

**Sunset City Corporation
City Council Minutes
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Minutes of a regular meeting held September 15, 2009 at Sunset City Hall, 200 West 1300 North, Sunset, Utah; Mayor Gotchy presiding.

Mayor and Council Present:

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:

Linda J. Youngdell	Treasurer/Office Manager
Ken Eborn	Police Chief
Neil Coker	Fire Chief
Mickey Hennessee	Public Works Director
Vicky Gold	Recreation Supervisor
Doug Garcia	Police Corporal

Firefighters:

James Weston, Ron Chapman, Justin Arbogast

Excused:

Susan R. Hale	Recorder
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Others Present:

Sheryl Allen	Davis School District
Robin Buckwalter	Sunset Jr. High School
Heidi Blaylock	Citizen Corps Council Chair
Jason Gabbert	Planning Commission
Chad Bangerter	Brad Weller
Allyson Jackson	Jaime Meredith

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 Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of September 1, 2009 as written. Council Member Furniss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Vouchers: Council Member Budge made a motion to approve the voucher for Zion's Bank, Petroleum Equipment and Crane, Christensen & Ambrose totaling \$29,367.10. Council Member Chapman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: Allyson Jackson invited the Mayor and Council to attend Doxey Elementary School's "Walk to School Day" to be held on September 16, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Gotchy said he will be in Salt Lake and unable to attend. Council Member Carlson said he would be there and Council Member Chapman said he will try to be there.

REGULAR SESSION

- 1. Presentation on the Davis School District Bond Authorization proposal:** Sheryl Allen said the bond proposal will be on the ballot along with the Municipal Election candidates. The Davis School District projects a growth of 1,000 students by the year 2018. To meet that need, the District will have to build 1 ½ Elementary Schools, 1 Jr. High or 2/3 of a High School each year. The bond proposal is for \$250 million with \$173 million to be used on land acquisition, construction, renovation of existing schools and equipment. \$77 million would be used on maintenance. The Board of Education promises the tax levy will not increase if the bond is approved. They kept the same promise in 1997, 2002 and 2006. Bonds will be issued as existing debts are paid off and the ensuing payments will be kept the same by extending the term of the loans. The ballot will be asking for permission for them to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$250 million. State law requires them to give notice of tax increase due to the issuance of bonds because if the bond issuance is denied, over time taxes would decrease. It is very important to get the message out for residents to read the entire proposition so they will understand there really is no increase in taxes, just no decrease.

The tax rate and difference in valuation of homes between Davis and Weber Counties was discussed, as the property valuations are higher in Davis County. Air conditioning in the older schools was discussed and it is too cost prohibitive to provide air conditioning until the schools are replaced. The District has an agreement with Sunset City to pay 33% of the cost of the Election for allowing the bond issue to be on the Municipal ballot.

- 2. Donation request for Sunset Jr. High School Red Ribbon Week Fun Run/Walk:** Robin Buckwalter thanked the City for their support in the past. This year's event will be held on October 9, 2009 and will begin at 2:15 p.m. Any monetary donations will go towards the purchase of t-shirts designed by the students for each participant, food, drinks and awards. The donors' names will be printed on the backs of the t-shirts.

Council Member Bridges made a motion to donate \$200.00 for the Sunset Jr. High School Red Ribbon Week Fun Run/Walk. Council Member Budge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Update from the Sunset City Citizen Corps:** Heidi Blaylock reported there are not enough residents signed up to hold a CERT class this fall. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) also falls under the Citizen Corps umbrella. MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources. The Citizen Corps will be holding a MRC training this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. They are currently working on revising Sunset's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), which is a document explaining how citizens will be protected in a disaster. The leaders of the City will be the decision makers in a disaster so they will be asking the Mayor, Council Members and Department Heads for their help on the document. She reminded everyone they will be holding the Emergency Preparedness Fair and the Fire Department open house on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

4. **Discuss appeals board for Council decisions regarding zoning issues:** Council Member Furniss said they talked about appeal boards in a class he attended. If the Planning Commission either approved or denied a conditional use business and then the business went before the Council and the Council denied it, they could then appeal the Council's decision before the Board of Adjustment. That concerned Council Member Furniss because he believes the City needs a legal mind to review the statutes, their application and all the other aspects of the Council decision. Some cities use an attorney or a judge from a neighboring community. That may cost the City a little bit, but he believes it would be worth it if the City were sued. The Board of Adjustment is just like the Council in that it doesn't have a legal mind to interpret the laws. This issue was discussed and it was decided Council Member Furniss would gather more information and they would review the issue further.
5. **Council Member reports and general information:** Council Member Bridges thanked the CERT members for their good work and reminded everyone about the Emergency Preparedness Fair. He also thanked the Department Heads and employees for their work.

Council Member Carlson echoed Council Member Bridges' comments. He encouraged everyone to walk to school with the children tomorrow morning. He reminded all those who hadn't voted yet to go across the hall and do so.

Council Member Budge asked the Fire Department to take ownership of their building and make sure it is clean and presentable for the open house so the citizens can be proud of their Fire Department. She asked Public Works Director Hennessee if he has each of his employees oversee a certain area like parks or streets, etc. Director Hennessee said he tries to have them over a certain area but everyone does a little of everything.

Council Member Furniss thanked the Police Department for their quick response regarding an incident in his neighborhood tonight and said they were able to catch the suspect. He thanked the citizens for allowing the Council Members to attend the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference. He came away from it with some valuable information on how to better serve the community. He is thankful for the Sunset City staff for being so efficient and doing so much with so little. The new Governor spoke at the ULCT conference, but he told how he knew what it was like to be with municipalities. He has drafted a letter to be sent to Governor Herbert from the Council asking to meet with him about Falcon Hill, which directly impacts Sunset. He wants to meet with the Governor because two Mayors who sit on the MIDA board are up for re-election. Should they not be re-elected their seats on the MIDA board would become vacant. Sunset has been trying for two years to get on that board and this may be a good opportunity to do so.

Council Member Chapman thanked all the volunteers in Sunset for all they do for the community. He got to watch the Bountiful Youth City Council have a mock Council meeting. They have 30 members and he will be giving a lot of ideas to the Youth City Council Advisor.

Recreation Supervisor Gold advised next month they will begin doing the "Student of the Month" program again and the school has agreed to purchase the pizzas. Flag football has

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started and Sunset's team won their game. There will be a UOVA volley ball tournament on September 26th so the parking area will be packed. She has sent out invitations to the CERT, Citizens Corps, Community Theater and some people who have helped her during Fun Days for the volunteer thank you BBQ. She asked that she be told if she forgot anyone. Last Thursday they held a Fun Days committee meeting and nine people attended. They will meet again on October 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Sunset Room. She has talked with some cities about their senior citizen programs and will talk with more. Council Member Furniss asked if she had an update on the adult soccer program. Supervisor Gold replied she has heard from two teams, but it fell through. She will hit it harder in the spring.

Fire Chief Coker said a hiring freeze was put in place during the budget sessions and that limited the Fire Department to 24 fire fighters, instead of the 28 they had been authorized to have. He asked the Council to lift the freeze because he has several fire fighters that have other obligations, such as military deployment, or have moved out of Sunset. If four more are hired and if they attend all of the trainings, it would only be \$800 per year per person; \$1,200 to \$1,400 per person with responses added. Council Member Chapman asked for this issue to be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Mayor Gotchy said while they were at the ULCT conference some of them spoke with the people at the University of Utah booth and they said they could do the study for the Good Landlord Program much cheaper with students in their graduate program. A lot of other cities are doing this program, so if Sunset does not get involved with this program it will have a lot more of the criminal element to deal with. He encouraged the Council to start looking into this issue again.

Council Member Furniss 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 **October 6, 2009.**

Dan Gotchy, Mayor

Susan R. Hale, Recorder