

Minutes of a regulary scheduled council meeting held July 5, 1979, at City Hall, 68 East Main Street, Santaquin, Utah at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Mayor Robert Steele, Councilmen Clement Kester, Dee Clement, Fred Thompson, and Ramona Rosenlund, acting as clerk. Absent were Councilman Eldon Greenhalgh who was out of town and Councilman Thomas McCloud who was working. Also present was Steve Smith to be sworn in as new City Recorder, and Denis Beauregard. Other city employees who came into the meeting later were Keith Broadhead, Gary Barney and Gary Myers. There were about 20 other citizens present, including reporters from the Daily Herald and The Chronicle.

Minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 1979 were read and Councilman Kester made a motion that they stand as read and Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Swearing of the recorder was next on the agenda but was postponed as Judge Peterson, who had been out of town had not yet arrived.

Steve Smith reported that Dunn Construction had been asked to stop construction of the sidewalk project as of this morning since there appeared to be some problems in alignment and meeting certain conditions. He had Councilmen Clement, Kester and McCloud look at these problems today. Mr. Croft of Dunn Construction was present and said it was shut down because of design problems. It was explained by him that at a pre-construction meeting it was pointed out that it would not be level and had to go up and down to match the existing concret, and that any that would not match could be taken off. He stated the contract called for them to lay 400' per day. Also that they were late in starting because the city was not ready for them. He said the contract states the city and Dunn is locked into the contract as well as the State Highway Department. He stated he was under the impression that what was being done was what the city wanted so as to get the most sidewalk for the money. There were also two men from Engineering Associates who took part in this discussion. There was more discussion regarding the sidewalk and that it was off alignment, did not have enough stakes, etc. The engineer said the plans did not show a bridge going in at 2nd east and in order to change the plans it would be necessary to go back to the State Highway Department and have it re-surveyed. After much discussion among the council, the engineers & Dunn Construction it was decided that the city would pay about \$60.00 for extending the bridge instead of going through changing of plans with the Department of Transportation. Council decided to go with the plans as they are with the exception of the bridge and in areas where the existing cement is they will try to line it up. Mr. Croft said his crew will finish the job they are now on and this will give the city time to get their share of the work done so they can start again. He also stated he would need a time extension equal to the days they are shut down added to the contract since they were pulled off by the city's request and they need a letter as to when the city will be ready to go again. It was thought there would be no need to change the North side of the street as it is not off as much.

Steve was asked for a report on the work this week. He reported they had been busy and that Gary Barney and two of the CETA workers did not come in to work. One CETA worker had a death in the family and the other did not report. He felt perhaps Gary Barney should be terminated. There followed some discussion on this among Gary, Steve and the Council, and it was decided he would remain on the payroll. There was a short discussion about hiring Claude Nelson for work in the cemetery and it was noted that Kent Nelson has requested the city hire him full time. It was decided to keep him on for two more weeks.

Mrs. Denis Beauregard was in the meeting and asked why Steve Smith was making decisions when he had not been sworn in. She also asked what his qualifications for the position he will hold are. Mayor Steele explained he had been hired as City Manager and did not need to be sworn in for that position and would be sworn in later in the meeting for the position of City Recorder.

Mr. Smith then was asked to explain his qualifications for the job which he did, saying

he had attended almost all council meetings since moving to Santaquin, is a licensed general contractor, has been in business for himself for several years and has supervised crews and has had the experience necessary. He also felt he wanted a role in shaping the community and seeing it grow as he has a family living here and also he is willing to give a great deal of his time to the city. He stated he has had classes in business management, has been putting in long hours and is willing to continue to do so.

Councilman Kester said he felt they should let the people know why the council had hired a city manager and why Mr. Smith. He said the town is growing and the councilmen and the mayor can't be depended on to cover every problem all the time as they are just not available all the time. He explained that five people applied for the position and the council choose the one they thought was the best for the job and that it was for a three month trial period which came at the busiest time of the year. It was explained that if it did not work out well, something else would be done.

Mr. Jack Stock, who manages the Sanitary Landfill was present and asked about use of the backhoe at the dump. He said he had been told he could use it whenever necessary but when he asked Mr. Smith for it he was told he had to get permission from someone else as he then did not <sup>have</sup> authority over such matters at that time. There was some discussion about bringing it back to the shed or leaving it at the dump at night. Council made the decision to allow use of the backhoe at the dump.

Judge Peterson entered the meeting and the swearing in of Steve Smith as the City Recorder took place.

Denis Beauregard was present and the subject of his suspension was discussed. After a long and somewhat heated discussion of the reasons for his suspension in which a number of people present took part as well as the Mayor and Council, Mayor Steele recommended to the council that Mr. Beauregard be terminated. Councilman Kester made a motion that Mr. Beauregard be relieved of his duties and terminated by the city. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. Councilman Kester and Thompson voted for termination and Councilman Clements voted against. Motion carried.

Patrica Neff appeared on behalf of Wasatch Bank asking for better patrol of the city as for the second time in three months their sign has been broken. She also said that when the alarm went off it was answered by a phone call with the marshall arriving 10 minutes later. She requested that the city police meet with the bank people and learn what the procedure is when the alarm goes off after closing hours. She also reported that two hoses has been stolen in the last two weeks and stated they have to have alarm drills so as to know that the alarms are effective.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Alexander came to ask about having Dick Greenhalgh do the digging for the water line they are having put in, saying he would do it for less and therefore the bid would be lower. Mayor Steele explained it would be pro-rated. They wanted to make sure the map was correct before making a final copy so council checked the and determined it was alright to take back to the Planning and Zonning Commission. It was stated there were two signatures still needed on the agreement between the city and the Alexanders. As soon as they could be obtained, it would be given to the Alexanders for signature.

Mr. Charles Wierman, Fire Chief, came before the council meeting concerning people getting in the way of the firemen trying to get to the trucks, etc. when there was a fire. He explained that if the siren sounds more than two complete cycles, then the public is being called for help. Any other time they would appreciate people staying out of the way. He also requested that no reporters be there. In as much as the water pump at the head house was malfunctioning near the same time as the fire siren sounded, Mr. Smith reported he came to warn the fire department there would be no water if the fire was on the South side of town, and this was why he and several other city people were around. Mr. Weirman said it was good to have the police there



as they were sometimes needed. He also stated that when the headhouse is cleaned there should always be a fireman and either the chief or assistant chief notified.

Keith Broadhead said there should be someone in the water department who can turn more water in if necessary and that the well and the headhouse are checked everyday. The question came up as to who was responsible if there was a fire and no water available and it was reported that the city was. The city only checks the fire hydrants which leak and so Mr. Weirman said the fire department would check the hydrants at least once a year. He reported they have four new extinguishers. Also, he has a brochure showing where they can get a truck for \$35,000.00. He felt they should consider a new one as the old ones would take as much as a new one to renew.

There followed some discussion of the pump which had malfunctioned on July 4, and caused there to be no water. It was decided to check it out before deciding on repairs.

Councilman Thompson thought perhaps there could be a fine for unauthorized persons at a fire since warnings don't help, and something might be worked out with the police department.

Dupty Marshall Gary Myers interrupted the meeting to ask that a councilman go with him to the police department to check out Mr. Beauregard's personal property and Councilman Thompson was asked to do so when the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Steele mentioned that the road by Randy King's home needed gravel. It was noted that a special improvement district for this road was voted down but the city would put gravel there when they had the time.

Council Kester explained what was necessary to set up a special improvement district and said the city would have to decide what portion they would be responsible for if one went in. Previously the city provided the engineering and the preparation and the citizens provided the cement. It was stated this came to about 2/3 for labor and 1/3 for cement. Mr. Kester was to find out if a sidewalk division would be different than a road.

Councilman Clement reported on the West Park restroom, saying he believes they are okay as far as the grant money is concerned. He said it should have been completed by now but they are still working on the wiring and it needs shingles and paint, and also leech lines, gravel spread out and the pipe in and then the fixtures can be set in.

A motion was made by Councilman Kester to raise the garbage pickup fee to \$3.00 per month to take care of the increase to Lindon Disposal and the landfill and this to reflect in the budget for 1979-80. Fred Thompson seconded the motion and it passed. *unanimous*

Mrs. Rosenlund asked if a timing device could be installed to turn the spotlights on the flag off and on at a preset time as she has been coming down at dusk to turn them on each night and then they burn until the office opens the next morning. This would be at a cost of \$20.00 to \$25.00, plus installation charge. After a short discussion it was decided to take the flag down on weekends. Mrs. Rosenlund also reported two of the spot lights burn out very quickly and Councilman Clement is to check for a short in the wiring.

The Chronicle has requested the city subscribe to their newspaper and it was thought that perhaps it would then be necessary to subscribe to all the papers in the area, but no action was taken.

The possibility of the city purchasing the Baird property was discussed briefly and it was suggested this be looked into more.

Steve Smith asked for a time clock and a telephone at the shop. Some of the employees felt it was a reflection on their honesty to have to punch a clock. It was decided that Mr. Smith would monitor the checking in and out of employees until the next council meeting and see how it works out.

Councilmen Clement made a motion that a phone be put in the shops if the cost would be less than \$30.00 per month. Councilman Thompson 2nd the motion. It was mentioned that long distance calls must be documented on the pads provided for this purpose.

Mr. Cy Bylund came into the meeting to ask that the trees on his property next to the new sidewalk be left in. He was told there was a possibility they would die as the roots had been exposed and that a retaining wall might be buckled by the roots if the trees did not die. Mr. Bylund said he would take a chance on these conditions and leave the trees in.

Councilman Fred Thompson made a motion that the meeting adjourn and the motion was seconded by Councilman Kester. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.