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City Council Minutes  
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Minutes of a regular meeting held August 19, 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:**

Linda J. Youngdell	Treasurer/Office Manager
Ken Eborn	Police Chief
Travis Carter	Asst. Fire Chief
Norm Noyes	Public Works Director

**Excused:**

Chris Hadley	Council Member
Susan R. Hale	Recorder
Breen Lowman	Fire Chief

**Others Present:**

Kathy Veliz	Beautification Committee
Terry Avondet	Sunset Citizen Corps
Spring Carter	Butch Wadman
George Romero	Reynaldo Cordova

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 August 5, 2014 as presented. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Vouchers:** Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the voucher for Hinklease in the amount of \$8,904.23. Council Member Furniss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Reynaldo Cordova commented that some people take pride in their homes and yards and some don't. He wondered if there is anything that Sunset can do to make people clean up their yards or if the City could clean up the yards and collect the cost from the owner or put a lien on the property. Mayor Macfarlane said they are citing for weeds and junk, but some

people would rather pay their fines than clean up. Public Works Director Noyes explained there is a liability when City employees go onto people's properties. If they happen to damage something the City is liable.

Butch Wadman complained about a house near his that has been abandoned for about 20 years. Whenever he has invited people to come to his home, he asks them to come from another direction because he is embarrassed to have them see it.

1. **Present awards to the summer beautiful home and property winners:** It was explained there were no certificates to hand out because Recorder Hale has been out sick the last couple of days. Also, one check was not cut because she did not have the information for area three. Those items will be mailed out when she comes back to work.

The winners were congratulated as follows: Area 1) 1<sup>st</sup> place - Reynaldo Cordova, 1101 N. 250 W., honorable mentions – Swain & Judy Wood, 961 N. 250 W. and Sonya Weiss, 908 N. 450 W.; Area 2) 1<sup>st</sup> place – Butch Wadman, 431 W. 2450 N., honorable mentions – Lisa Waite, 202 W. 1900 N. and Burton & Sandra Scofield, 2605 N. 175 W.; Area 3) 1st Place - Val and Doris Baker, 1441 N. 350 W., Honorable Mentions - George Romero, 1794 N. 350 W. and Alberto Garcia, 247 W. 1550 N.

2. **Consider approving Ordinance 2014-09 amending Section 4-4-1: Unlawful Acts of the Sunset City Code:** Mayor Macfarlane read the ordinance with the added terms, "It is unlawful to allow the growth of injurious and noxious or undesirable weeds, dead or dying trees or shrubs, garbage, refuse, unsightly objects or structures to exists on any yard, lot or piece of property within the City."

Council Member Peay made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-09. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Peay, Snow, Peterson and Furniss voting yes.

3. **Request for donation from Sunset Jr. High School for their Red Ribbon Week Fun Run:** This item was discussed and noted this donation was made public during the budget public hearing.

Council Member Furniss made a motion to donate \$200.00 to Sunset Jr. High for the Fun Run. Council Member Peay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Peay, Snow, Peterson and Furniss voting yes.

4. **Council Member reports and general information:** Council Member Furniss appreciates the amendment they passed tonight to the weed and junk ordinance and said that ordinance is the hardest to enforce due to property rights. Something may be junk to one person and a treasure to another person so the City has to be careful. The \$3.00 rate increase from the North Davis Sewer District has taken effect and he explained it was due to population and regulation impacts to the plant. The Council discussed touring the plant and Council Member Furniss will schedule it for them. The District is discussing new requirements when

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tying in to the sewer lines and Public Works Director Noyes will be notified when the regulations are finalized. He asked Asst. Fire Chief Carter if Chief Lowman plans to place insignias on the new Chief's truck showing it is a Sunset Fire Department vehicle. Asst. Chief Carter replied he did not believe so, but will pass the question on to Chief Lowman. Council Member Furniss reported he has a prospect for the Youth Council Advisor position and they are still looking for new Youth Council Members. Mayor Macfarlane said she would like to see an Advisor appointed before they attend the Youth Council Conference next year. Council Member Furniss stated he was unable to attend the last Council meeting when leasing the well was proposed, but he is in favor of it. He has checked on vehicles for the Police Department within the State and gave Police Chief Eborn the information.

Council Member Peterson stated the Planning Commission is responsible for drafting the City's General Plan and with the new Council, they have been given a new vision. They are working on a visual overlay map asked for by Mayor Macfarlane. The Planning Commission is in need of three Alternate Members. If anyone is interested, applications may be obtained at the City Office. Some Commissioners will be attending the Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference on Planners Day, which is Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Planning Commission meeting this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Snow noted on August 9<sup>th</sup> they held a City-wide clean up day. It was not well attended, but they were able to trim up and kill a lot of weeds in the cracks of the sidewalks and gutters. The Beautification Committee would like to put notes on residents' doors to remind them to maintain the work that has been done. He thanked the residents and Public Works employees who helped them with the weeds. Going through the City that day has made Council Member Snow realize just how bad it is in the City. He reported that the Truth in Taxation hearing was held by the Mosquito Abatement Board and the property tax increase was approved so they can expand their building. A flyer was sent out regarding the West Nile Virus, but they are finding a lot of residents didn't see it. Residents may ask to have their area sprayed just by calling or going to their website. The MIDA Development Review Committee has not held a meeting since the last one he reported on. He received an email from Chief Eborn with a report on the Better Landlord Program and he recited the numbers. As to weeds and junk, he suggested having the City clean up the properties and charging the home owners on their utility bill. Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell explained that could not be done. Mayor Macfarlane suggested Council Member Snow research what can be done with abandoned properties.

Council Member Peay reported they held the "Movie in the Park" last Friday and attendance was low. They believe it was because a lot of people were trying to get in their last vacation before school started, so it was suggested next year they wait until the weekend after school starts. The employee picnic will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> and the RSVPs need to be to Linda by September 5<sup>th</sup>. The next City event will be for Veterans Day, which is on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell was asked to give a report on the grant received for a blighted area plan. Last Thursday was the last day of employment for Part-time Court Clerk Andrea Bruening. She and Court Clerk Christina Arbogast are in the process of interviewing

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applicants to fill the position. The Utah League of Cities and Towns Convention will be held September 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. She needs to know who all is going so she can get them registered before August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief Eborn advised the Officers have been citing residents for weeds in the cracks of their sidewalks and gutters. He gave an update on abandoned properties. A new Police vehicle was approved in the FY2014 budget, but he is holding off on getting one because all the vehicles are running fine right now.

Public Works Director Noyes reported he attended a meeting held for the Environmental Impact Study on 1800 North. They will report to the Council during the second Council meeting in October. The 2014 chip seal road project has been completed. The carnival can be scheduled for Fun Days if it is held on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> so that is the date Fun Days will be on in 2015. He gave a report on the 300 West CDBG project. The Senior Christmas Luncheon will be at noon on December 3, 2014.

Asst. Fire Chief Carter said the part-time positions have been advertised in house, will close on Friday and then testing for the positions will be scheduled.

Mayor Macfarlane stated there haven't been any MIDA meetings for a while. The Under the Stars car show Wasatch Rods held in Central Park turned out really well with almost 350 cars. She and Planning Chair Stevenson have been attending the West Davis Corridor meetings. There isn't any news on the Falcon Hill Development. She and two Council Members have been in office for eight months now and they have made good headway in the City. She challenged the Council Members to have goals and work towards them. She stated her appreciation for the Council Members, City employees and residents for all they do.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved – September 2, 2014

/s/Kevin Snow, Mayor Pro-Tempore

/s/Susan R. Hale, Recorder