



## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council will hold a Work Session on September 28, 2011 in the Council Chambers, 45 West 100 South, beginning at 6:00 pm.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Update with regard to Citizen feedback and sewer options

If you are planning to attend this Public Meeting and, due to a disability, need assistance in understanding or participating in the meeting, please notify the City Office ten or more hours in advance and we will, within reason, provide what assistance may be required.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned duly appointed City Recorder for the municipality of Santaquin City hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Notice and Agenda was e-mailed to the Payson Chronicle, Payson, UT, 84651.

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**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor James E. DeGraffenried at 6:08 p.m. Council Members attending: Filip Askerlund, Martin Green, James Linford, Rick Steele and Brent Vincent.

Others attending: City Manager Ben Reeves, Community Development Director Dennis Marker, Deputy Recorder Linda Midgley, Keith Broadhead, Ron Chapel, Jay Cameron Jolley, LaDue Scovill, Doug Rohbock, and Lance Wollebaek.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

***Neighborhood Meetings***

Mayor DeGraffenried said over last few months the City has held 13 community meetings. The results of the meetings and issues raised have been compiled by staff. Dennis Marker said over 2600 invitations were sent out to property owners. The meetings had an attendance of approximately 10%. The General Plan and sewer options were discussed at the meetings. Issues raised by the citizens included a desire for stronger nuisance regulations relating to yard cleanups and landscaping; a timeline for parks, both in providing new ones and improving older ones; protection for neighborhoods and property values; and concerns about developments on the bench.

***Sewer Options***

Responses to the sewer issue raised at the meetings included cheaper options; stopping growth; protection from rate hikes; and use of the existing lagoon site. Mr. Marker gave a power point presentation on sewer options.

Piping concerns: The pipe at 400 East 450 North is a reverse flow pipe, and was put in with the idea that sufficient fill would overcome the reverse flow. This is a concern for the collection system. The lift station grinders and pumps need to be upgraded. No major upgrades are needed for the rest of the system at this time.

Treatment: Influent growth has crossed the aeration threshold. The City is currently receiving over 520,000 gallons per day. The City needs 112 acres for disposal now. It has 48.5 acres. Letters have been received from surrounding landowners stating they are unwilling to accept Type 2 water. The buffers needed for Type 2 water were reviewed.

The verbal agreement with the Rowleys was discussed. LaDue Scovill said the agreement made was that the City would not spray within 500 feet because the wind was causing the spray to infringe on the 100 foot buffer.

Stopping Growth: 520 additional lots are ready for a building permit, an additional 200 are on approved preliminary plats, and development agreements are in place for an additional 3700 lots. Santaquin will continue to see an increase in the flow to the sewer system. A moratorium on growth can be put in place for only six months, with the possibility of an additional six months if need can be shown.

Cheaper options: Costs for Biodomes and increasing the current system were discussed. Mr. Marker and Mr. Reeves spoke with the BLM representatives concerning placing Type 2 water on BLM property. There are several restrictions on using BLM property, including environmental studies, and it was indicated any proposal would take about 12 months to review. It was indicated the BLM would be unlikely to approve any proposal except underground piping through the property.

Glenn Perry (Design Build) and Steve Owen (Percwater) reviewed the city plans and have identified possible savings of over 2 million. If the bonds pass in November, the project must be rebid. This is an optional process to reduce costs. The ballot language allows the option to use the funding at the north or west site.

Participants in the meetings suggested an annual downward adjustment be made to the sewer rates based on additional connections. Additional ideas to save money included paying down the debt with enterprise funds; raising sewer impact fees to the maximum allowed (\$6000); allowing development agreements to expire; and converting the lagoon properties to revenue generating purposes as soon as possible.

Mr. Marker said Debbie Myers of the USDA indicated that if the City chooses an option that is less expensive than the \$18 million planned for the MBR, they will have to relook at the funding package.

### ***General Discussion***

Council Member Vincent asked if the resolution that gave the Mayor authority to sign could be brought back up to discuss the language in it. Mr. Reeves said the resolution is on the ballot as is, and if it is brought back up, it will no longer be on the ballot.

Council Member Vincent said he would like to see some discussion items added to the agenda. He said he would like to discuss the authority of the City Council and the Mayor and to give the City Council assignments to be over departments in the City.

Mr. Reeves said the authority of the Mayor, by State law, could only be changed by a unanimous vote of the council, or a majority vote of the council and the consent of the Mayor.

Council Member Vincent said he did not think the newsletter should have been sent out. Mr. Reeves said the State had informed the City that, according to election laws, the City can put out factual information, but any opinions stated must give the opposition equal voice. The letter will be retracted, and the information on the website removed. Council Member Vincent said he wanted the City Council to take part in anything that goes out to the citizens.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.