River Heights City

River Heights City Council Agenda Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the River Heights City Council will hold their regular meeting at **6:30 p.m.**, anchored from the River Heights City Office Building at 520 S 500 E. Attendance can be in person or through Zoom.

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Adoption of Previous Minutes and Agenda

Mayor, Councilmembers, and Staff Reports

Public Comment

Entertain a Motion to Reconsider the Rezone of the Taylor Property

Discuss and Decide on a Rezone Request from Kelly and Kay Taylor

Discuss and Decide on the Boy Scouts Request to Use the City Basement for Weekly Meetings

Declare iMac Computer as Surplus Property

Discuss and Approve Financing for 800 South Residential Sewer Hookups

Council Approval of a Citizen Planner for the Development Review Committee (DRC)

Executive Session for Pending Litigation

Adjourn

Posted this 27th day of February 2025

Sheila Lind, Recorder

Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81065946057

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Council Meeting March 4, 2025 6 7 Present: Mayor Blake Wright Council members: 8 Lana Hanover 9 Mark Malmstrom, electronic 10 Janet Mathews Chris Milbank, electronic 11 Lance Pitcher 12 13 Sheila Lind Recorder 14 15 Treasurer Michelle Jensen 16 **Public Works Director** 17 Excused Clayten Nelson 18 19 Others Present: Dru Taylor, Ivan Banov, Noel Cooley, Heather Lehnig 20 **Electronically Present:** Britt's iPhone, Debra Banov, Kelly Taylor, Liz Taylor, and 21 Tyson Glover 22 The following motions were made during the meeting: 4 25 Motion #1 26 27 Councilmember Pitcher moved to "adopt the minutes of the council meeting of February 18, 2025 28 with one revision, and the evening's revised agenda." Councilmember Mathews seconded the motion, 29 which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, Mathews, Milbank, and Pitcher in favor. No one opposed. 30 31 Motion #2 32 Councilmember Mathews moved to "reconsider the rezone request of the Kelly and Kay Taylor 33

property." Councilmember Hanover seconded the motion which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, Mathews, Milbank, and Pitcher in favor. No one opposed.

Motion #3

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Councilmember Hanover moved to "Approve the Taylor rezone request to rezone their property from agricultural to R-1-12." Councilmember Mathews seconded the motion which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, and Mathews in favor. Milbank and Pitcher were opposed.

Motion #4

Councilmember Pitcher moved to "declare the city's iMac computer as surplus property." Councilmember Hanover seconded the motion, which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, Mathews, Milbank, and Pitcher in favor. No one opposed.

Motion #5

Councilmember Pitcher moved to "enter into an executive session to discuss pending litigation." Councilmember Hanover seconded the motion which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, Mathews, Milbank, and Pitcher in favor. No one opposed.

Proceedings of the Meeting:

The River Heights City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Ervin R. Crosbie Council Chambers in the River Heights City Building on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, for their regular council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Previous Minutes and Agenda: Minutes for the February 18, 2025 meeting were reviewed with a change made on line 251: "Mathews" was changed to "Hanover."

Mayor Wright explained that the 800 South agenda item would be postponed.

Councilmember Pitcher moved to "adopt the minutes of the council meeting of February 18, 2025 with one revision, and the evening's revised agenda." Councilmember Mathews seconded the motion, which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, Mathews, Milbank, and Pitcher in favor. No one opposed.

Reports from Mayor, Councilmembers, and Staff:

Recorder Lind

• She informed that the April newsletter submissions were due by March 15.

Mayor Wright

- He discussed a temporary banner on the Old School which had been drafted by the property
 manager. It had a graphic of a school and the words, "Old School Business Complex." He asked the
 council how they felt about how it looked. They agreed to the design.
- He had received a lease for the Cache County School District Audiology Department. He would review it and have them sign it.

Councilmember Milbank

- The 2025 RAPZ grant application had been submitted.
- He had started to fill out a DNR grant application but stopped when he noticed it required a match from the city.
- He had talked with PWD Neison about maintenance on the new park. They decided to check on an outside landscaping company to take care of the lawn.

Treasurer Jensen

She reportedly met and discussed the budget with Mayor Wright and Finance Director Sanderson. Due to the budget situation in the coming year, they decided to ask the county about the possibility of reallocating the 2024-25 RAPZ grant (\$120,000) to go towards finishing up the Heber Olson Park Pavilion, rather than a new pavilion at the new park. The County set up a meeting to discuss it on March 11 at 5:00pm. So far, the city had spent \$72,000 on concrete at the current pavilion and still needed to pay for sprinklers, sod, and landscaping. Councilmember Milbank had applied for next year's RAPZ funds to go toward the new pavilion at the new park.

<u>Public Comment:</u> Brittany Cascio expressed support for Taylor's rezone. She was surprised that their application was denied at the last meeting. She felt the city should be welcoming to them and she liked their plan. She felt there were some biases at the last meeting. She didn't feel the Taylor's were trying to take away from the quality of open space in River Heights. She also loved the new banner idea at the old School.

 Entertain a Motion to Reconsider the Rezone of the Taylor Property: Mayor Wright explained that after the Taylor rezone request for R-1-8 was denied at the last meeting he talked with the city attorney who said the council had the authority to adopt, reject or modify the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone the property to R-1-8. He determined that the Commission's hearing notice informed that the Taylors desired a residential zone with single family lots. This allowed the council to rezone it to R-1-10 or 12 since both zones were less restrictive than the initial request. He said the council could reconsider the request without the Taylor's going back to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Wright pointed out that any of the three residential zones would work on the property, but he hoped the council would consider the whole 800 South area and the zone they wanted in the General Plan for this area.

Councilmember Mathews moved to "reconsider the rezone request of the Kelly and Kay Taylor property." Councilmember Hanover seconded the motion which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, Mathews, Milbank, and Pitcher in favor. No one opposed.

<u>Discuss and Decide on a Rezone Request from Kelly and Kay Taylor:</u> Mayor Wright reminded the Council they were reconsidering the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone the Taylor property to R-1-8.

Councilmember Milbank highlighted some points from the moderate-income housing section of the General Plan. Cache Valley needed affordable housing. The General Plan stated that River Heights City would strive to have options available to meet the needs of the residents. It also stated that the city would encourage a wide range of development, including duplexes, townhomes and patio homes and the allowance of a range of zones. He felt to zone the Taylor's property other than R-1-8, they would be setting a precedence for spot zoning because the surrounding property was currently zoned R-1-8. He said they would be making a subjective preference for large homes on larger properties which would make financial affordability difficult for many.

Councilmember Mathews asked if they rezoned the whole area to R-1-12 if that would be spot zoning. Councilmember Milbank noted that a portion of Taylor's property was already zoned R-1-8.

Councilmember Hanover observed there already seemed to be a number of other areas in the city that had been spot zoned.

Councilmember Malmstrom pointed out that most of River Heights was zoned R-1-8, including the upcoming Heritage development. He didn't see a problem with adding R-1-12.

Councilmember Pitcher was in favor of the R-1-8 zone in the area.

Councilmember Hanover moved to "Approve the Taylor rezone request to rezone their property from agricultural to R-1-12." Councilmember Mathews seconded the motion which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, and Mathews in favor. Milbank and Pitcher were opposed.

Mayor Wright asked Commission Chair Cooley if he could have a discussion with the Planning Commission to change the zone of the 800 South area to R-1-12 in the General Plan.

Discuss and Decide on the Boy Scouts Request to Use the City Basement for Weekly Meetings:

Councilmember Milbank said he and Recorder Lind had finalized the rental contract. Mayor Wright discussed a PO for a lock system in the amount of \$2,395.47 which would allow renters to use a programmed card to access the building. Councilmember Hanover said they would want the new locks regardless of if they allowed the scouts to use the building for free. Councilmember Pitcher asked what budget the lock system would come out of. Treasurer Jensen said it would fall under repairs and maintenance in the general fund.

Councilmember Milbank said he was in favor of allowing the boy scouts to use the building rent free. The other council members agreed. The PO would be on the next agenda for formal approval.

<u>Declare iMac Computer as Surplus Property:</u> Mayor Wright informed that when Mayor Thompson took office, he wanted an iMac computer in the mayor's office, rather than the Dell which was provided. After his resignation he offered to purchase it from the city. Legally the Council would need to decare it as surplus property before they could sell it.

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Blake Wright,

Mayor Wright had talked with an employee of Expercom who said the computer's trading value was \$400-\$650, based on the specs.

Councilmember Pitcher moved to "declare the city's iMac computer as surplus property." Councilmember Hanover seconded the motion, which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, Mathews, Milbank, and Pitcher in favor. No one opposed.

Mayor Wright asked for the amount they wanted to sell it for. The council agreed to charge \$400. Discuss and Approve Financing for 800 South Residential Sewer Hookups: Postponed.

Council Approval of a Citizen Planner for the Development Review Committee (DRC): Mayor Wright reminded that the new subdivision approval process required a review by the DRC which included a citizen planner on the committee. He presented two names of planners he felt would both be good. Chris Sands was a planner and landscape designer for BioWest, and agreed he could help the city, on the side, as needed. Levi Roberts (a resident of River Heights) was currently Nibley City's Planner and was willing to help. The mayor felt it a good idea to have two planners lined up, in case one wasn't available when needed.

Each council member gave their advice and consent for both suggestions.

Executive Session for Pending Litigation:

Councilmember Pitcher moved to "enter into an executive session to discuss pending litigation." Councilmember Hanover seconded the motion which passed with Hanover, Malmstrom, Mathews, Milbank, and Pitcher in favor. No one opposed.

The Council left the open meeting at 7:18 pm and returned at 7:45 pm.

The open meeting also adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Sheila Lind, Recorde

RIVER HEIGHTS CITY

520 South 500 East * 435-752-2646

Application for Project Review

Type of Application Subdivision	Minor Subdivision F	lag Lot X Rezone Bour	ndary Adjustment
Commercial Developmen			isony rispositions
Applicant	Phone Nun	nber email addr	ess
Kelly & Kay Tayl	or		
Mailing Address, City, State, Z	ip		
Property Owner of Record	Phone Nur	nber	
K & K Taylor Re	vocable Trust (se	ettlement date Feb 11	
Mailing Address, City, State, Z	ip		21
same			
Project Name		1 7	
Rezone Parcel 0	2-28-0046		
Property Address		County Parcel ID N	umber
440 East 800 Sc	outh	02-28-004	16
Size of Lot	Size of Building	Number of Dwellin	gs/Units/Lots
2.32 Acres	NA	NA	
Describe the proposed project	t		
Rezone parcel fr subdivision appl		preparation for a future	minor
The parcel is und	der contract with a	Feb 11 settlement date	between the
Bird Family Trust	and the K & K Tay	lor Revocable Trust.	
We certify we are the develop	per and record owner of this p	property and we consent to the submitta	l of application.
Kelly & Kay Taylo	or Jan 28, 2025		
Developer	Date	Property Owner	Date

Cache County Parcel Viewer (1 of 2)

Applicant property is outlined in red.

Downloaded: 10:21 pm, January 27, 2025

https://gis.cachecounty.gov/Websites/Parcel%20and%20Zoning%20Viewer/





ORDINANCE 3-2025

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PARCEL 02-028-0046, OWNED BY KELLY AND KAY TAYLOR AT APPROXIMATELY 440 E 800 S FROM AGRICULTURAL TO R-1-12

WHEREAS, Kelly and Kay Taylor own parcel 02-028-0046, which totals 2.32 acres, and

WHEREAS, this property is currently zoned Agricultural, and

WHEREAS, Kelly and Kay Taylor have requested their property be rezoned to R-1-8, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on February 11, 2025, to address the request, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that the above stated parcel be considered for the R-1-8 Zone, and

WHEREAS, the City Council preferred the property to be rezoned R-1-12, and

WHEREAS, Kelly and Kay Taylor agreed R-1-12 would work for their future plans for the property.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVER HEIGHTS, that the above property be zoned R-1-12.

ADOPTED BY THE RIVER HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL THIS 4^{th} DAY OF MARCH 2025.

Blake Wright, Mayor	
Attest:	
Sheila Lind, Recorder	