

**Sunset City Corporation**  
**City Council Minutes**  
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Minutes of a regular meeting held June 16, 2015 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
Dan Ripple	Council Member
Kevin Snow	Council Member

**City Employees Present:**

Susan R. Hale	Recorder
Linda J. Youngdell	Treasurer/Office Manager
Ken Eborn	Police Chief
Jason Monroe	Public Works Director
Travis Carter	Asst. Fire Chief
Marcus Garcia	Public Works/Firefighter
Rich Brough	Firefighter

**Excused:**

James Weston	Fire Chief
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**Others Present:**

Peggy Stevenson	Youth City Council Advisor
Terry Avondet	Sunset Citizens Corp
Bryon Saxton	Standard Examiner
William (Bill) Kelley	Chad Bangerter
Bonnie Loomis	

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Macfarlane.

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 May 19, 2015 and June 2, 2015 as presented. Council Member Peay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Furniss, Peay, Peterson, Ripple and Snow voting yes.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

1. **Sunset City Youth Council update:** Youth City Council Advisor Peggy Stevenson said the Youth City Council is preparing for the Fun Days mud volleyball tournament, but they haven't had any teams sign up yet. She asked if it could be promoted on the City Facebook

page and asked for any other help they could get to promote it. They also discussed ideas for their parade entry, which will be themed “Not all Superheroes wear Capes”. They would like citizens to nominate City residents who have done good for the community and they will select a few to ride with them in the parade. Mayor Macfarlane said she would like to recognize these types of people during a Council meeting as well. Council Member Ripple believes the parade idea is wonderful. Adviser Stevenson said her thing is trying to bridge the gap between generations. She tries to get the Youth City Council out in the community so people can see teenagers are doing good things. The parade may be another way to do this. She would also like the request for nominations posted on the City’s Facebook page.

- 2. Consider Resolution 2015-03 supporting the HB362 (2015) authorized 0.25% local option general sales tax dedicated to transportation:** Mayor Macfarlane read the resolution conveying the reasons Sunset would like Davis County to put this on the ballot.

Council Member Furniss made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-03. Council Member Peay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Council Member Peay – yes, Council Member Ripple – yes, Council Member Snow – yes, Council Member Peterson – yes, Council Member Furniss – yes.

- 3. Consider Resolution 2015-04 amending the Sunset City Fee Schedule:** Council Member Furniss explained the increase in sewer fees is due to the North Davis Sewer District Board’s earlier decision to increase the sewer fees in \$3.00 increments over five years instead of all at once. This is the second year. The increases are to maintain and upgrade the sewer system.

Council Member Ripple made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-04. Council Member Furniss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Council Member Furniss – yes, Council Member Peterson – yes, Council Member Snow – yes, Council Member Ripple – yes, Council Member Peay –yes.

- 4. Consider Resolution 2015-05 amending the FY2015 Budgets:** Recorder Hale read the amendments to be made to each of the City Funds with the total budget amendments being an increase of \$254,913.

Council Member Ripple made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-05. Council Member Peay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Council Member Peay – yes, Council Member Ripple – yes, Council Member Snow – yes, Council Member Peterson – yes, Council Member Furniss – yes.

- 5. Consider Resolution 2015-06 adopting the FY2016 Budgets:** Recorder Hale explained that during the last budget work session the Mayor’s wage increase was left undecided, so she sent an email out to the Council Members. Only two responded and with a 10% increase so that is what was put in the budget. This was discussed and it was decided to leave it at 10%, with Council Member Peterson stating he is not for any increase for the Mayor.

Recorder Hale stated they also did not discuss the employee wage increase after being shown what an up to 1.7% merit increase amounted to, which was included in the budget. This was discussed and it was decided to reduce it to up to a 1% merit increase considering the approximately 9% increase in insurance benefits the City pays for the employees. Council Member Snow asked what happened with Public Works Director Monroe's wage increase. This was also discussed and said it would happen when his probation was over. There should be enough in the budget to cover it. If it does not, they will have to open the budget at a later time. The total budget is \$4,604,102

Council Member Snow made a motion to approve Resolution 2105-06. Council Member Ripple seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 1 with a roll call vote. Council Member Peay – yes, Council Member Ripple – yes, Council Member Snow – yes, Council Member Peterson – no, Council Member Furniss – yes.

6. **Mayor and Council Reports:** Council Member Peay reported her veterans list has grown to over 60 veterans. She will start contacting them for Fun Days. Michael Love is talking to them about what they would like to have done in the City for veterans. Lorilee Beazer, the Daughters of the Revolution Representative, is helping on her end with it. They will see what events they can get going in Sunset for the veterans.

Council Member Furniss asked what was happening with the RFPs they decided on. Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell apologized and said with all that has been going on they have not been able to put them together yet. They will get working on them after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Council Member Peterson read the agenda for the June 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting.

Council Member Ripple reported the Citizens Corp plans to have a meeting before July so they can prepare for the Fun Days booth. He contacted the website administrator on possibly updating the City's website to make the information more accessible. He has been tracking the hits to the website and has been able to pull information such as where people come from and where they go on the site. He figured they average about 1,400 hits per month.

Council Member Snow stated he was unable to attend the Mosquito Abatement meeting this month, but said the mosquitoes are bad this year and he advised the residents to go to the Mosquito Abatement webpage to request a spray around their home. He will ask that a link to their page be put on the City's webpage.

Mayor Macfarlane reported Col. Landrum is leaving HAFB and she attended the exit ceremony. He has been a great advocate of Sunset. Sunset City businesses are flying the flags they purchased from the Kiwanis Club; there are 16 flags so far. The money for the purchase of those flags goes towards the schools.

7. **Department Reports:** Police Chief Eborn reported another Officer has resigned so they have two openings to fill. This Officer received an offer of employment outside of police work for double the salary. He has advertised for the positions and has had a couple applications come in. He believes one of the issues for not receiving many applications is that the starting wage is \$16.00 per hour, when Clinton's starting wage is \$18.00 now and will be \$18.95 beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. The other two bordering cities are \$18.00 and \$17.95 per hour. Right now the two newest officers are making less than that. One has been with Sunset for 3 1/2 years and currently makes \$16.75 an hour. The budget has already been passed, but this just came to light and he only brought it up so the Council can think about increasing the starting wage in the future and possibly bring the wage up of the bottom two officers. He knows two of the bordering cities are trying to recruit them and he does not want to lose them. Council Member Ripple said he shared the Facebook post of the openings and two officers he knows said the starting wage is unacceptably low. Council Member Furniss said he has thought about this for eight years and asked at what point they should consider combining police forces so they don't have this turn over. Chief Eborn said the majority of the Officers who have left Sunset went to Clinton. As hard as it is for him to say, maybe it is something they should look at all the time. He does not know if it's the most viable option right now, but it can be explored. Council Member Furniss said another important thing to consider when looking at wage comparison is looking at cities the same size as Sunset. Chief Eborn agreed, but said the three surrounding cities are the ones recruiting officers away from Sunset. It was also said with today's feeling in the Nation, not a lot of people want to become police officers. Chief Eborn would not mind discussing this option, but would beg and plead to make sure all the Sunset officers are picked up by the other agency. They would also need to keep in mind this would bring Sunset's Court into the mix. He is not looking to have a decision tonight; just to bring the problem to the Council's attention.

Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell advised they will be getting newsletters out the first part of July and the articles for it are due Monday. She received a call from a resident concerned about the spraying for mosquitoes that has been done the previous two nights because she has severe immune system problems. Council Member Snow said he does not think the amount they use would hurt anyone, but she should call the District.

Asst. Chief Carter said the planning for Fun Days is on track. They are getting sprinkler props to demonstrate how sprinkling systems work on fires and there will be other static displays. They will hold Captain testing Friday for five applicants. The Department needs the Mayor and Council to obtain their NIMS Certification to apply for government grants, but it was decided they would wait for the new Council to get in office before certifying the Council Members. The EMT Advanced class will begin next month. Anthony Bott is the new Deputy Chief.

Public Works Director Monroe advised Operations Manager Maylin and the Events Coordinator are working on getting donations to help with Fun Days. They will be able to hold the skate contest again this year and he has about eight judges lined up for it. The mud volleyball tournament will be on the flyer. Kids Club is going good. There was a snag with

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the t-shirt sizing, but they are getting that fixed. Three people were hired to help with Kids Club. They will be cutting down dead trees in the parks over the next couple of weeks. Tomorrow, they will be fixing the Council Room ceiling from the leak in the roof. They are discussing a couple of names for the Grand Marshall of the Parade and asked to be informed if there were any others they should consider. He and the City Engineer met with Joseph Cook and his engineer for the Sunset Townhome development. They should have the plat fixed to what the City is requesting and be back before the Council on July 7<sup>th</sup> for approval. Kapp Construction is ready to go on the Main Street waterline. UDOT is putting in the traffic signal at 1300 North and Main so Kapp has been told to get with them and utilize what they have found to save some cost for the City. The 300 West project is almost done.

Council Member Furniss made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ripple seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Furniss, Peay, Peterson, Ripple and Snow voting yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved – July 7, 2015

/s/Beverly K. Macfarlane, Mayor

/s/Susan R. Hale, Recorder