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Minutes of a regular meeting held October 19, 2010 at Sunset City Hall, 200 West 1300 North, Sunset, Utah; Mayor Bangerter presiding.

**Mayor and Council Present:**

Chad Bangerter	Mayor
Brent Andrews	Council Member
Cheyrl Budge	Council Member
Ricky Carlson	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
Neil Coker	Fire Chief
Norm Noyes	Asst. Public Works Director
Doug Garcia	Police Corporal
Judy Hampton	Police Secretary
Fire Fighters: Amy Kippen, Adam Scott, Travis Jeffery	

**Excused:**

Mickey Hennessee	Public Works Director
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**Others Present:**

Jared Jensen	Sierra R.V.
Carl Jensen	Sierra R.V.
Heidi & John Blaylock	Citizen Corps
Jaime Meredith	Citizen Corps
Kaleb M. Boyd	Kristie Wilson
Jim Sims	Nadean Gabbert
Wendy Gabbert	Sherilyn & Robert Davis
Doreen Jeffery	Jay & BerDene Whittier
Katy Gibson	Terry Avondet

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Council Member Budge made a motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2010 as written. Council Member Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments:** Jared Jensen, co-owner of Sierra R.V., passed out a layout of their proposal. He said when Sierra R.V. was courted to go into their present location, the Canal Co. and Sunset City was willing to cover the canal and they would now like to expand. He talked to Ivan Ray of the Davis & Weber Counties Canal Company, who told him they have some money

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set aside to help cover the canal if they can also get help from the City. Sierra R.V. also needs to have a road from Main Street into the south end of their property or they cannot grow into those four acres. They would like to have three or four slots with hook ups in the southwest corner for people from out of town to stay while waiting for parts to repair their R.V. or try out a new R.V. They want to either asphalt the area and continue as they are or, if they can get frontage visibility on Main Street, build a facility for high end motor home sales. He believes if they just asphalt and sell trailers and motor homes they should increase gross sales \$10-15 million. If they get frontage and build a facility, he believes their growth potential would be \$20-25 million. Mayor Bangerter said he would like this item on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Gale Johnson said he has had a problem with his trash service over the years. The truck comes around the corner and knocks his can over, then leaves trash on the road. They have also broken the axle on the trash can twice. He has tried to call them, but it has done no good. He asked if there was anything the Mayor and Council could do to help him. After some discussion Mayor Bangerter said he would write a letter to Econo Waste with his problem and then let Mr. Johnson know what the response is. Sherilyn Davis said she also lives on a corner and said they used to have trouble. When she called, she was told not to put more garbage in the can than will fit with the lid down or some items will be spilled out when they dump the can. They also said to keep the can eight feet from the corner to avoid the truck tipping it over. Now that they do those things, they do not have the problems.

Jaime Meredith said she has two sons in Sunset Jr. High and it is getting scary for them to walk to school in the morning because parts of 250 West are very dark. She would like the City to see if they can invest in more lighting on the street. Mayor Bangerter advised he has already asked the Police Chief and Public Works Director to drive through the City to identify areas that need more lighting. This may take the majority of the winter to go through the process.

**REGULAR SESSION**

1. **Award CERT graduates with certificates and update from Sunset Citizen Corps Council:** Heidi Blaylock introduced the CERT graduates and handed them their certificates while the Mayor and Council congratulated them.

Jaime Meredith, Citizen Corps Vice Chair, gave an update on what they've done in the last quarter. They had a fund raising booth at Fun Days, had a float in the parade and they helped the Fire Department by doing perimeter patrol during the fireworks. They got their website up and running at the end of April and since then they've had 1,115 unique visitors and 11,040 total hits. They are working on a newsletter to be released quarterly on their website. They would also like to include it on the City's website. At a Sunset on Watch meeting Deputy John Olsen from the Davis County Sheriff's Department talked about how to recognize signs of drug abuse and hidden gang signs. Unfortunately, no citizens were present to hear the presentation.

Heidi Blaylock gave an update on their "Festival of Trees" entry. They still need some items or cash to purchase items for the tree. She thanked Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell, Mayor Bangerter, Fire Chief Coker and CERT members for their donations. On November 13th from 11:00 to 12:00, they will hold a thank you get together in the Sunset Room.

Mayor Bangerter thanked the Citizen Corps for their efforts and the Fire Department for their help to the Citizen Corps. There are approximately 60 citizens of Sunset trained to help in an emergency.

- 2. Ordinance 2010-09 amending Title 9, Chapter 6 regarding political signs:** Mayor Bangerter presented the ordinance and after some discussion, the Council decided not to adopt it until the Council Members have a chance to review it more. Council Member Furniss will forward Mapleton City's newly drafted ordinance to the Mayor and other Council Members.

Council Member Furniss made a motion to table this item until the Council has time to review it further. Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4 to 1 vote. Council Member Andrews voted no.

- 3. Council Member Reports and General Information:** Council Member Andrews advised Falcon Hill will have a groundbreaking at 10:00 on October 27, 2010 for their first building to be constructed for Northrop Grumman. He attended a CART meeting with the Citizen Corps that addressed missing children.

Council Member Carlson congratulated the new CERT graduates and stated his appreciation for the Citizen Corps.

Council Member Budge also congratulated all the CERT members and Citizen Corps. She appreciates the citizens' comments because the Council does not know everything that needs their attention without the citizens letting them know.

Council Member Chapman said the Youth City Council accepted two new members at their last meeting. He congratulated the CERT graduates. He believes the new DARE car looks good except he does not like the flames on the front because it looks like the car hit something and it washed up over the hood. He would also like to see the lettering changed on the school names. He knows the revenue from the billboard lease is for a new bowery at North Park and he was under the assumption the money would be saved and then the bowery built, but he understands the bowery may be built and the revenue used to make payments on the loan for it. Mayor Bangerter said they are not pressing forward on building it yet, but are looking at costs and what would benefit the residents. As soon as he gets the figures he will bring it before the Council. It will probably cost about \$800 to get the estimates.

Council Member Furniss said he is hesitant to start a bowery project while in this recession and there are so many other needs within the City. He asked Mayor Bangerter to speak with the Council before he goes further on the project. He thanked the CERT graduates for agreeing to help the residents in an emergency. The North Davis Sewer Board is moving forward on building a 54 inch line to service Bluff Road and all the anticipated future development. He has heard some sentiment that the new DARE car is not quite what the police wanted, but his kids love it and are proud their school is listed on it. It was hard to approve the purchase of two new cars in this economy, but the old cars were in such bad shape he felt it was necessary.

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Police Chief Eborn stated they purchased two used 2008 Dodge Chargers. They are turn-back cars from Cottonwood Heights. Apparently, every two years they turn back their entire fleet and buy new cars. These two cars were purchased equipped at \$20,500 each as opposed to \$22,500 for new cars plus adding \$5,000-\$6,000 in equipment. He realizes these two cars won't last quite as long as brand new cars, but he believes it was the way to go this year. The prescription drop off held at Smith's went very well and as a result of that, a person from the Health Department wrote a grant on Sunset's behalf that will pay for a prescription drop box for installation at the City Building. He just spoke to Asst. Public Works Director Noyes and they will pick a date when they will go out at about 10:00 at night and check on the street lighting issues.

Asst. Public Works Director Noyes said the City dumpster program works well and it ended on October 15<sup>th</sup> for the year. They are still working on sidewalk repairs; they should get four more done this year.

Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell reported that the Davis County Health Department will be using the Sunset Room to give flu shots from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The cost is \$25.00 unless the person has insurance the Health Department will bill.

Fire Chief Coker advised FEMA gave the Davis County Fire Chiefs Association a \$437,188 grant. Sunset's share would be \$41,717, but to qualify for the grant the City would have to provide matching funds of 20% which is \$8,343. He has to let them know if the City will provide the matching funds by October 26, 2010. The money would upgrade the Fire Station to where they could be dispatched from any of the four dispatch centers in the County and he explained a few more items the system would accomplish. The Fire Department had already budgeted \$4,000 for the 10% match they thought this grant asked for, so they just have to come up with \$4,340. They would have to install a radio in the station and there would be a monthly fee to use it. Mayor Bangerter said they cannot vote on it because it is not on the agenda, but he would like the Council to review the request, ask questions and get back with him before October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Bangerter thanked the Citizen Corps for their efforts. He mentioned UDOT has agreed to install a traffic light at 250 West and said there has been some question as to why they're doing it now, when they know 1800 North will be widened in four or five years. He believes if they can get a light in now, UDOT will keep it in when they widen the street. He asked the Council Members to give him any concerns they have about the light so he can get those concerns to UDOT.

Chief Eborn reminded the Council the Doxey Elementary School Student of the Month Lunch with the Mayor is tomorrow at 11:45.

Council Member Carlson made a motion to go into the work session after a five minute break. Council Member Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**WORK SESSION**

The Council decided to switch around the agenda items.

7. **Discuss options for Public Works building and Fire Station due to the proposed 1800 North street widening and I-15 interchange:** The Council discussed how the inevitable widening of 1800 North and addition of an I-15 interchange could impact the Public Works buildings and Fire Station. There will be an overpass built over the railroad tracks and it could extend up 1800 North to about 300 West. It also looks like the widening could go more towards the north than the south side which means it will affect the Public Works buildings. They discussed the following possibilities: 1) leaving the public works area at the same location, 2) maybe using underneath the overpass for storage, 3) purchasing a home on 400 West for access to the property and 4) leaving the storage portion on 1800 North and utilizing the City Building basement for Public Works office space. When they discuss this issue again in a couple months they will use a map of the preliminary overpass and try to figure out how many properties it would take to keep Public Works in the same area.

Right now the Council does not know what it will cost, but they will be discussing items such as general obligation bonds, what the State will reimburse the City for the property they are taking and turning Central Park into a day park with walk in stores, a movie theater, etc. Mayor Bangerter asked Public Works to draft the facility they will need to house all the equipment so they will have something to start with.

The Council then discussed Fire Department options. If the street widening stays to the north, it wouldn't affect the Fire Station, but the I-15 Interchange probably would. The widening could veer back south, then it would affect the Fire Station. One option discussed is housing the fire offices in the City Building basement and building bays on the property next to the City Building for the fire trucks. They discussed using Central Park for commercial use and building the Fire Station on the property next to the City Building, which is already owned by the City. Fire Chief Coker's location preferences are first – on the corner of 1800 N. 250 W.; second – where it's at, but moved back farther; and third – on the property by the City Building. Chief Coker was asked to incorporate their draft building onto the property at 1800 N. 250 W. to see what the impact would be.

5. **Discuss proposed sale of City owned properties:** The Mayor and Council discussed when to run the ad and when to close the bidding. The Public Hearing is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. After some discussion, they decided to put the ad on KSL.com on November 8<sup>th</sup> and close the bid on December 30, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Mayor Bangerter and Recorder Hale will open the bids and email the results to the Council.
6. **Discuss adding a new position to the Police Department:** Mayor Bangerter said this is about opening a new position in the Police Department and advancing one of the Officers into that position. Eventually the other Officers would move up also. In the time this proposition would occur, it would cost the City about \$20,000. They would lose an Officer after a period of time and it would then take about six months to recoup the money through rank advancement and through not hiring another Officer for the six months.

Council Member Andrews asked how Chief Eborn feels about this. Chief Eborn said it is not his proposal and he has not seen it on paper. The employee asking for this asked him if he would oppose it and he said he would not. He also told the employee he would not try to sell the proposal to the Council, but he will answer any questions. If the Council decides to do this he will make it work and do whatever is necessary to make the money back. His fear is losing an Officer position forever and hopes that would not happen.

Council Member Chapman asked what the employee makes per hour now because they are talking money and he would like to know what the increase would be. Mayor Bangerter said it would be about an \$8.00 per hour increase for the employee. It gives the Officer the opportunity for rank advancement and he could possibly retire when his 20 years are up in July. If he does retire, it allows other Officers the opportunity for rank advancement at a lower rate of pay than the previous Officers. This position would be probationary and in July it would be reviewed.

Council Member Furniss said a promotion toward the end of a person's career is great because the person's retirement will be more. However, he feels they would be setting a precedence and gave the example of Asst. Public Works Director Noyes getting close to retirement. They would then need to do the same type of thing for him. Council Member Chapman believes they need to come up with a policy to give employees something for the employees' years of service. Fire Chief Coker believes this proposal would not be fair to all the other employees who have gone without a raise for two years, which would have helped with their retirement. Council Member Furniss agreed with Council Member Chapman in that the City needs to do something for retirees, such as helping with health insurance after retirement.

Council Member Carlson pointed out the Council just cut one of the Police Department's employees to part-time to save the \$20,000 proposed to give to another employee. Council Member Chapman said this bothers him from an ethics point of view because they would be giving something that would only benefit one employee. He asked if there is a limit to how much an employee can be given in the form of a raise during their last years of retirement. Treasurer/Office Manager Youngdell answered they can only be given 10% per year if the employee stays in the same position. There is no cap for a position advancement. Council Member Furniss agreed it was hard to give a raise to one employee when all the others need and deserve one just as much.

Chief Eborn said the employee in question needs to know what decision the Council has made because he has decisions to make about his retirement. After more discussion the consensus was unanimous not to create a new Police position. Mayor Bangerter said the employee approached him with the proposal so he will tell him of the Council's decision.

- 4. Discuss information gleaned from the Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference:** Mayor Bangerter said one of the classes he attended was on fees versus taxes. There is some flexibility, but Councils need to be careful to not charge fees for things taxes should cover. If necessary, taxes should be increased to cover costs. Also, fees should not be just copied from other cities, but the cost of services should be evaluated and assessed accordingly.

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Another class he attended was on ordinances. The biggest problem is ordinances not being understandable. He will be asking the Council to review the City's ordinances in the near future and he asked that they look for that and that the ordinances make sense because some ordinances may no longer be pertinent.

The last class he reported on was making sense of dollars. He has a booklet from the class, which he had given them copies of. He did not report on it because the booklet seems to be geared more toward bigger cities, but it contains good information for Sunset, so he made the booklet available.

Mayor Bangerter said he appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference and believed the Council Members needed to hear what he learned. He really appreciates everything the Council does. The most important thing he needs them to be is honest and open with him. If there is something he's working on that they don't think is a good idea, they need to be able to tell him so he does not waste time on it. They need to work together.

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

Fire Chief Coker said the Citizen Corps asked if \$1,000 of the Emergency Preparedness Fund to help match the grant he spoke about during general information. That leaves only \$2,300 to find.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

These minutes have been read and approved at the regular City Council meeting held **November 3, 2010.**

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Chad Bangerter, Mayor

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Susan R. Hale, Recorder