

**Sunset City Corporation**  
**City Council Minutes**  
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Minutes of a regular meeting held May 20, 2014 at Sunset City Hall, 200 West 1300 North, Sunset, Utah; Mayor Macfarlane presiding.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Mayor and Council Present:**

Beverly Macfarlane	Mayor
Ryan Furniss	Council Member
Trystal Peay	Council Member
Jake Peterson	Council Member
Kevin Snow	Council Member

**City Employees Present:**

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

**Excused:**

Chris Hadley	Council Member
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**Others Present:**

Terry Avondet	Sunset Citizen Corps
Ellen Cutler	Wanema Butcher

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 2014 as presented. Council Member Furniss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Wanema Butcher shared a special experience with “Neighbor Helping Neighbor”, which is Mayor Macfarlane’s theme for the City. Her son dropped off a basketball standard in her driveway about two years ago. A neighbor asked her recently about it. When told it was her son’s, the neighbor told her his grandchildren had been through quite an ordeal lately and wondered if he could have it to try to help them. After checking with her son, she gave it to him. The neighbor was so happy, he fixed her rain gutter, took a falling branch off her tree, cut down the bushes in her yard and his wife hung her vines up on her shed. When told about the dumpster the City had provided for the neighborhood, he used it for her trimmings. While he was down there he met some of the neighbors and had a good visit with them. He probably would not have met them otherwise.

- 1. Presentation from the Mosquito Abatement District - Davis:** Gary Hatch, Manager of the District, reviewed what they do and explained what happened to the eagles last year. 86 Bald Eagles were affected by the West Nile Virus (WNV), 82 of those died and four are in rehab. Those four have too much neurological damage to be released back into the wild, so they will be kept in captivity for the rest of their lives. Bald Eagles are primarily fish feeders, but also scavengers. 200 to 400 of them come into the Farmington Bay area every winter to feed on the carp. One to two million Eared Grebes migrate to the Great Salt Lake in late fall to gorge on brine shrimp before they go farther south, then they come back through in the spring heading north. Last year in late October about 1,200 dying Grebes were reported and by November dead and dying Grebes were noted by the thousands, which is not uncommon. There was a real hard freeze in late November last year that froze the marshes. The Bald Eagles could no longer fish, so started feeding on the dead Grebes. In Mid-December the first dead Eagles were found. The Grebes were dying of WNV, which is very uncommon, and the Eagles were feeding on the Grebes. Raptors are very susceptible to WNV, so a lot of Eagles ended up dying. All the Bald Eagles found tested positive for WNV. They believe the Grebes brought the virus in with them because this strain is very similar to the original virus that was brought here in 1999. They test 1,925 mosquito pools, which contain anywhere from 10 to 100 mosquitoes. Just under 160,000 adult mosquitoes were tested and there were not any positive mosquito pools in the County last year. They also test 11 chicken flocks every two weeks to test for virus antibody and there were two chickens with it in West Point late in the season. The Grebes have already come and gone this spring and there was not a high mortality rate. They are testing mosquito pools early, no WNV has been detected thus far and they will continue monitoring it very closely. WNV is spread when a mosquito bites a bird with the virus, then the virus comes out in the saliva of the mosquito to the next thing the mosquito bites. Depending on temperature, it will take 10 to 14 days for the virus to amplify and move. Basically, several things came together to cause the deaths of the Bald Eagles: the Grebes came in, the virus started spreading through them and a major frost hit that prohibited the Eagles from fishing. If the frost had happened two weeks later the Grebes would have all been gone and very few Eagles would have died.

The main focus of the District is treating mosquito larvae in the water. They hire a very large summer crew who treats known mosquito habitat. By air they treated just under 5,000 acres and by ground, just over 1,000 acres. Due to WNV they do a lot more spraying for adult mosquitoes. They spray just under 180,000 acres by air and just under 400,000 acres by ground. Starting in May, they run four foggers six nights a week and two more foggers four nights a week. Aerial adult spraying begins in late May early June. They treat catch basins like people's buckets, ponds, wheel barrows and also curb and gutter sites. A four person crew goes throughout the County by bike three or four times a year. Last year they traveled just under 5,000 miles by bike and treated just under 60,000 catch basins. They also have a fish pond program. They raise about 60,000 fish a year that feed readily on mosquito larvae. They give those fish to people with ornamental ponds throughout the County. The residents can call them and they will deliver the fish and put them in their pond for free.

Mr. Hatch reported Ricky Carlson was on their board for 8 years and was awarded a plaque at the last meeting for his years of service.

2. **Council Member reports and general information:** Council Member Peterson missed this past Planning Commission meeting so he has nothing to report.

Council Member Furniss thanked Fire Chief Lowman for allowing the Youth City Council to tour the fire station and take a ride in the fire truck today. The fire station looks much better than it has for a long time. He has talked with Planning Chair Stevenson and they are at a loss as to what Mayor Macfarlane wants on the map. Mayor Macfarlane stated she wants what is in the General Plan translated to the map, but not to make the map too detailed so they can see where the items are planned when considering projects. Council Member Furniss would like to get the budget approved and implemented before concentrating on the map. He and Chair Stevenson would like another joint meeting of the Council and Planning Commission this summer. There is nothing new going on with the North Davis Sewer District. However, there is a lot of construction going on there now so he would like to hold off on their tour. The Youth City Council is getting the word out the best they can to encourage more participants in their Council.

Council Member Snow has talked with Jeremiah Jackson and some of the LDS Bishops to see if they can make the City Clean Up Event bigger. They will try to get the other churches and businesses involved. He suggested maybe two groups of volunteers can start on either end of the City and meet at the City Building for a pot luck lunch. They may ask the volunteers to bring any equipment they may have that would help. They should know what is needed by Thursday. He asked Public Works Director Noyes if the city could provide weed killer for the cracks in the streets, curb and gutter, but Director Noyes said he would not like to set precedence because it is the home owner's responsibility to control those weeds. The Council Members agreed and it was suggested they could use weed eaters as they walk by if they want. He has not been able to get the Beautification Committee together, but it sounds like a few want to help. Council Member Furniss suggested allowing the LDS Church to help. They would run with it and the City would become the facilitator. Mayor Macfarlane said that was a good idea, but to also involve the other churches in the City. Council Member Snow said the DRC has not met so there is nothing to report. He mentioned if anyone is getting a lot of mosquitoes, they can call the Abatement District and they will come out and spray around the neighborhood. He is meeting with Christina Arbogast, the Court Clerk, and Police Chief Eborn to discuss increasing the ordinance violation fees. He mentioned he would like the Police to get tough on residents with weeds in the cracks of their sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Chief Eborn said there have been several warnings and citations given on the issue.

Council Member Peay said there has not been a lot going on with the Senior Program. She spoke with Recreation Supervisor Maylin and he asked her to make a few phone calls for him and he's doing real well on organizing Fun Days. The skate park will remain open for the year so they will have a skate competition during Fun Days. As long as they have the parts to fix the skate park they will leave it open. She and Ryan Walker met with the Manager of Blindside in Layton and he told them to have a league going on with the skate park, they would need to have several volunteers like the AYSO soccer program has and show a big enough participant group for the league. It won't work if parents won't volunteer and be

instructors. Also, the parents would have to know the techniques to teach the kids. She and Mr. Walker came away from the meeting thinking a program won't work in Sunset. Council Member Furniss advised background checks for the volunteer instructors would also be necessary. Council Member Peay said it is just not feasible at this time. So far, not a lot of children have been signed up for Kids Club. The flyers have gone out and there are flyers in the Office. There is nothing to report on Economic Development. The Citizens Police Academy is wonderful and very informative. When finding out she is from Sunset, a lot of people from different areas have said a lot of good things about Chief Eborn.

Mayor Macfarlane advised there are three classes left in the Citizens Police Academy and suggested everyone who has to opportunity to do so to experience the Academy because it is really an eye opener. She reported the Winegars have mowed the weeds near the street and they have taken loads of trash to the dump. They still need to haul out a couple of semi trailers and things. M.O.D. Taekwondo has moved from Sunset Square to the Winegars building. The area is looking much better. Mr. Winegar is talking to different retailers about locating in the building. The owners of Sunset Square should have all the lighting replaced soon and the parking lot will be repaved soon also. She appreciates all the work the Council Members have been doing. She has a goal to beautify the City and they are a big part of it.

Fire Chief Lowman reported the main ambulance was having oil pressure issues and was taken out of service to get fixed. They were able to put the second ambulance in service, so the City continued to be covered. The first ambulance was fixed and back in service very quickly. He has been doing fire inspections of the businesses in Sunset Square and the owners have been working well with him to bring their units up to code. He will work hard to keep the businesses open and safe.

Public Works Director Noyes stated he left a flyer concerning the CDBG project in each of the Council Members' boxes. June 11<sup>th</sup> will be the start date for the demolition process. All residents on the street have been given a flyer. By the 1<sup>st</sup> of June cities have to have a written plan in place on updating street signs. Some of the sidewalks around the City Building were sinking, so some have been lifted by a company who drills a hole in the concrete and pumps grout underneath to raise the sidewalk back up to grade. It is not more cost effective, but is less intrusive to the residents. They are trying it out first to see how it goes and they may do more throughout the City.

Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell asked Council Member Furniss to see if the Youth Mayor would like something in the next newsletter recruiting new Youth Council Members. The Planning Commission has openings for three Alternate Commissioners. It would be nice to have some because the last meeting had to start late due to not enough members being there at 6:30 p.m. She thanked Recorder Hale for filling in for her while she was on vacation.

Police Chief Eborn said he will get a report out to the Council on ordinance and Better Landlord violations. The Better Landlord program is working as there have been three evictions so far. He asked the Council Members to let him know of any problem areas as the

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Officers don't catch them all. He has been encouraging the R.V. Storage owner a lot to get it cleaned up, but there has been no action. He tries really hard not to cite businesses, but he feels this owner has given him no option but to cite him.

Mayor Macfarlane encouraged the Council Members to do their part in telling the Chief about violations and to ask their neighbors and friends in the City about getting involved through the Planning Commission, Beautification Committee, Youth City Council, etc. She stated her appreciation for their involvement and asked them to please take their Council assignments seriously so they can all make a difference in the City together.

Council Member Furniss made a motion to move into the work session to begin at 8:00 p.m. Council Member Peay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**WORK SESSION**

**Mayor and Council Present:**

Beverly Macfarlane	Mayor
Ryan Furniss	Council Member
Chris Hadley	Council Member
Trystal Peay	Council Member
Jake Peterson	Council Member
Kevin Snow	Council Member

**City Employees Present:**

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**Discuss FY14 budget amendments and FY2015 budget requests:** Mayor Macfarlane recapped the work meeting minutes of May 6<sup>th</sup>, stating, “The Cost of Living in 2014 is 1.5 and in 2013 it was 1.7 as reported in the Socials Security website. Last year the City employees were given a 2% cost of living increase. The employees did not receive a raise for five years prior to that, but in two of those years no one in the whole County got a raise. Based on the Assessors Office reporting, Sunset has the highest city factor tax rate in Davis County and the third highest overall tax rate, however the City has the lowest revenues from property taxes. In 2010 the City’s property tax increased from \$191,000 to \$300,000.” She wanted the Council Members to keep that in mind as the meeting progressed.

Recorder Hale reviewed the line items that had been amended since the last time they discussed the FY14 budget amendments. The Arts Fund had been discussed at a previous meeting and it was decided to keep the fund and take “Movie in the Park” during Fun Days out of it.

The FY2015 budget request changes from the last meeting were reviewed. Use of the fund balance in the General Fund was reduced from \$190,352 to \$99,496, which is a decrease in expenditures of \$90, 856. A potential sewer water problem was discussed so the Council would be aware of a possible added expense. Use of retained earnings in the Utility Fund was reduced from \$330,873 to \$76,650, which was due to an increase in revenue and a \$232,823 decrease in expenditures and transfers into Capital Project Funds. The smaller funds and Capital Project Funds were discussed. Due to the possibility of qualifying for some Federal funding, \$31,000 from FY14 will be transferred from the General Fund into the Public Works Capital Projects

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Fund and use the \$39,000 already saved for restrooms to do a restroom project and possibly do all three that are needed if enough Federal funds are granted to Sunset.

The safety of the turn out gear being used by the fire fighters was discussed. 25 of their turn outs are out of date and/or unusable. Chief Lowman will be purchasing five sets during FY2014 and will purchase seven sets in FY2014. That gets him half way there. \$30,000 was originally budgeted to purchase the 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance, but only \$12,000 was spent. It was decided to let Chief Lowman purchase more turnouts with the remaining \$18,000 budgeted. This gives the Fire Department 24 new turn outs.

Utility fees were discussed and it was decided to leave the water fees as they are, increase the residential sewer fees \$5.90, the commercial sewer fees \$5.20 (\$3.00 due to the increase from North Davis Sewer and an additional \$2.90 or \$2.20), decrease the garbage fee for the first can \$1.75, increase the fee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> can \$3.50 (to encourage residents to recycle) and increase the storm water fee \$0.20. The total residential utility bill will increase \$4.35 and the commercial utility bill \$3.65. Wage increases were discussed and it was decided to have Recorder Hale draft one budget with no wage increase and another budget with a 0.5% COLA and 1% merit increase. The merit increase would be given anywhere from nothing to 1% depending on performance. A work session was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The two budgets will be compared during the work session and it will be decided which one to use for the public hearing to follow at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Approved – June 17, 2014

/s/Beverly K. Macfarlane, Mayor

/s/Susan R. Hale, Recorder