

River Heights City Council
Minutes of the Meeting
July 22, 2014

Present were: Mayor James Brackner
Council members: Doug Clausen
Richard Okelberry
Geoff Smith
Dixie Wilson
Blake Wright
Recorder Sheila Lind
Public Works Director Clayton Nelson
Finance Director Clifford Grover

Others Present: Jonathan Jenkins, Dan Turner

The following motions were made during the meeting:

Motion #1

Councilmember Clausen moved to “adopt the minutes of the July 8, 2014 Council Meeting and the evening’s agenda.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which passed with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

Motion #2

Councilmember Clausen moved to “pay the bills as listed.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which passed with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

Motion #3

Councilmember Wilson moved to “go into closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

Motion #4

Councilmember Clausen moved to “forego selling the reservoir site in Logan City, but that River Heights will pay Logan \$2,000 for the cost of the appraisal.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

Motion #5

Councilmember Wright moved to “adopt Resolution 7-2014, A Resolution to Update Fees, to include a \$35 fee for certain signs and a \$35 fee for solar panels, both listed on the Zoning Clearance

46 Permit.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which passed with Clausen, Okelberry,
47 Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

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49 Motion #6

50 Councilmember Okelberry moved to “adopt Resolution 6-2014, A Resolution to Restrict
51 Fireworks and Other Ignition Sources during Hazardous Environmental Conditions.” Councilmember
52 Clausen seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in
53 favor. No one opposed.

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56 Proceedings of the Meeting:

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58 The River Heights City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Ervin R. Crosbie Council Chambers in
59 the River Heights City Building on Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

60 Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Brackner opened the meeting with a
61 prayer. Councilmember Wright led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

62 Adoption of Previous Minutes and Agenda: Minutes of the July 8, 2014 Council Meeting, were
63 reviewed.

64 **Councilmember Clausen moved to “adopt the minutes of the July 8, 2014 Council
65 Meeting and the evening’s agenda.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which
66 passed with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.**

67 Pay Bills: The bills were presented and discussed. Mayor Brackner explained that the skid
68 steer lease needs to be paid yearly, rather than monthly, as previously thought.

69 **Councilmember Clausen moved to “pay the bills as listed.” Councilmember Okelberry
70 seconded the motion, which passed with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor.
71 No one opposed.**

72 Finance Director Report: Finance Director Grover handed out the Combined Cash Investment
73 Report for review. He informed they are going through the year-end finance procedures. Caselle isn’t
74 able to print out individual budgets at this time. They are working with them to try to solve it.

75 Purchase Requisition Requests: There were none.

76 Public Works Report and Discussion: PWD Nelson reported on the following:

- 77 • He’s ordered the LED lights for the park and believes they’ll arrive in about two weeks.
- 78 • He has talked to George Humbert, of Rocky Mountain Power, about LED lights and the
79 possibility of the city taking over the street lights. There is a lot more to it than they have
80 thought in the past. He has a meeting set up with him on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. He invited
81 others to attend, if they had an interest. Regarding charges, the power company uses a
82 calculation on LED lighting if it meets their specs. If not, they charge a metered fee. He said
83 developers generally pay for new lights. Councilmember Clausen reminded that the city agreed
84 to pay for LED lights in phase one of Saddle Rock. Discussion was held on the cost of new
85 LED lights. They will get clearer answers when they meet on Tuesday and learn if it would be
86 worth going with LED lights in phases 2-6.
- 87 • 600 South and 800 South were sealed with the high density mineral bond today. He hasn’t
88 dealt with any complaints from residents in these areas. The roads look great. Apparently, the
89 mailman wasn’t informed.
- 90 • He will work on a trail sketch.
- 91 • The skid steer has arrived and works well.

- The city trucks have been posted on ksl.com and will be until August 18, at which time they will see what offers have come in.
- He showed a city logo decal that has been designed to attach to new street signs. He will begin ordering blue signs, which will match the logo.
- The curbing and new sand have been installed at the old playground. It has been a popular place the last few days.

Administrative Report: Recorder Lind didn't have anything.

Public Comment: There was none.

Discuss Proposal by the Department of Drinking Water to Add Fees: Councilmember Clausen reminded that PWD Nelson observed at the last meeting, that River Heights would probably never pay the additional fees. He suggested not writing to our senator and not to worry about it. The Council agreed.

Executive Session to Discuss the Possible Sale of Property:

Councilmember Wilson moved to “go into closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

The Council left the open meeting at 6:50 p.m. and returned at 7:15 p.m.

Councilmember Clausen moved to “forego selling the reservoir site in Logan City, but that River Heights will pay Logan \$2,000 for the cost of the appraisal.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

Before final acceptance of the motion, discussion was held on whether to pay Logan half the cost of the appraisal, as agreed upon prior, or the full amount. Councilmember Clausen feels River Heights should pay the full amount since River Heights started the discussion with Logan to sell it. All agreed.

CVTD Resolution Discussion: Councilmember Smith feels this issue should be resolved with the County. Just because the city is in favor of putting the issue on the ballot, doesn't mean the city is or isn't in favor of the bus. If cities pressure the county, they may have to do something. Councilmember Wilson has discussed the statute with Logan Mayor Craig Petersen. She read from the information he gave her (included with these minutes).

Councilmember Smith clarified there are two ballots. The first would ask the citizens if the council should consider the tax increase. If the council agrees, they will consider the rate raise and follow their resolution to put it to the voters, once again.

Councilmember Okelberry feels it could be resolved by asking the council if they would support it if the residents wanted it. It's not going to be worth putting on the ballot if the council won't support it either way. Mayor Brackner would like to hear what the citizens want. Mr. Okelberry feels the Council should approve it up front. They council could change their minds if the citizens don't want it.

Councilmember Wright suggested letting this play out over the next 3 weeks and see what the other cities are going to do. He recommended each council member do their own homework and not trust the rumored deadlines.

Mayor Brackner suggested finding an expert who can explain all of this.

Adoption of Resolution to Update Fees: Councilmember Wright discussed the two suggested fee raises. There was a complaint that came in over signs along 100 East. The issue has been resolved but, in the process the city has come up with a sign application. Although there are many signs that won't require a fee, a few will. There have been two solar panel permits that have come in within the

138 last year so a fee for this has been added. The cost is to offset some of the work that goes into
139 verifying the application information.

140 **Councilmember Wright moved to “adopt Resolution 7-2014, A Resolution to Update Fees,
141 to include a \$35 fee for certain signs and a \$35 fee for solar panels, both listed on the Zoning
142 Clearance Permit.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which passed with
143 Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.**

144 Adoption of a Resolution to Restrict Fireworks and Other Ignition Sources during Hazardous
145 Environmental Conditions: Mayor Brackner explained that the fire marshal has restricted fireworks
146 east of 1000 East. This resolution will allow Mayor Brackner to impose this restrictions and any others
147 the fire marshal may deem in the future. In regards to getting the word out to citizens, the Herald
148 Journal will publish restrictions, which River Heights would be included in.

149 **Councilmember Okelberry moved to “adopt Resolution 6-2014, A Resolution to Restrict
150 Fireworks and Other Ignition Sources during Hazardous Environmental Conditions.”
151 Councilmember Clausen seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith,
152 Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.**

153 Tennis Court Backboard Report: Councilmember Wilson proposes to not do anything right
154 now in regards to a tennis backboard. Players can hit against the school building wall, like they’ve
155 been doing for years.

156 Mayor and Council Reports: Councilmember Wright reported that the Saddle Rock Sketch
157 Plan for Phases 2-6 was presented to the Planning Commission. Their plan showed 400 South not
158 lining up with Windsor Drive. Mr. Wright feels this is a good time to discuss straightening Windsor
159 Drive and realigning how it comes onto 1000 East. A meeting was held to discuss ideas on lining up
160 Windsor Driver and 400 South. If it happens, it will be an expense to the city at approximately
161 \$150,000. Engineer Dan Turner came up with 3 options for consideration. Mr. Wright would like to
162 get permission from the Council to approach the property owners now and see if they would be willing
163 to work with the city on this idea.

164 Councilmember Wright reviewed each option. He thinks the general feeling of the Windsor
165 curve is that it’s goofy. The subdivision was originally designed for a road to go through to the south,
166 but the idea was abandoned, which left the current curve. Mr. Wright feels it’s broken and needs to be
167 fixed. He agreed that many residents on Windsor need to be asked their opinion. He doesn’t see it will
168 happen within the next 5 years; it will be a future plan. Mr. Wright agrees the Saddle Rock sketch plan
169 can go ahead for now and be tweaked in Phase 6 to accommodate the road situation. He’d like to
170 schedule a meeting with the Windsor residents within the next three weeks. He asked how the Council
171 felt about spending money on this future road project. Councilmember Clausen isn’t in favor of the
172 cost but is willing to ask the residents. The Council agreed. A meeting date was scheduled on August
173 7.

174 Councilmember Okelberry stated he is finally working on PWD Nelson’s videos. He’ll have
175 them to him next week. He is going to make a section on the website for the Community Covenant.
176 He has looked at the hate crimes request for the website, which came by email. He feels the sheriff’s
177 office handles this so the city doesn’t need to address it on their website.

178 Councilmember Smith said Suzanne Karren is working on Apple Days. They have been
179 having meetings and working through things. She needs to order some things online and needs to use
180 the city’s credit card. It was suggested that she schedule a time to meet with Recorder Lind in the city
181 office to place the order.

182 In regards to the valley wastewater issue, Mayor Brackner said the sister cities want to make a
183 proposal to Logan City, but want to run it past the water quality board first. Logan has made a

184 proposal and is waiting for a counter. PWD Nelson feels strongly that River Heights should make an
185 independent proposal, not combined with other cities. Mayor Brackner would support this if there are
186 restrictions on how Logan city spends their wastewater money. Mr. Nelson is sure River Heights
187 would get a better deal with Logan than other cities. River Heights doesn't bring in a lot of revenue to
188 Logan because of their size and Logan depends on River Heights' sewer lines for some of their own
189 residents. Councilmember Wilson asked Mayor Brackner if River Heights will have any control over
190 the rates set by Logan. Mayor Brackner replied that we will have some control. He feels if we can get
191 the interlocal agreement hammered out before the loan has been approved then we will have more
192 control. No matter what happens, River Heights will continue with Logan to service our wastewater.
193 Mr. Nelson said he's been told that Logan may accept charging River Heights the same rate as Logan
194 residents. Mr. Brackner said part of Logan residents' fee is pulled into other parts of their budget. He
195 doesn't want River Heights' residents to be funding other Logan budgets. Mr. Nelson said River
196 Heights should expect to pay extra to Logan to cover maintenance and upkeep costs of the system. Mr.
197 Brackner feels if Logan City residents get a kick back from overpayment, River Heights should get the
198 same. He doesn't want an open ended agreement.

199 The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Sheila Lind, Recorder

James Brackner, Mayor