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MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD IN THE CITY HALL  
NOVEMBER 18, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Kevin Steadman. Those in attendance were Councilmen Goudy, Adcock, Pust and Jones. Mr Openshaw came in at 7:20. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Greenland and Mayor Steadman offered the invocation.

Minutes of November 4, 1987 : Minutes were read with two typos noted and Mrs. Goudy motioned to accept them as corrected. Mr. Adcock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Accounts Payable : The current accounts payable were reviewed and Mr. Jones motioned that they be paid as listed. Mr. Pust seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Later in the meeting it was determined to put a hold on a bill to Carr Printing for Court Docket books in the amount of \$121.82.

Judge Peterson-Concerning his compensation : Judge Peterson brought a letter from the State Court Administrator which showed how many points Judge Peterson had accrued over the past 3 years. The points are accrued by the number of cases he handles. Based on those points the Administrator suggests that his salary range should be approximately \$6900-7900 per year. Mr. Peterson is now receiving \$2700. Mr. Peterson was not asking for a raise to that range but only to keep the salary and benefits he had been receiving until recent Council action had cancelled his insurance benefit. Mr. Adcock pointed out that the Utah Code mandated that the Judge's salary should not be diminished during his term of appointment (which ends in January 1990). A question was raised about how this action of allowing the Judge to retain his benefits while other part-time City employees were not allowed to do so would be accepted by other City employees. The answer seemed to be that the other City employees benefits and salaries are not mandated by the Utah Code to remain the same. Mr. Adcock said that he felt that any further discussion was a total waste of time since the Law said that his salary could not be diminished. It was pointed out by Mr. Greenland that in a City Council meeting in 1982, Mr. Sam Sellers stated that the Utah Code states that Judge Peterson is a full-time employee because he is on call 24 hours a day. Mr. Adcock motioned that the Judge retain his salary and his benefits and be compensated as he has been in the past. Mrs. Goudy seconded the motion and the vote was: Mr. Adcock, Mr. Pust, Mrs. Goudy and Mr. Jones for, Mr. Openshaw against, the motion carried.

Larry King-Purchase of firefighter suits : The fire department now has 6 "turnout suits" which is very insufficient to handle the number of men who usually come to fight fires. OSHA has approved the suits that have been requested. The request is for 15 new suits (coats, pants, boots, gloves & hats) at a cost of approx \$6,000.00. The amount has been budgeted for the current year. Mr. Adcock stated that he felt that in good conscience we could not ask men to volunteer to fight fires if we did not have proper equipment for them. Mr. Adcock moved that the purchase of 15 new Fireman turnout suits be approved as requested. Mr. Openshaw seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Larry Hall-George Finch Wrecking Yard : Mr. Hall nor Mr. Finch were in attendance but Mayor Steadman suggested that the issue be discussed anyway. Mrs. Goudy stated that the issue was Mr. Finch has put wrecked cars on property not authorized for him to use for such purpose. Mayor Steadman asked if the actions of Mr. Finch violated any Zoning or licensing ordinance. Mr. Openshaw

- stated that it was in violation of his own agreement. Mr. Greenland stated that he understood that any car found outside the perimeters of the fence must be currently registered and licensed vehicles. Mr. Greenland was instructed to place the matter on the next agenda and to invite Mr. Finch to come to the meeting. Mr. Greenland was also asked to research how much of his property was in the City limits and whether he was in violation of any City ordinance.

Staff/Council Christmas Party : It was decided that the current Council and employees would be invited to a party on Dec. 16 at 7:00 p.m. at an as yet undetermined place. During the same discussion there were questions concerning the annual children's Christmas party. It was set for Dec. 23 at 6:30 at the new school. The Art's Council was asked to decide whether they would help sponsor the program and to return to the Council on Dec 2 with their decision.

Miscellaneous Item : Judge Peterson questioned the need for a Court Docket book which had been purchased in the past week. It had been ordered at the request of the Council, on the suggestion of the City Auditor, Earl Andrews. Mr. Peterson stated that he could see no reason for the extra expense nor for the extra work involved in using such books. Mr. Greenland was instructed to contact Mr. Andrews to clarify his reasons for requesting such book and also to research any possible statutory requirements for such a book. Mr. Adcock motioned that payment for the docket books be held up, pending the decision of the Council after the requested information is received.

Miscellaneous Item : Mayor Steadman stated that Mr. Lee Carroll had been in to ask why his bid on the surplus computer had not been acted upon. It was determined that a final decision had not been yet made as to the rest of the surplus property to be included on a public notice. It was decided that the computer should be advertised and sold alone without waiting for further property to be added.

Miscellaneous Item : Mr. Lynn Crook, Mayor-elect, requested that the Council set at time for a meeting of the old and new City officials so that the transfer of authority might be made as smoothly as possible. The meeting was set for December 2, 1987 at 8:30 p.m. after the regularly scheduled Council meeting. This must, by law, be an open meeting and was so designated.

LaDue Scovil-Chamber of Commerce and Insurance Proposal : Mr. Scovil introduced Mr. John Swindle who represents United Chambers Insured Plans, an insurer of employees of members of Chambers of Commerce throughout the U.S. Mrs. Goudy had requested that this information be presented to the Council. Mr. Swindle introduced the insurance, stating that it was comparable in benefits to most others we may have and very competitive in cost. The City would be obligated to join the Chamber in order to capitalize on the opportunity. The Chamber is not now officially organized but is waiting for certain documents from the State organization which should be arriving very shortly. The Chamber is having a meeting tomorrow night and all present were invited to attend. Mr. Swindle asked for a census of City employees so that he could provide a cost estimate for the program. There are 8 different programs within the insurance plan and the City could design its own plan using any of those programs. He stated that the claims ratio is very good since those businesses that belong to the Chamber are generally more stable, managed better and take a little better care of themselves. The Trust involved is about 20 years old and very stable. Mr. Greenland was instructed to get the census for Mr. Swindle as he requested.

- Miscellaneous Item : Mayor Steadman stated that a response had been sent to Genola Town concerning the water matter. Mr. Johnson, City Attorney, had sent a letter to the City indicating that he had sent a letter to Judge Park reminding him of the obligation he was understood to have in the matter. Mr. Steadman stated that the matter is still in the Court and that Genola can stop that action by agreeing with Santaquin. If no agreement can be reached then the courts will still have the responsibility for the decision. The Mayor expressed his thanks to Mr. Jones for all the work he had done on the matter.

Miscellaneous : Mr. Jones stated that a letter had been received from the City Attorney about the Rainbow Bar wherein he stated that he had sent an Order, Stipulation and Dismissal of the suit for the Judge to sign but had heard nothing since.

Misc. : Mayor Steadman read a proclamation for Utah Arts Council Week this week (Nov. 15-22). The Mayor and Council were asked to sign the proclamation. The Mayor expressed appreciation for the Arts Council and all that do for the City.

Mr. Jones : The Nebo School District bid for the Old School was inadequate so it has been decided to go back to Nebo and ask them to get bids for tearing it down, reserving the right for Santaquin to make a decision after the bids are in. The District has agreed to pay Santaquin the amount bid for the demolition.

Mr. Jones met with the Forest Service concerning the federal license to generate electricity in Santaquin Canyon. The application that the City has may not be used for many years but it will keep other Cities and private individuals from filing for such license. It is not, at this time, economically feasible for the City to produce electricity there.

Mr. Jones also stated that he had been invited to a workshop on Continuing Action to Reduce Potential Losses from Earthquakes along the Wasatch Front. It is sponsored by the Utah State Div of Natural Resources. It will be held Dec. 1 & 2. He will try to attend the meeting, there is no cost.

The contract with the Architect for his work on the Sr. Citizens center has been reviewed by Mr. Greenland. There were over 70 errors or questions in the text so it was returned to the Architect for rewriting and has not been returned to us at this time.

Mr. Openshaw : Has contacted the Department of Transportation and has approval for the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers to have the Monument on the highway South of Santaquin. The SOS committee will have a place to display it and when that place is ready it will be moved.

Jesse Smith has been contacted about placing handrails on the businesses where the new sidewalk had been installed. There were dangerous areas left and Mr. Openshaw was concerned that the City could be sued if an accident happened because of them. Mr. Smith had agreed to work on it and have the handrails installed by Thanksgiving. The merchants had asked that the City pay for the asphalt between the street and the new gutter. Mr. Openshaw told them that the City would not pay for it except out of the \$500 the City had agreed to pay for the sidewalk.

Mrs. Goudy : She had seen an article in the Newspaper which stated that UTA had offered to extend its bus line to the South end of the County and thought that it might be worth considering. 15 passengers per hour would be needed to pay for it and the City would also have to increase its sales tax by .25%.

The furnace in the Hall home has been condemned by Mountain Fuel so a used

one has been located for installation. Mrs. Goudy motioned that \$720 be spent to install a used furnace in the Hall home. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

She has become aware that there are no fire extinguishers in the City Hall. Mr. Greenland was instructed to check prices and get some installed. Mr. Ryan Peterson may be a source of them.

The Library has changed hours for the winter to 1:30-5:30 p.m. daily, except Monday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Continuing with information on the Library she stated that 451 books were checked out in October. There is to be a grant received in December for the Library in the amount of \$1000.


Mr. Adcock : He asked if the system we have for disposing of dead animals is working out OK. Mr. Openshaw stated that there had been a problem with getting into the dump because no keys are available when needed, but that situation has been remedied.

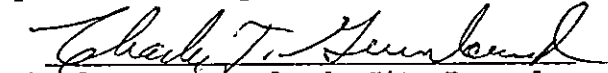
Mr. Greenland and Mr. Bailey have been hired within the last 6 months and the Council needs to consider a raise in their salaries when their probationary period is over. Mr. Adcock had a list of comparative salaries for Recorders in Salem, Mapleton, Midway, Lindon, Spanish Fork and Springville. Santaquin was less than any of them. He proposed a raise of \$150 per pay period for Mr. Greenland. There was a discussion of the amounts paid in the other Cities and how a raise would be funded. Mr. Greenland and Mr. Bailey were asked for their comments. Mr. Greenland stated that the workload he is required to carry warrants a higher salary. Mr. Bailey stated that the Policemen are bringing in 2 1/2 times their salary and the workload he carries should be considered also. Mayor Steadman stated that the two men came on at a very trying time in the City and congratulated them on being what the City needed at that time. The possibility of a raise for them will be considered at a later date. It was pointed out that the City ordinance states that the probationary period for new employees is not to exceed 6 months and that the actual time is strictly up to the Council to decide.

Mr. Steadman : The Utah County Food & Shelter Coalition had sent him a letter encouraging everyone to fast on Sunday Nov. 22, donating the money thus saved to the homeless & hungry of the County. Donations will be accepted by Deseret Federal Savings & Loan in Provo.

Kimball Rasmussen was recognized and presented the Franchise Tax check from Utah Power & Light for the 3rd quarter of 1987.

Adjournment : Mr. Openshaw motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting closed at 9:58 p.m.

  
Kevin H. Steadman, Mayor

  
Charles T. Greenland, City Recorder