

**Sunset City Corporation**  
**City Council Minutes**  
**April 21, 2009**  
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Minutes of a regular meeting held April 21, 2009 at Sunset City Hall, 200 West 1300 North, Sunset, Utah; Mayor Gotchy presiding.

**Mayor and Council Present:**

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| 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:**

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| Susan R. Hale                                  | Recorder                 |
| Linda J. Youngdell                             | Treasurer/Office Manager |
| Ken Eborn                                      | Police Chief             |
| Neil Coker                                     | Fire Chief               |
| Mickey Hennessee                               | Public Works Director    |
| Vicky Gold                                     | Recreation Supervisor    |
| Christina Arbogast                             | Court Clerk              |
| Doug Garcia                                    | Police Corporal          |
| Bryan Kirby                                    | Police Officer           |
| Fire Fighters:                                 |                          |
| Amy Kippen, Justin Arbogast and Travis Jeffery |                          |

**Others Present:**

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| Bill Francis       | Davis Chamber/Channel 17                  |
| Chad Bangerter     | Planning Commission, VIPS, Citizens Corp. |
| Brad Weller        | Planning Commission                       |
| Carl & Ora Clayton |   |

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Council Member Furniss made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2009 as written. Council Member Budge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Vouchers:** Council Member Budge made a motion to approve the voucher for Davis County in the amount of \$20,432.00. Council Member Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments:** There were none.

## REGULAR SESSION

1. **Presentation to re-introduce Channel 17:** Bill Francis explained his company, The Imagination Company, now manages Davis Channel 17 and has been over the Ogden/Weber Channel 17 for the past five years. To participate in the Davis Channel 17, Sunset City would need to pay \$1,500 for a year. That allows Sunset to advertise all of its events on the channel and if the events do not conflict with Weber County events, he will run the advertisements on the Ogden/Weber Channel 17 as well. He ran a video clip to demonstrate the quality of Channel 17 and said it is only broadcast on Comcast Cable, but if a resident does not have cable, they can access the channel on the internet at [www.daviscable17.com](http://www.daviscable17.com).
2. **Discuss donation limit:** Mayor Gotchy explained the donation limits are \$75.00 for an individual and \$200 for a group. It was said that those amounts won't pay for a lot and the Council discussed increasing the limits. The economy, impact on the budget, not being required to give the maximum if it was increased, etc. was discussed.

Council Member Furniss made a motion to increase the donation limits to \$125.00 for an individual and \$300.00 for a group. Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with a vote of 2 to 3. Council Members Bridges, Budge and Chapman voted no.

3. **Council Member reports and general information:** Council Member Chapman said he received an invitation for the Youth City Council to join Clearfield's Youth City Council in a conference similar to what the Council just attended, but it is a year long event. He will look into it more and talk it over with Youth Council Advisor Tommy Miller to see what they want to do. He learned a lot at the Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference in St. George and appreciated the opportunity to attend.

Council Member Furniss agreed with Council Member Chapman that the ULCT conference was a worthwhile conference. His eyes were opened as to what other municipalities are sacrificing in this tough economic time. He advised the North Davis Sewer fees were going to increase from \$5.80 to \$7.00. Recorder Hale said she received a letter informing her of the increase.

Council Member Budge asked about the taco truck parked at Sunset Square. It was advised everything was legal and it is licensed. Council Member Budge thanked the Administrative Office for running such a tight ship and doing without a lot of unnecessary items. She asked about all the cars parked along Main Street on Sunday. Police Chief Eborn advised Kody's Auto held a celebration that attracted all the cars. There were very few incidents involving them. If he wants to do something like this again, he suggested guiding him towards using one of the City's parks.

Council Member Carlson advised everyone they would have the opportunity to view a Civil War flag from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in the Sunset Room. It is a National treasure. Brad Weller, the owner of the flag, said Council Member Carlson used his free use of the Sunset Room to show the flag a couple of weeks ago and he asked if there was anyone who would be willing to donate their free use of the Sunset Room to show it again.

Recreation Supervisor Gold said they really just wanted to ask if he could use the room for free and not use anyone's free use. The Mayor and Council gave their permission.

Council Member Bridges reminded everyone that the CERT summer bar-b-ques are coming up and asked the Mayor and Council try to attend all of them.

Recreation Supervisor Gold asked if anyone has a person in mind for the Grand Marshall of the Fun Days parade to please let her know. She reported that the softball league starts next week for the 10 and 14 year olds. There were not enough participants for the 12 year olds this year.

Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell advised one of the Planning Commissioners turned in his resignation because he is moving, but he will stay on until he moves, which will about May 15<sup>th</sup>. Now the Planning Commission has need of one full member and two alternates.

Fire Chief Coker advised there is a new Emergency Broadcast Station in Davis County on AM1700. The Cities can also use it to advertise their events. It was developed using a grant and there is no fee to participate.

Police Chief Eborn stated he received an email saying the Sunset Police Department has been selected to receive a grant for up to \$10,000 for equipment. He has to fill out some paperwork detailing what equipment he would like to purchase in order to receive the money. He is looking at a covert camera system to monitor areas where trouble has started happening, but it can be used for other equipment as well.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to enter the work session. Council Member Budge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **WORK SESSION**

- 4. Discuss parameters for semi tractor parking and the permit required:** Several parameters for semi tractor parking were discussed and it was soon discovered it would take more than just this one meeting to iron them out. Some items discussed that were not agreed upon were making the truck drivers park a certain number of feet away from their property lines, parking on a hard surface, no maintenance to be conducted while on the property and having the trucks parked by a certain time of night.

Chad Bangerter submitted some pictures and the previous City Attorney's opinion on this issue to the Council for their review. He had possession of these from the last time this issue was discussed. He brought up the issue of Crystal Cottage being allowed to have tractors parked at the motel or if it would just be residents.

Carl Clayton expressed his feelings about the rigs coming in at all hours of the night and the Police Department having to deal with the permits when they don't have enough time to take care of all the ordinance violations now. He believes the Police have enough problems without adding more.

The parameters agreed upon before ending this portion of the work session are as follows: 1) no washing of the tractor on the premises; 2) obtain permit with a yearly fee (to be reviewed by Attorney King for discrimination issues); 3) no on-street parking; 4) one permit per residence; and 5) renters need to obtain a letter of permission from the property owner to park the tractor on the property.

It was decided to hold another work session after the regular meeting on May 5, 2009.

- 5. Discuss FY2010 budget:** Each department representative explained what they had cut from their budget. Court cut the part-time Court Clerk by five hours per week, decreased travel & training by \$1,000 and equipment supplies by \$200. Administration cut \$1,000 from travel & training and \$1,500 for a new computer and upgrading the operating system. Non-Departmental decreased the transfer to Emergency Preparedness by \$5,500. The Police Department cut \$7,350 total from various line items. The Fire Department cut \$9,000 for a self-contained breathing apparatus. Public Works cut \$50,000 from Streets, \$20,000 from Building and Grounds, \$31,000 from Shops and \$7,500 from Parks. \$52,960 was added to Parks due to an error in wages on the worksheet from the first budget requests worksheet. \$4,755 was cut from Recreation. That was a total decrease in the General Fund of \$89,210. In the Utility Fund there was an increase to sewer fees of \$48,000 to cover North Davis Sewer District's fee increase and a little extra for City cost increases. In the Utility expenses, the Administration cut \$1,920, water cut \$55,000, sewer cut \$151,200, refuse cut \$12,000 and shops cut \$25,000 for a total cut of \$245,120. Class C cut \$25,000.

Added revenue sources such as increasing property taxes, the new billboard sign lease, adding a transient room tax, increasing fines and licensing all rented dwellings were discussed. The estimated property tax increases would be \$42,000 for a 28.21% increase and \$94,000 for a 60.26% increase. The billboard sign lease will be \$14,000 per year. The estimated transient room tax would be approximately \$4,000. It was reported that fines are State mandated and cannot be increased. There was no estimate on what the licensing of all rental dwellings would be.

After much discussion it was decided to add a transient room tax and make the following cuts: merit raises for FY10, the bulk of the newsletters by only putting it on the City website and printing out a few to hand out or mail if asked for, the Utah League of Cities and Towns Fall Conference registrations for spouses and the lodging in Salt Lake City for the Mayor and Council, City employee summer picnic, Police vehicle and portions of a few other line items, \$9,000 of the \$18,000 transfer to save for a fire truck and portions of a couple other line items, Public Works dump truck, \$500 of the Building Inspection training, about \$2,300 more in Recreation, \$5,000 more from Water, \$5,000 more from Class C, put a freeze on hiring and cut the authorization for 28 firefighters to 24 firefighters.

Council Member Budge made a motion to go into a closed session. Council Member Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Bridges – aye, Council Member Carlson – aye, Council Member Budge – aye, Council Member Furniss – aye and Council Member Chapman – aye.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**6. Discussion held in accordance with Utah State Code Section 52-4-205(1)(a) discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.**

Present: Mayor Gotchy, Council Member Bridges, Council Member Carlson, Council Member Budge, Council Member Furniss, Council Member Chapman, Recorder Hale and Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell.

Affidavit signed by Mayor Gotchy attached to original minutes.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to go out of the closed session and back into the regular session. Council Member Budge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

These minutes have been read and approved at the regular City Council meeting held **May 5, 2009.**

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Dan Gotchy, Mayor

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Susan R. Hale, Recorder