

Sunset City Corporation
City Council Minutes
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Minutes of a regular meeting held July 21, 2009 at Sunset City Hall, 200 West 1300 North, Sunset, Utah; Mayor Pro-Tempore Carlson presiding.

Mayor and Council Present:

Ricky Carlson	Mayor Pro-Tempore
James Bridges	Council Member
Cheyrl Budge	Council Member
Ray Chapman	Council Member
Ryan Furniss	Council Member

City Employees Present:

Susan R. Hale	Recorder
Linda J. Youngdell	Treasurer/Office Manager
Ken Eborn	Police Chief
Vicky Gold	Recreation Supervisor
Neil Coker	Fire Chief
James Weston	Deputy Fire Chief
Bruce Arbogast	Police Sergeant
Fire Fighters: Amy Kippen, Ron Chapman, Adam Wolk	

Excused:

Dan Gotchy	Mayor
Mickey Hennessee	Public Works Director

Others Present:

Brad Weller	Chad Bangerter
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tempore Carlson.

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

Approval of Minutes: Council Member Budge made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2009 and July 14, 2009 as written. Council Member Furniss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Vouchers: Council Member Bridges made a motion to approve the voucher for Citizens Bank of Las Cruces in the amount of \$23,020.91. Council Member Budge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: There were none.

REGULAR SESSION

1. **Discuss City utility credit for activated military reserve personnel:** Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell explained this issue was discussed in 2003 and it had been decided to give military reservists who were activated a one time \$100.00 credit on their water bill. The issue is back before them due to people being activated more than once and some have asked

if they could get the credit again. The Council discussed this with input from Department Heads and residents. They covered items such as crediting a percentage of their water bill, giving them a credit one time per year, if their income was the primary income or not, minimum deployment times and fiscal year versus calendar year.

Council Member Furniss made a motion that, one time per fiscal year, military reservists who are activated and deployed for a minimum of 90 days may receive a \$200.00 credit on their water bill if they provide a copy of their deployment orders to the office staff. Council Member Budge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This policy will begin for those who are deployed after July 21, 2009.

2. **Ordinance 2009-07 adding a chapter entitled “Condominium Approval Procedure” to Title 10 of the Sunset City Code:** Recorder Hale advised this item was presented and discussed at the previous Council meeting. The Council had just decided not to adopt it until the City Attorney had completed a final review. He has now done so and given his approval of the ordinance with no changes.

Council Member Budge made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-07 as written. Council Member Chapman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Council Member Bridges – aye, Council Member Budge – aye, Mayor Pro-Tempore Carlson – aye, Council Member Furniss – aye and Council Member Chapman – aye.

3. **Resolution 2009-03 amending the Sunset City Personnel Policies and Procedures regarding political activity:** This was also discussed at the last Council meeting and there was no further discussion.

Council Member Budge made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-03 as written. Council Member Furniss seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 1 with a roll call vote. Council Member Bridges – aye, Council Member Budge – aye, Mayor Pro-Tempore Carlson – aye, Council Member Furniss – aye and Council Member Chapman – nay.

Council Member Chapman stated this affects him and asked that the following be written verbatim: Council Member Chapman – So I’m grandfathered as City Council until I leave office, right? Council Member Furniss – That’s how I understand it. Council Member Budge – yes. Council Member Chapman - Just for the record, I’m grandfathered until I leave office because of this resolution. Council Member Carlson – Yeah, you’re grandfathered. Council Member Budge – Right.

Council Member Furniss then said if Council Member Chapman wants to run for office he has that right and the Council’s blessing to do so. Their conflict was Council Member Chapman being Assistant Fire Chief and Council Member at the same time. In the future, when his grandfather clause runs out, he has the choice of running for office or staying in the Fire Department. Council Member Chapman said he understood.

4. **Council Member reports and general information:** Council Member Bridges thanked the play committee, saying they did a great job. He brought up some homes that are degrading to the City due to weeds. They are homes that are in foreclosure and he realizes the City has a tough time finding the responsible parties. He suggested adding a line item in the budget of \$400 or \$500 to help clean up these yards. Police Chief Eborn said they had discussed asking the State Youth Center in Sunset Square to use these homes for their youth's community service projects. He has talked to the Director and he said the addresses given to by Sunset City will be done behind the ones already on their list. It would be useless for the City to clean up the yards and put a lien on the property because the lien gets taken off during the foreclosure process and the City would not get its money back.

Council Member Budge said the Sunset Community Play was good and well attended. She congratulated the group.

Council Member Furniss advised the North Davis Sewer District had to put a truth-in-taxation ad in the newspaper because they shifted their revenue source and it looks like they are increasing taxes, but they are not. He shared other cities' property tax rates with the Council. Sunset's is one of the lowest. He thanked the parade committee for their progress. He also thanked the Ken Garff Auto dealership for providing vehicles for the Mayor and Council to ride in during the parade.

Council Member Chapman also said the play was good and he enjoyed it. He needs help with the Youth City Council membership and advisor.

Recorder Hale advised that two candidates have withdrawn; James Bridges from the Council race and Ray Chapman from the Mayoral race.

Fire Chief Coker said the Fire Department is preparing for Fun Days and the "Fill the Boot" MDA fund raiser. He has applied for a \$4.7 million "Assistance for Fire Stations" grant. \$150,000 of it is for solar renewable energy sources plus a lot of it is to meet other NFP codes. FEMA has estimated there are 11,000 applications and they will be narrowing them down to 1,000 this week.

Recreation Supervisor Gold asked the Council to pick 3 parade entries for awards while they are lining up and before the parade starts. As of today, there are 47 entries. There are 43 5K entrants so far. She has received word from Tommy Miller that the Youth City Council will be able to man the Pepsi trailer during Fun Days.

Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell advised the summer employees picnic will be held on September 22nd. It will be pot luck, with the City providing hamburgers and hot dogs. Immediate family members may be invited, depending on the number. The Utah League of Cities and Towns conference is coming up in September so she needs to find out who is planning to attend and who is not. She told the Council how hard Chad Bangerter has worked on the car show for Fun Days. At every car show she has been to, she has seen Mr. Bangerter passing out flyers and promoting Sunset's car show.

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Police Chief Eborn reported the Police Department is in full swing with delivering notices to weed and junk properties. Council Member Chapman asked how long the process is from sending out notices until seeing the person in court. Chief Eborn outlined the process and it can take anywhere from two weeks to several months.

Chad Bangerter advised he and some members of the Citizen Corps in his area mow the lawns of neighbors when it is obvious the home is vacant. They also try to take care of the graffiti at Smith's and the skate park. He invited the Council and everyone else to attend the skate/bike competition on Friday. With the help of Public Works, Police and Fire, he has pre-tested the auto burn-out area for Saturday's car and flame show. He thanked the Office staff for copying the flyers for the car show when he needed them to. 1,000 post card flyers and 800 paper flyers have been passed out.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Carlson attended the play and also thought it was excellent.

Council Member Budge made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Bridges 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 **August 4, 2009.**

Dan Gotchy, Mayor

Susan R. Hale, Recorder