MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTAQUIN CITY COUNCIL HELD JULY 7, 1987

Mayor Kevin Steadman called the meeting to order at 7:04 P. M. Present in addition to the mayor were councilmen LaMar Openshaw, Clara Coudy, Art Adcock, Joe Pust and Sherman Jones. Also present was Mr. Mark Thomas. Minutes were recorded by Ramona Rosenlund.

Mayor Steadman welcomed everyone with a special welcome to Mr. Pust, as this is his first meeting as a member of the City Council. The Pledge of Allegience was lead by Mr. Openshaw and prayer was by Mr. Adcock.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on July 1, 1987, were read. A motion to accept them with two minor corrections, was made by Mrs. Goudy and seconded by Mrs. Adcock. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Thomas - request to change Ordinance #86-2: Mr. Thomas said he has a mobile home which is 14' x 70', a 1985 model which he thought was the first year that mobile homes were OSHA approved. He wants to place it on a lot in Santaquin. The lot is located on the corner of 400 South and 200 West. Mr. Thomas said the home is new enough to meet the ordinance but is not wide enough and he would like the council to change the ordinance so as to allow him to bring the mobile home here. Mr. Thomas showed photos of the mobile home and literature about it to the council. He said the lot is now an eyesore and this home on it would improve the neighborhood. The lot previously had a mobile home on it, which has been moved away. He said he also proposes to build a 24' X 24' garage to the back of the mobile home if he is allowed to move it in. He has arranged the finacing and has everything ready to move to the lot.

Mr. Roger Kaufman, who lives next door to the lot Mr. Thomas wants to put the mobile home on, said he keeps his yard up and the other one is a mess. It is already impacted with a septic system, water hook up, power, etc. He has seen the mobile home in question where it is set up in Springville and he is more than willing to have Mr. Thomas as his neighbor. The women who owns the lot lives in another state and he feels the lot is a fire hazard

Mr. Adoock asked if Mr. Thomas was aware that the council had been approached before by someone wanting the same thing. It was his understanding that the 20' minimum width was intentional to eleminate single width mobile homes as opposed to what is commonly called double wide ones. The council does not have the luxury of saying they can ignore an ordinance for one person because maybe we like what they want to do and then someone else comes in and we don't like what they are doing and so have to enforce the ordinance. We have to be consistant.

Mr. Kaufman said he can understand they don't want a bunch of shanties moved in but this mobile home is not really a shanty. Mr. Adcock said even so, the next one might be, which is the point. Mr. Kaufman said they needed some way to differentiate because the trailer court as you come into town is really an eyesore. Mrs. Goudy said this ordinance prevents the whole town from becoming that way and the city sets itself up for a law suit when they say change the ordinance to put one in and the next one comes along which may not be as good looking and so we change the ordinance to prohibit it from coming in. Recently the clergymen from a church here in town wanted to bring in a mobile home

which was just as nice looking as this one and it was denied as it did not meet the ordinance. If we allowed Mr. Thomas this, what would we say to the church people as they could say we were discriminating against them.

Mayor Steadman explained that they would like very much to have him as part of our city but the council does not feel they can ammend the ordinance to allow him what he wants to do for which he is sorry. Mr. Kaufman said that if Mr. Thomas built six feet onto the width of his trailer he would meet the ordinance. Mr. Adcock pointed out that this would not conform either as the ordinance is very specific and says the manufactured size of the home must be 20' wide.

Resolution setting forth policy for reservation and fee charging for the parks: This item was placed on the agenda but it was found no resolution has as yet been drawn up. Mrs. Goudy said this was discussed at a previous meeting and the things to be included in the resolution were set out at that time. Mrs. Rosenlund was asked to write up a resolution, using the recommendations set forth at that meeting. She said she would try to have this ready for the council meeting to be held on July 21st. Mr. Openshaw asked if this was just for the bowery as he has had a lot of repercussions about the possibility of the city charging for the rodeo arena and other places. Mrs. Goudy said it was just the bowery. Mr. Openshaw said if they charge for use of the rodeo arena, the people who donated labor to help build it would present their bill to the city and it would be in the thousands and he felt they were right.

Mr. Pust said he did not feel the citizens should have to pay for us of the city facilities. Mr. Sellers said that the ball club takes care of everything when a ball game is played at the park. When the bowery is used a member of the city crew must go down, usually after hours or on a weekend, to open the restrooms and clean up, etc. so that is the reason for the \$25.00 charge. It was explained that anyone could use the park facilities whenever they liked as long as it was not reserved for someone and they would not pay unless they reserved it so the restrooms and power could be made available to them.

Senior Citizens agreement: This is basically the same agreement as last year. Mrs. Coudy said apparently this was received in the city on June 23rd but she has never seen it before. She said they cannot afford to not sign it as most of the funding for the senior citizens comes from Mountainlands. Mr. Sellers was asked if he knew of any changes from last years agreement and he said it is basically the same except for the amount of money involved which is \$1,200 more than last year to be given to the city. Mrs. Coudy said based on the former recorders information, she will make a motion that they accept the M.A.G. contract. Mr. Openshaw seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Council business:

Councilman Openshaw: Mr. Openshaw said they had a letter from the Utah County Commission concerning the solid waste study. He said they formerly wanted us to pay more than the city felt it could afford but now they are wanting \$165.00. This is based on population. Mr. Pust asked what this was about because if it was a county study why should the city help pay for it. Mr. Sellers said the new federal clean water act would close all the landfills down and require some type of plastic or clay material in the bottom. The county wants to study an alternative for the entire county to participate. Mr. Jones said he feels we should participate in it as we will be in it down the road. He said what they are looking at is recycling the waste and making

energy out of as much of it as they can. The study is to see what route is the most feasible. Mr. Openshaw said that by 1990 there would be no more individual city solid waste allowed so he feels they had better pay it. They are raising \$15,000 for the study.

Mr. Adcock said he did not have any problem with paying this and Mr. Openshaw made a motion that the \$165.00 be paid to the County Solid Waste Consolidation Study. Mr. Jones seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Pust: The Arts Council are asking for at least two chemical toilets to be placed at the old school where the activities will be held in connection with the city celebration, probably by Friday, July 30th. He asked Mr. Adcock if he was getting the canopies from the National Guard and Mr. Adcock said they could not get them. Mr. Pust said they had the water, the electricity and the picnic tables and the liability insurance. It was suggested that Mr. Pust find out what type of rides, etc. they were planning and if the companies providing the rides had their own libability insurance.

Mr. Pust asked about the chemical toilets and the mayor said if it is a city celebration can't the city play host to a couple of toilets. Mrs. Goudy said they had talked about this before and Mr. Jones said they have to rent them and they would have to find out who from and pay for them out of that department. Mr. Pust said he would take care of this.

Mr. Jones suggested Mr. Pust call the State Surplus about tents or canopies and if they had them they could probably get some for a song. If they did have what they needed they could send a city truck up to get them. The mayor said maybe this would be something the city would want to have on hand anyway.

Mr. Adcock asked about the banner over the road which had been discussed earlier. Mr. Openshaw said last time there was a banner accross the road the wind whipped it and it broke an overhead light. They need to be more careful where it is attached if it is put up this year and he suggested it be 17 feet high.

Mrs. Goudy suggested some sort of advertisement flyer be put out on stop signs, light poles, etc. as is done for the Ute Stampede. Mr. Sellers said the rodeo people were getting the banner and also having some posters made up for advertising.

Mr. Adcock: The city has received a letter from the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The council has a hearing a week from today on the issuance of a license to do business in the community and in regards to that application for a license, employees of businesses which dispense alcoholic beverages for consumtion on the premises have to have attended a seminar put on by the state before that license can be issued. A model ordinance was included in the letter and it is his recommendation that it be put on the agenda for a public hearing next time. He read the model ordinance, a copy of which is attached. Mr. Adcock said he felt they had better abide by state law and this law may carry some weight in the decision the council makes next week. Mrs. Goudy asked if it could be a seperate ordinance from the business license or would it have to be added to it. Mr. Adcock said it is a state law which they need to adopt. Mrs. Rosenlund was asked to post it for a public hearing on July 21st. Mrs. Goudy said since the state law takes effect on July 1, this year, they need to do it as soon as possible.

Mr. Adcock said they all need to be aware of the hearing they have a week from today. They have a request from the city attorney for production of documents and interrogatories and he wonders who is going to respond to those. The request form seems different than any interrogatores request he has seen before. Mrs. Rosenlund said she had gone through this request with Police Chief Coomes today and made a few notes. Some of the items they did not know how to answer. Mr. Adcock said that on #1, it needed to be noted that the citation was withheld pending the investigation that the county was conducting and we determined we would not charge them as long as that was ongoing and we did not have any repurcussions and we may still want to change our position on that.

Chief Coomes said he felt hesitant about charging them now because it would look like we were getting even because they are fighting the closure. I would feel like we were discriminating against him if we said now we are going to charge you. We probably should have done it at that time but we did not feel that the time was then. Mrs. Coudy asked, charge him with what? Mr. Coomes said selling beer to a minor. Mr. Coomes said that if council still wanted to charge him they could as they had a year to do this in but he would hate to see the city get involved in someone suing because you did not charge him and now you are, just to keep him closed and he thinks it will be detrimental to the city to charge him now but of course it is up to the council.

Mr. Adcock said according to the old ordinance, he did not have to be charged and convicted but with the new ordinance he does. He did not know what kind of bearing that will have on the case. Mr. Adcock said he thought they would operate under the ordinance which was in place at the time of the infraction. Mr. Sellers said application for the license was not made until after the new ordinance came in which does not allow you to prohibit a license on suspicion but on conviction.

Mr. Adcock asked if the council needed a reason to refuse anyone who came in asking for a business license and Mrs. Goudy said yes, if it is a renewal but in this case there was indication that they had sold beer to a minor, so they could refuse it. Under the new ordinance there has to be a convicition before they can refuse a license to sell beer.

Mrs. Rosenlund was asked to check with the city attorney about those items she was not sure about.

Mrs. Goudy asked what kind of situation they have there now, is it pretty above-board, did Mr. Coomes think, and he replied no comment. Mr. Pust said isn't he going to be more careful and more law-abiding now and Mr. Coomes said he was sure they were watching us a lot more and we are watching him more and thinks this is influencing his operations quite a bit.

Mr. Adcock said the other thing pending is the filling of the position for city recorder. He asked if the notice outlining the requirements got changed. Mrs. Rosenlund said it had been changed but had not yet appeared in the paper as it was too soon. To date there has been one application received. Mr. Adcock said they need to bear in mind that whatever salary the person hired is awarded automaticly puts the budget out of balance by that amount.

Mr. Adcock said there seems to be some problem with getting the bills paid as no one knows just how to handle it and it needs to be resolved. He asked if they could solicit some help from Mr. Sellers, the former recorder. Mr.

Sellers said he would come in and help with this.

Mr. Jones: Mr. Sellers asked if any consideration had been given as to who would handle the CDBG grant for the old school. Mr. Jones said he thought they should wait until they got a new recorder to take care of this and maybe Mr. Sellers could help that person with what had to be done. Mr. Sellers said he suggests they use the architect to administer the grant, as the architect would know how and it would be difficult to pass on in a couple of hours all the information he had gained from attending the seminar on this. He said it would cost more as they would have to pay Mr. Walker out of the grant, which would leave less for the actual project. If anyone messes up on one aspect, the money would have to be paid back.

Mr. Adcock said he did not see that there was any other choice, in light of the fact they would have only a city recorder, not an administrator, and they should take this advise and use Mr. Walker. Mr. Jones agreed. Mr. Sellers suggested they talk with Mr. Walker to see what it would cost. He also said he had spoken with Mr. Walker and told him the council might be contacting him.

Mr. Jones said at one time they were talking about contacting the people who own the water in Pole Canyon and he asked if Mr. Sellers had ever done this. Mr. Sellers said he had nt been able to track this down as it had changed hands back and forth a number of times.

Mr. Jones also said that after they had the hearing with Utah Power & Light regarding the buy-out someone was going to contact Mr. Tone and have him come back in. Mr. Sellers said he sent that stuff off and was waiting for a letter from Mr. Scovill but never received it. He will probably be calling us.

Mrs. Goudy: Mrs. Goudy said she was told by a teacher we are saying the Pledge of Allegience to the Flag improperly. She said we should not breathe until after we say "I pledge allegience to the flag of the United States of America", but nearly everyone pauses after the word flag. The teacher asked that the city council do it right as they are an example to the children.

She also mentioned that someone told her when they listed their home for sale, the realtor told them that it would be very hard to sell as it is harder to sell a house in Santaquin than any where in the State because of what we allow or don't allow in the community. She said the person was going to find out why this was so. Mr. Openshaw said it could be the high taxes and Mr. Pust said it could be this and the high water bills. Mr. Jones said a lot of the cities are rationing their water now but we don't have to. Mr. Sellers said you can't compare one city's water bills with anothers as they don't all have the same problems with distribution, sources, etc. and Santaquin has another city draining off 1/9th of our water and you probably don't have another city in the state where this is the case.

Mrs. Coudy said in regards to this situation with the water, we need to be aware that that community is passing rumors around the town that Santaquin has refused large amounts of money from Genola when they offer it and we are doing the wrong thing and they have a lot of people riled up about the so-called fact that we are suing to get rid of the agreement to furnish them water. She has tried to explain that Santaquin wants an agreement to help maintain what we've got. They won't make a committment, they want to pay what and when they feel like it. Mr. Jones said we have a letter in the office files that they wrote that said from now on Santaquin will receive nothing but \$30.00 a year from

Genola. He said until they got that letter they were willing to try to work with them, but when the council saw the letter, this is when we started the law suit.

Mr. Jones said Mrs. Coudy should get the minutes of the council meeting and a copy of that letter and show people that what they are saying is not true. He said the past city council should be commended for looking out for our needs on our water. He thinks we are going to get through a drough in good shape as our springs are holding up good and we should be alright. Mr. Sellers said with the new federal clean water act, and all the additional tests, and other requirements they are making, water rates are likely to soar everywhere. Mrs. Coudy said this is another reason why the problem with Genola needs to be resolved.

Mr. Jones explained that every year Santaquin sends Genola a bill for 1/9th of the cost. Mr. Sellers the last bill was figured on the amount of water they got which was more than 1/9th. They came in and said they did not want us billing them anymore but we are going to do it because if we get in court on it we can go back through the years and recover our loses. Mr. Barnes said they used more for Genola during the winter than Santaquin does, so we are chlorinating more water for them than for ourselves.

Mr. Adcock and the mayor said they wanted to thank Mr. Sellers for his help in providing some continuity with city problems until they have a new recorder. Mr. Jones said he feels they need to compensate Mr. Sellers for some of the work he is doing to help at this transition time. The more he can train a new person, the better.

1987-88 Budget: The mayor said the budget needed to be finalized and submitted by the 3rd Tuesday in August which is the 18th. Mr. Sellers explained they had to have a large notice published in the paper of this meeting once each week of the two weeks preceeding the meeting. He explained that no tax increase would be a decrease in revenues as they are taking the amount of money we were paying the county for collecting and assessing taxes away from us so now instead of our base tax being \$94,200 it is \$91,000, so there is a tax increase, unless they want to go back to \$94,200.

Mr. Steadman said they balanced the budget last meeting by making cuts and by using about \$21,000 which would have been Sam's salary, but as Sam will have to be replaced, this or a portion of it will need to be used so we have a deficit of around \$40,000. Mr. Adcock said when they left the last meeting, they had a deficit of \$13,000 which was to be taken care of with a tax raise and this was without a recorder so the money needed for that position has to be added back on top of of the \$13,000, but he said he had the feeling the council was going to try to eliminate even that tax raise. Mr. Adcock said they started out with a \$43,611 deficit. Roads gave up \$3,000, the library \$1,000, Sam \$21,000, the EMT's gave up \$400 and the council took a \$5 accross—the—board cut on non—wage, non—contractural obligations which is \$5,200.

Mrs. Goudy asked if Sam's severance pay came out of 1987-88 budget and when told it did, she said this needed to be added also, but Mr. Sellers said no, it was included and they would actually gain about \$3,000. She asked how he put his severance pay into the budget. Mr. Sellers said it was added in as a budget item under Recorder & Staff wages and benefits. He said the reason they save \$3,000 is he went around Pro-Benefit when he cut the budget. That money was left in to do the severance costs and everything else was cut out.

Mr. Sellers again explained the situation with the county tax structure, saying if the council did not have a tax increase, they started out with \$94,000 and now are at \$91,200, so they are out about \$3,000 over what the certified tax base is. He explained that last year the certified tax rate would bring in \$94,200 so they have to add \$3,000 to the amount they need to come up with to balance. This year, because of taking a \$3,000 devalue, the certified tax rate will only bring in \$91,000, so to go back to the \$94,200 which they were at last year, they have to have a tax increase. If you don't have any tax increase, you have lost \$3,000 in revenue. Actually, the budget arrived at last meeting was short \$16,000, not \$13,000 because you had to get back up to where you were last year. This tax increase will not impact the people's taxes on their homes, they won't see any difference, but it is the certified tax rate the county charges, which will be different, so to get the same taxes you got last year, you have to publish an increase to collect what you did last year. He said the state tax commission set up some really funny laws on this.

The mayor said they also had to come up with a new recorder's salary of between \$13,000 and \$15,000. Mr. Sellers asked if this included benefits or just salary with benefits to be added on top of that. Mr. Adcock said this was just salary and did not include benefits. Mr. Sellers said the benefits on this salary with social security, etc. would be around \$5,000 more.

The mayor again asked when they had to have the budget in it's final form. Mr. Sellers said the public notice they had to publish had to agree with what the county has so whatever is done between now and then is not going to effect the public notice. You might cut back to no tax increase, but when you publish the notice you have to show a tax increase as that is what went to the county following the last meeting. When the people come and if you are not going to have a tax increase, you will tell them that then. He said it would cost about \$1,000 to \$1,200 to publish the notices of the proposed \$13,000 tax increase. It has to be a quarter page add with a quarter inch border around it and it has to be in large type.

Mr. Pust asked why someone already working in the city office could not take over the responsibilities of the city recorder. He wondered if the workload could not be streamlined so the present personnel could handle it. It was explained to him that the state code requires there be two different people to do the required duties of a recorder and a treasurer. Mr. Pust asked why then could only one person do everything a number of years ago as was done in the city. It was explained that prior to the Santaquin becoming a third class city, this was legal. Also, the town was much smaller then and there was not nearly the work the two jobs entail now. Mr. Sellers explained that with increased state and federal laws the city must work under, as well as increased population in the city, made it impossible to go back to that situation.

Mayor Steadman said that in the open meeting held in the school a few weeks ago there was a lot of comment from the audiance about the same thing, wanting to go back to the way it was and consolidate but if those people were in his seat tonight they would begin to see some things they were not even aware of. Mr. Pust said he was already starting to see that things are not as he had thought them to be. The mayor said to convey to the people in town the way things actually are is almost impossible. Everyone needs to sit on the council to find out, just as he is doing, how things are. Mr. Sellers commented if you cripple the city office, you cripple the city as this is where everything happens, where all the laws are watched over, where the ordinances are made and

which is impacted the most by the legislature and the congress. Every thing that is done has to go through the city office to be coordinated and if you destroy that you basically destroy the city.

Mr. Steadman said that by Sam leaving we have reduced the salary down substantially even though there are required benefits, so in the minds of the councilmen they are willing to gamble that they can bring someone in at a lower rate and hope they can find the right individual. In some peoples eyes they may feel this is a step in the right direction, whether that is the case or not we don't yet know. Mrs. Goudy said there is not much we can combine in the office right and as far as eliminating Cheryl right now of all times, we need her more now than we have needed her before. Mrs. Rosenlund said she felt they needed someone part time in the office. Prior to hiring Cheryl, she put in a lot of overtime but since Cheryl started to work it is not necessary for overtime as the additional part-time person makes it possible to keep up.

Mr. Jones said that half of Cheryl's time was used for the police department. Mrs. Goudy said it was 7 hours in the police department, 20 in the office and 3 for the judge. Mrs. Goudy said she felt maybe they could cut back some of the hours but that the judge, by law requires a clerk. Mr. Jones said he thought they should leave things as they are until they hire a recorder and then they could re-evaluate.

There was a short discussion concerning revenue from the water department. Mr. Pust asked if some of that money could be used to pay the citys bills. Mr. Jones explained that the water department cannot be subsidized by any other department nor can revenue from the water be used in any other fund. Mrs. Goudy asked why more of the treasurers wages could not be taken from the water fund instead of so much out of the general fund. Mr. Jones said that a year ago 90% of her salary was coming out of the water fund and 10% from the general fund. Mr. Sellers said this was at the recommendation of the auditor but after that the council voted to make it 50/50 which is what it is now. Mr. Jones said they could look at going back to a different split which would help.

Mr. Adcock asked what they were going to do tonight as time was running out to balance the budget and they could not wait until they had a recorder in place before they decide what they are going to do with the budget. Mr. Jones said he thought they could. The mayor said if they waited for the recorder they still had to face the issue and he could not see how waiting would help. He asked if they were ready to get into the nuts and bolts of the budget and he felt they had to get started with it. He asked Mr. Openshaw how he felt about it and Mr. Openshaw said he told them how he felt about it last time and he still feels the same. Mrs. Coudy was asked the same question and she said they have got to do something but she had done all she could with what she was responsible for. Mr. Adcock asked Mr. Openshaw what he meant and he replied you know what I mean. Mr. Adcock said he knew what his recommendations were and Mr. Openshaw said that is what I mean.

Mrs. Goudy said they could cut back on the expenses of the election with having only one voting district, but it won't be very much. The \$1,200 was figured with having three, so we should be able to cut at least 1/3 of that off.

The mayor suggested they discuss benefits of part-time employees and asked Mr. Adcock what he felt. Mr. Adcock said the figures he was given show this represents \$4,200 in the budget for the part-time employees receiving benefits right now. He knows of no other place where part-time employees receive full-

time benefits and thinks those should be eliminated. Mr. Pust asked if there were not less expensive benefits the employees could be given, such as pensions. Mr. Sellers said this is required by state law though the State Retirement System and is 7% of salary. Social Security is set by law also. Mrs. Goudy asked if it was fixed as to who pays the benefit. She understood the city was paying this as the employees were given it in lieu of a raise some time ago and asked if this was only retirement or also insurance. Mr. Sellers said both. She then said the amount is fixed but who pays it is not. Mr. Sellers said the employees were at one time paying part of the retirement but the council decided to pay that share instead of giving them a pay increase. Mrs. Goudy said maybe they should look at sharing some of the benefit costs of some of the employees.

The mayor asked where they thought it best to implement some type of reduction. Mrs. Coudy said anything less than 40 hours. Mr. Sellers said according to federal law 30 hours was considered full time. Mr. Adcock asked how much they were paying the animal control officer and Mr. Sellers said \$300 per month and that she was bringing in more than enough to pay her salary. Mr. Pust asked why the police officers couldn't take care of animal control. The mayor said since she is bringing enough to cover here wages and is taking care of the problems, why add it to the police. Mr. Openshaw said a lot of times when there is an animal to be picked up she calls the police department to come and help her, so even if she is paying her own way, he says to do away with it and have the police department do it and put the money in their budget.

Mr. Coomes, police chief, reported that the health department would not let them carry animals in a car where people would have to be put, so they would have to use the animal control truck. He said the only problem he could see that might arise is that they take the truck and pick up a dog and there is an armed robbery at the bank, who is going to protect them. Then you have a possible law suit because they are out in the truck hauling an animal when they are needed some where else. Mr. Openshaw asked if there would be any more trouble than if they were at 7-11 or in Genola or somewhere else and this is a complaint that he is getting from the people. Mr. Coomes said someone asked what problem they might have and this is one. As far as being at 7-11, in the middle of the night when nothing is open in town they sometimes go to Payson for a break. He feels there is a potential problem if they are in the animal truck and someone calls for help, the response time will be greater. Mr. Openshaw said there would still be \$5,000 more in the budget.

Mr. Pust suggested they turn off the street lights. It was explained to Mr. Pust that the franchise taxes were paying for the lights so if they turned them off to take this out of the budget they would have to reduce revenue by the same amount, even though they are not bound to pay the bill with the franchise taxes, but if we cut out the lights there would be a lot of static from the people in town. Mr. Pust said turn off half of them but Mr. Jones said they did this once and the people really gave the city a bad time. It was the concensus of the council that the lights be left as is.

Mr. Eldon McMurray, a citizen in the audiance, asked if they were going to have the police chief clean the kennels. He said the council owed it to the citizens to take care of animals whose owners did not. Who was going to catch the horse running loose down Main Street. Mr. Coomes said they help the animal control officer when she needs it—try catching a horse by yourself, and she helps them when they need it. Mr. McMurray said letting the animal control officer go was not the answer. There had to be some ways to generate revenue

for the city. He suggested a volunteer Chamber of Commerce to help bring something into town to increase the tax base. He has talked with nine main businesses on Main Street and they are willing to form such a committee to help. The mayor suggested he check with LaDue Scovill to coordinate this. Mr. McMurray asked if they could us the city hall for business meetings and was told if the scheduling could be arranged, perhaps they could.

Mr. McMurray said they could not get someone to read the meters and do it accurately because he tried to do it five years ago for 25 cents a meter, it is not a job for a volunteer or a senior citizen as they were a mess. Dennis Barnes who is the supervisor over the water department said there is not one meter in town right now that does not work and Mike Cruz has spent the past year checking every meter, making sure every one works and every one is so it can be read. Every meter is up to par so they can finally be changed without a big hassle. He has worked his butt off for over two years to make this job a little easier and now they want to bring someone else in to read the meters. They could for maybe a year but what happens when they start breaking again, you are right back where you were. You can see by checking the revenue that has come in the past year, that it pays to have somebody there watching to make sure they are not plugged up or dirty.

Mr. Sellers said that is not all Mike does. He fixes all the equipment and the city vehicles including the police cars.

Mr. Openshaw said leave the animal truck right here and the employees clean the kennels and feed the animals. Mr. Adcock asked what about Saturdays and Sundays, they don't have any of the crew working then. Mr. Openshaw said who ever is on duty on the weekends can feed and water the animals in the pound and someone in the city crew can take care of it the rest of the time. Mr. Sellers said during the meeting at the school the majority of the people who spoke about it felt we should not raise taxes but we needed to keep the animal control officer. Mr. Openshaw said he couldn't remember having a vote down there on that. Mr. Sellers said he did not remember having a vote on the tax increase either, but it seemed to him the majority of the people said we need an animal control officer. Mr. Jones said there is a need for an animal control officer, he has seen it done all ways and the way it is now is the smoothest he has seen it operate. He has seen the police handle it and they just don't seem to get around to doing it. When they did it, they said put the animimal control monies in the police budget and they would handle it. Mrs. Goudy said that when they hired an animal control officer, they kept that money in their budget and we paid out more for the animal control officer.

Mr. Sellers said the new clean water act is going to force the city out of the landfill in a few years, so maybe there is no need for an attendant there and that money could be used for the animal control officer.

Mr. Adcock asked who was going to dispose of the unclaimed animals and who is going to train them in how to do that. Mr. Openshaw asked who trained the one we have now, he did not think she was certified. Mr. Adcock said the city sent her to school. Mr. Openshaw said she is not a class B or C officer and does not have to be so why should someone else have to be.

Mr. Open shaw made a motion they do away with the animal control officer and turn it over to the police department, if that's what you want. Mr. Pust seconded the motion. Councilmen Open shaw, Pust, Jones and Coudy voted for the motion. Mr. Adcock voted against it. Motion passed. Mr. Coomes asked when

this would be effective. Mr. Openshaw said he figured tonight. The mayor recommended they keep her until the end of the month and all agreed. Mrs. Coudy said this would be \$4,900 into the budget as they still had to buy dog food, etc.

Mr. Openshaw said the landfill is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Ned Rushton is the attendent. Half of what he makes comes from Leland Kelley. Mr. Pust said why not get some one to do the job for what Mr. Kelley pays, as these are hard times. Mr. Openshaw said yes and they were going to get harder. Mrs. Coudy said we could cut out the insurance benefit to Mr. Rushton. The total amount in the budget is \$8,100. Mr. Sellers explained if they cut out this amount, they would have to add back half of it.

The mayor asked Mr. Openshaw how the dump would be regulated if the job was cut out. He said they would have everyone from Genola in there. He said they would have to talk to Leland and Ned to see if Leland would cut his hours down and Leland pay all of the wage. Mr. Jones said he thought if they cut anything here they would be opening a can of worms. Ned regulates where people dump. If no one is there, people will dump in the middle of the road and then there will be complaints from the citizens that haul stuff out and from the Board of Health. We will have to pay more to have it pushed as it will be scattered from one end to the other. Mr. Openshaw said it is costing \$350 per month now to push the dump and Guy Wall, who does it, is complaining now about having to go to different areas to push it. He told him if he didn't like it, he would call for new bids. He also wanted a new contract and Mr. Openshaw said he told him if he wanted a new contract, for him to draw one up.

After further discussion, Mr. Pust made a motion that eight hours per week be cut from the landfill attendant's schedule and that when he is not on duty, the dump will be closed. Mr. Rushton is to decide if it is to be open Thursday or Friday or a combination of those two days and it is to be open all day on Saturday. Mr. Jones seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mrs. Goudy said this would make a difference of \$2,400 in the budget.

The mayor asked that they now discuss benefits for part-time employees. For the sake of discussion, Mrs. Coudy and Mr. Openshaw said anything under 40 hours per week would be considered part time. Mrs. Coudy said she realizes the employees depend on these benefits but she has yet to find any place where part time people get any benefits. The employees in question are Patti Foster, Ned Rushton and Cheryl Russell, although Cheryl works 30 hours per week.

Mrs. Foster, the librarian said she was part time, not from choice but because the hours are regulated by the city council. She said the benefits were given to her last year in leiu of any thing else. She said her qualifications are equivalent to a masters degree and she is working for about half of what she could make any where else but she wants to work in this community as she feels she is a benefit to her community. The benefits were given as she had been promised that they would try to increase her wages a little bit. She said she feels it is wrong to give something and then take it back just from three people. Mrs. Coudy said they may have to take it from others too. She said when Patti was given the benefits the other part time people said where are my benefits, so we had to do something for them.

Mrs. Coudy said how much they appreciated Patti and that she had brought the library up from nothing. Mr. Adcock said they have to look at the fact that if the benefits are cut, these employees may have to look for employment elsewhere

Mr. Openshaw made a motion that they do away with benefits for anyone under 40 hours per week. Mrs. Goudy seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. Openshaw, Mrs. Goudy, Mr. Jones and Mr. Pust for with Mr. Adcock voting against. Motion carried.

Mrs. Foster asked when this was to be effective and the Mayor said it was the feeling of everyone that all changes be made effective the last of July.

Mr. Pust asked what kinds of vehicles does the city spend money on, maybe they have more than they need. Mrs. Coudy said the kind that Mike Cruz can repair. Mr. Jones said they are all old and they really need to replace some. Mr. Coomes said they might get \$200 each from the police cars as they have all turned over 100,000 miles.

Mrs. Coudy made a motion they adjourn for tonight and everyone figure out where else they can start working together on things and continue on at the next city council meeting on July 21st. Mr. Openshaw suggested they work on the budget on the 15th after the interviews with the applicants for recorder. The excutive meeting is at 7:00 for the interviews so they could have a public meeting at 8:00 to work on the budget, so he seconds the motion to adjourn. Mr. Adcock said they have to have a motion to set up a special meeting before they can adjourn this meeting.

Mr. Jones made a motion that a special meeting to work on the budget be set for 8:00 P. M. on July 15th. Mr. Openshaw seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The motion to adjourn this meeting was voted on and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 P. M.

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Kevin Steadman, Mayor

Ramona Rosenlund, City Treasurer

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