Hall, 200 West 1300 North, Sunset, Utah; Mayor Bangerter presiding.

Mayor and Council Present:

Chad Bangerter	Mayor
Brent Andrews	Council Member
Cheyrl Budge	Council Member
Ray Chapman	Council Member
Ricky Carlson	Council Member

City Employees Present:

Susan R. Hale	Recorder
Linda J. Youngdell	Treasurer/Office Manager
Ken Eborn	Police Chief
Neil Coker	Fire Chief
Vicky Gold	Recreation Supervisor
Norm Noyes	Asst. Public Works Director
Jerald Jensen	Judge
Christina Arbogast	Court Clerk
Brett Jamison	Police Corporal
Firefighters: Holly Rossander, Peydon VanHoft, Darrin Kippen, Ian Nelson	

Excused:

Ryan Furniss	Council Member
Mickey Hennessee	Public Works Director

Others Present:

Tommy Miller	Youth City Council Advisor
Adam Schulz	Acting Youth City Mayor
Tena Hale	Planning Commissioner
Susan Andrews	

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Council Member Budge made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2010 as written. Council Member Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Vouchers: Council Member Budge made a motion to approve the voucher for Motorola in the amount of \$7,530.00. Council Member Chapman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: There were none.

REGULAR SESSION

1. **Presentation on the Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company by Ivan Ray:** Ivan Ray was not present so this item was not discussed.
2. **Report from Youth City Council on the Leadership Institute:** Adam Shulz, Acting Youth City Mayor, reported he and six other Youth Council Members attended Youth Leadership training at Utah State University. They were able to observe other Youth Councils and determine the best way for them to move forward. They attended sessions on service projects, inspiring others and organization and learned valuable information. They were encouraged by seeing the Mayor and Council members who attended the awards banquet in support of them. He thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting them and allowing them the opportunity for the great learning experience.
3. **Report on Sunset City businesses:** Recorder Hale reported she issued 24 new business licenses during 2009. In December, 185 business license renewal applications were mailed out. Of those, only 150 have renewed. That means 35 businesses either closed their doors or moved out of Sunset. 6 of those had opened in 2009. There are currently 156 businesses licensed in Sunset. Of those, 6 are new this year. The City has 63 home occupation businesses and 88 commercial businesses. 5 businesses are based outside of Sunset, such as garbage hauling companies, Reagan Outdoor Advertising and Outdoor Promotions, the company that advertises on the bus bench shelters. The City annually receives sales tax of approximately \$600,000. Part of this comes from the retail businesses within Sunset City, part from outside businesses selling within Sunset and the rest from the City's share of the 50% Statewide Point of Sale/Percentage of Population Pool.

Mayor Bangerter said collection of sales tax is vital to Sunset. Municipalities obtain most of their revenues from various taxes and fees. If avenues of sales tax revenue do not grow, the Council is forced to raise property taxes to continue to operate.

4. **Report by Council Member Carlson on Utah Water Users Association Conference:** Council Member Carlson attended a Utah Water Users Association Conference in March and gave a report on it. The Federal Government is looking into governing all water in the Nation instead of allowing the States to continue doing it and making stricter regulations on pesticides which might cause entities such as mosquito abatement districts cease to be able to function. Bills were reviewed and passed concerning canal safety due to the Riverdale and Logan floods making the canal companies and local governments more responsible. There was a bill before the legislature allowing cities to lease their water rights to another party, but it did not pass. However they will continue to review the issue. Randy Julander with the State Natural Resources Division presented a report on the direct link between the density of trees and the annual snowpack. The more trees there are the less snowpack there is. That is why it is important to manage forest land effectively. Protecting water rights was discussed and he noted they need to keep good records to prove beneficial use in order to prevent any forfeiture. There are changes coming to storm water permits. Rain water harvesting is now allowed. 2,500 gallons can be stored underground or two 100 gallon containers can be stored above ground.

Mayor Bangerter asked Council Member Carlson to prepare his report to store in a book and to follow through with the water rights issue.

5. **Report by Mayor and Council Members on the Utah League of Cities and Towns Spring Conference:** Council Member Chapman reported on the Economic Development and Your Public Finance Toolbox session on financing public improvements with general obligation bonds, sales tax revenue bonds, system revenue bonds and special assessment financing bonds. At a presentation by the Deseret News he learned they offer a 'Neighborhood Page' online where cities can advertise their events for free.

Council Member Budge said she also attended the bond session. She used to think a city could just go out and do a bond, but she now realizes how a different bank has to sell them so it is quite different that she thought. She attended the 'Fiscal First Aid' session and learned how the taxes from gas has decreased because people are not traveling as much anymore and that is affecting cities' budgets. Another session was on how much influence you have on people by not only what you say, but the tone of voice while saying it. It is important for City employees to be aware of the tone they are using and not to treat people like objects. Bill Walton, a basketball player, spoke on the outlook people need to have to go through the trials they have to go through, such as the 57 surgeries he had to have on his ankles and his back surgery. People tend to look at others and not realize what they may be going through. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to attend this training.

Council Member Carlson spoke about the bond session also. The Davis Council Mosquito Abatement District took out a \$2 million bond to build a structure at the airport and it was hard to find people to buy the bonds once they were issued. He echoed what Council Member Budge said about the 'Fiscal First Aid' session. The 'Raining on my Dwindling Resources' session pointed out the financial strain the permitting fees for storm water are putting on cities.

Council Member Andrews said he attended the debt management session and learned a cities' bond rating makes a huge difference in the interest rate a city is charged. A cities' debt ratio is one item that affects a bond rating. He found out Sunset's loan for the City Building is not much debt for a city to have. Some cities have much more debt.

Mayor Bangerter attended a session called 'Back to the Basics' presented by Chris Hillman, the City Manager of Clearfield. He learned some ideas to help with the budget process. He also spoke with the City Managers of Park City and Draper in between meetings. Due to that session Mayor Bangerter has asked the Department Heads to start at zero and build a budget for their departments. He wants this so he can account for and understand the budget better. With this year's budget constraints, it is time to do things a little differently. He and the Council spent a little time on St. George Blvd. so they could get an idea for what they may want 1800 North to look like when UDOT comes in to widen it for building the railroad overpass and I-15 interchange. He would like the City to have a plan so the City will get a street that benefits the City better. St. George Blvd. moves a lot of traffic and is still pedestrian friendly.

6. **Council Member reports and general information:** Council Member Budge congratulated Adam Shulz for doing a good job reporting on the Youth City Council conference.

Council Member Carlson said the lighting is good on St. George Blvd, where 24th Street in Ogden is not. When driving at night the lights on 25th Street shine directly in your eyes and St. George Blvd. has more lantern-type lights that shine differently.

Council Member Andrews attended the presentation by the 'Earthquake Lady' from the Utah Homeland Security and she did a very good job. He mentioned visiting the UAMPS booth at the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference. He also obtained some literature on starting the City's own Chamber of Commerce if they would like to.

Police Chief Eborn commented on the Letter to the Editor in the Standard Examiner by a Clearfield resident. It mentioned the Sunset Police Department using the police vehicles for personal business. He let the Council know he does not allow the Officers to use their vehicles for personal business off duty.

Fire Chief Coker advised the Elementary Schools are sponsoring a Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 5th and the Fire Department was invited to participate.

Recreation Director Gold reminded the Mayor and Council about the 'Lunch with the Mayor' tomorrow at 11:30 a.m.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to go into a work meeting after a five minute break. Council Member Budge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WORK SESSION

7. **FY10 budget amendments and FY11 budget proposals:** The Recorder, Mayor, Council and Department Heads discussed the latest FY11 budget requests with the proposed cuts the Mayor and Department Heads had made since the last meeting. \$100,000 was added to projected fines and forfeitures and a total of \$182,470 was cut from the General Fund. That leaves the Council with \$396,294 to find in more cuts and/or added revenue. The Utility Fund was cut enough to change income over expenses from a negative \$14,305 to a positive \$33,100. \$5,000 was cut from the Class C Fund and that leaves \$43,210 in cuts to balance that budget. Emergency Preparedness was cut \$2,500 and the Youth Council Fund was increased to expect \$1,410 from them in fund raisers. The transfers from the General and Utility Funds into the CDBG and Fire Truck funds were cut. Several cost saving measures were put on the table. Deferring the City Building payment could save about \$79,000 for FY11 only. Cutting the police secretary to part time would save about \$30,000 a year, cutting the firefighters from 26 to 15 would save about \$10,000 in training alone and cutting Recreation to 25 hours a week would save about \$38,000. Cutting any of these employees is not an option the Mayor and Council want to pursue at this time. Having the employees pay for 10% to 20% of their insurance would save the City between \$28,000 and \$56,000 per year at the FY11 PEHP rate. The insurance is also being shopped for better rates. Requiring all employees to take one day off without pay would save about \$5,400. The Mayor and Council decided not to cut any benefits at this time. Raising property taxes was also

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discussed and figures will be brought before them during the next budget work session. Selling the City property on Main Street and developing City-owned property on 250 West into four housing lots was discussed. None of the items discussed will solve the problem and even all the combined items may not solve the City's financial problem.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to go back into the regular session. Council Member Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Budge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

These minutes have been read and approved at the regular City Council meeting held **May 4, 2010.**

Chad Bangerter, Mayor

Susan R. Hale, Recorder