

1 Special Meeting

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3 River Heights City Council

4 Minutes of the Meeting

5 May 15, 2014

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8 Present were: Mayor pro tem Blake Wright  
9 Council members: Doug Clausen  
10 Richard Okelberry  
11 Geoff Smith  
12 Dixie Wilson  
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14 Recorder Sheila Lind  
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16 Excused Mayor James Brackner  
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18 Others Present: Dan Hogan  
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21 The following motion was made during the meeting:

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23 Motion #1

24 Councilmember Okelberry moved to “adopt the Tentative 2014-15 Budget in the amount of  
25 \$1,362,925”. Councilmember Clausen seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Okelberry,  
26 Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.  
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28 Motion #2

29 Councilmember Clausen moved “to approve Ordinance 2-2014, An Ordinance Establishing a  
30 Temporary Land Use Regulation Regarding Subdivisions Temporarily Prohibiting Subdivision  
31 Approval Within the Municipality Under Title 11 of the River Heights City Code.” Councilmember  
32 Okelberry seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in  
33 favor. No one opposed.  
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36 Proceedings of the Meeting:

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38 The River Heights City Council met during a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Ervin R.  
39 Crosbie Council Chambers in the River Heights City Building on Thursday, May 15, 2014. In the  
40 absence of Mayor Brackner, Councilmember Wright acted as mayor pro tem.

41 Adoption of the Tentative 2014-2015 Budget: Mayor pro-tem Wright asked for any changes to  
42 the updated 2014-15 budget draft and/or the 2013-14 amendments. The budget total for 2013-14 was  
43 \$1,434,225 (income) and \$1,386,627 (expenses). The total for the 2014-15 budget was \$1,362,925  
44 (revenue) and \$1,148,155 (expenses). These figures include the General Fund, Capital Improvements,  
45 Water Fund and Sewer Fund.

46 **Councilmember Okelberry moved to “adopt the Tentative 2014-15 Budget in the amount**  
47 **of \$1,362,925”. Councilmember Clausen seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen,**  
48 **Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.**

49 Discuss the Possibility of Lowering Residential Property Taxes: Councilmember Wright said  
50 Mayor Brackner has a call in to the Cache County Auditor to find out if the city needs to hold a tax  
51 hearing to lower taxes. Since they don’t have a firm answer yet, this item will be discussed again at  
52 the next meeting. Meanwhile, the 2014-15 budget incorporates the rate reduction.

53 Adoption of an Ordinance to Establish a Temporary Land Use Regulation Regarding  
54 Residential Subdivisions within the City: Councilmember Wright reminded that a few months ago  
55 Mayor Brackner and PWD Nelson asked him to have the Commission recommend an amendment to  
56 the City Code that would require subdividers to provide a seal coat on their roads one year to 18  
57 months after they install their roads. The Commission is going to need a little more time on this. Dan  
58 Hogan will soon be in to apply for his next subdivision phases, which the city desires to fall under the  
59 new road requirement. Therefore, he is requesting the Council adopt an ordinance that would prohibit  
60 subdivision approval for not more than six months. Although, it is Mr. Wright’s intent to have the  
61 amendment back to the Council for adoption with one to two months.

62 Councilmember Wright read the ordinance. He doesn’t see any reason to have the Commission  
63 hold off discussing subdivisions, just on the approval.

64 Dan Hogan asked if the city will require chip sealing or a sealant. Councilmember Wright isn’t  
65 sure and will have the Commission look into it. Mr. Hogan asked if this will apply to everyone who  
66 installs a road in the city, including the city. Mr. Wright answered will apply to anyone doing a  
67 subdivision. Councilmember Okelberry suggested using wording that requires subdividers will follow  
68 the city’s current road standard. Mr. Hogan prefers a sealant over chip/seal because it sticks better.  
69 Mr. Wright assured the Commission will have discussions about this with public works, the city  
70 engineer and others before wording the ordinance.

71 **Councilmember Clausen moved “to approve Ordinance 2-2014, An Ordinance**  
72 **Establishing a Temporary Land Use Regulation Regarding Subdivisions Temporarily**  
73 **Prohibiting Subdivision Approval Within the Municipality Under Title 11 of the River Heights**  
74 **City Code.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen,**  
75 **Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.**

76 The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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81 Sheila Lind, Recorder

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82 Blake Wright, Mayor pro tem