

Minutes of a Hurricane City Council meeting held on February 18, 2016 in the Council Chambers at 147 N. 870 West, Hurricane, Utah at 5 p.m.

Members Present: Council members Kevin Tervort, Pam Humphries, Cheryl Reeve, and Kevin Thomas. Mayor Bramall was present for the 5 p.m. portion of the meeting.

Staff members present: City Manager Clark Fawcett, Assistant City Manager Kaden DeMille, City Engineer Arthur LeBaron, Planning Director Toni Foran, Power Superintendent Dave Imlay, Police Sargent Jarod Brisk, and City Attorney Fay Reber. Hurricane Valley Fire District Chief Tom Kuhlmann was also present.

5:00 p.m. Pre-meeting - Discussion of Agenda Items, Department Reports

Sargent Jarod Brisk gave a short synopsis of the Police Department annual report, stating cases this year were more serious but the Department was able to solve more of them than in the past. A comparison of call types last year to this year showed increases in more dangerous crimes. The Department is using more vigilance to ensure two officers respond to calls which results in longer response times. Statistics included 4 rapes, and 2 robberies and more aggravated assaults, burglaries, and motor vehicle thefts -all increases over last year. More crimes were solved and more arrests made. Officers worked with investigations to solve crimes. Response time has gone to a 7 minute average compared to 5 minute average. Staff shortage has contributed to this issue as well as the policy of sending two officers on some types of calls.

Sgt. Brisk said their Investigations Division includes school resource officers, the drug task force officer, and an evidence specialist working with the detectives. He said Hurricane has the only Intermediate School in the County without a full time resource officer.

Other incidents this year included three plane crashes. Sargent Brisk said the advanced training and use of the K-9 officer have helped substantially increase the drug finds.

Other statistic presented included the number of citations issued, the number of vehicle stops, and the percentage of stops resulting in verbal warnings, the amount of training given for each officer, the numbers of dogs impounded and licenses issued. Sgt. Brisk clarified the Department divides Hurricane into East and West quadrants at 1800 West for reporting purposes.

Other activities reported on included the Citizen's Academy, Emergency Management, the prescription drug take back box, Victim Services cases, and help with the flooding incidents in Zion National Park and Colorado City.

Mayor Bramall reviewed the agenda items with the Council members.

It was clarified that SR-9 project on item #4 includes water services and installation of a median curve on 700 West to prevent turns into the Chevron up to the southern driveway.

Mayor Bramall asked if a wider radius on the southwest corner of 700 West and SR-9 could be considered as part of this project to better accommodate semi-trucks. Arthur said UDOT was concerned with having to move the signal to change the radius but he will talk to them.

Dave Imlay thanked the mayor for being at the UAMPS meeting with the legislators at the State Capital earlier this week. Mayor Bramall mentioned the lobbying he did regarding clean power plants. Mr. Imlay commented on the court case regarding clean power plant regulations and the death of Justice Scalia.

He announced that today UAMPS was been given permission to find a site within the INL site for the modular nuclear reactor. He announced the location of the UAMPS member conference this year will be Heber and said he would like to have all the Power Board members, council members, and Clark and Kaden attend. Mr. Imlay mentioned he had a good time hosting the Parade Home booth.

Chief Kuhlman reported the call volume has continued to increase, well exceeding this time last year for quantity and intensity of calls. The District is moving forward to get the new truck, expecting it to be ordered next week to avoid paying the recent 3% price increase. The truck will probably not arrive until early in 2017. Meeting with the architect for plans on the Coral Canyon station and hope to have a ground-breaking in the next two months, using CIB grant and loan money.

He said the District is advertising for Deputy Fire Chief and Wildland Engine Boss positions.

Arthur LeBaron thanked those who attended the field trip to Gould's Wash detention possible sites last week. He introduced **Lance Smith** of the United States Department of Agriculture – National Resources Conservation Service. Have the Emergency Watershed Protection Program for impaired water sheds. NRCS will pay 100% of environmental and engineering costs and 75% of construction costs. The Gould's Wash project request was made in 2014 and it appears all the projects will be funded by Congress this year. The initial quick estimate for the project cost is \$4.8 million with \$1.2 million from the City. He assured the Council there is no commitment for money until the agreement is signed.

Kevin Thomas asked if that amount is to cover both the Frog Hollow and Gould Wash basins. Mr. Smith explained they are planning to include all the Washington County projects into one contract and hope to have enough money in the overall County allotment to complete the Frog Hollow basin work also under the 75%/25% match program.

He said if the Gould Wash project is not something the City wants to move forward with based on the funding needed the NRCS can move the money elsewhere. Council members agreed they want to move forward with the project. Mr. Smith explained it will take about a year for the environmental and engineering work so there is still time to finalize the City's portion of the funding. Arthur commented this has been a project on the table for almost 9 years so he hopes some of the work already done can help speed up the process.

Arthur said UDOT has requested he write a letter supporting extending the lower speed limit signs further west on SR-9 so the 30 mph zone will continue west to 700 West and then the 40 mph will

extend west to Lins. He hopes to be able to get Police Chief Lynn Excell to also sign the letter. Council members commented this would help make it easier for patrons to enter and exit businesses along this part of the highway.

Toni Foran explained to the Council that the Building Department has had complaints of dangerous mobile homes being rented in the Pecan Tree Mobile Home Park. The Building Official will schedule an inspection of the mobile homes if the Council supports requiring them to be repaired or removed if he finds issues. The Council supported the action.

Fay Reber reminded the Council about the meeting tomorrow regarding the Elim Valley Development Agreement. Pam Humphries asked him about the status of the agreement for the Water Department.

Mayor Bramall called a break at 5:50 p.m. and left the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Pam Humphries called the meeting back to order at 6:04 p.m. Boy Scout Corbin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Arthur LeBaron offered a prayer.

Kevin Tervort motioned to move the Police Department Report to the end of the agenda, seconded by Cheryl Reeve. Motion unanimously approved with Kevin Tervort, Kevin Thomas and Cheryl Reeve voting aye.

Approval of City Council meeting minutes: January 7, 2016 and January 21, 2016 – Kevin Tervort motioned to approve both sets of minutes, seconded by Cheryl Reeve. Motion unanimously approved with Kevin Thomas, Cheryl Reeve, and Kevin Tervort all voting aye.

Consideration and possible approval of funds for pump track at Mountain Bike Festival-DJ Morisette reported to the Council on which advertising is on-going for the Festival and she stated they have 70 full time registrants. For the event this year they have added a skills competition and a mountain bike shuttle. They will have bike companies with demo bikes, including Trek, Giant, Fuji, and Ibis. Club Ride apparel will be holding a fashion show. Bike Mag is coming out with a group. Ms. Morisette stated Kevin from Washington County Tourism doing a press release and putting up a picture on the Dixie Center website.

Ms. Morisette explained what a pump track is and explained she had budgeted to have one at the Festival this year for \$1500. That was not enough but she was able to get an agreement with a manufacturer to bring a demo if the Festival will pay the expenses for them to come from Missouri for a cost of \$4500. She said she has the \$1500 and has gotten \$1500 from County but needs another \$1500 to cover the total cost.

Council members discussed whether this would qualify for a RAP tax donation but the timing of the event will not allow Ms. Morisette to get an answer before it is too late.

She emphasized that in order to keep a festival growing the organizers have to provide something different for locals and bike manufacturers to want to keep coming back. New events will also bring in new participants.

Cheryl Reeve commented her feeling is that the Council has already given this event \$3,000 which seems like a lot. DJ said that next year the event will not get anything from the Tourism Board and they have to really push this year to make it happen and be successful. She stated Washington County is really pushing for Hurricane to be a ride center for mountain bikers. She said the Festival brings people from all over the West to Hurricane City. Kevin Thomas said he is not opposed to the track or the festival but does not feel the City should supply any more funding for this event.

Mayor Bramall returned to the meeting and asked if the demo cost would count towards purchase of the pump track.

Kevin Tervort stated he likes the bike festival and feels the City has helped it more than any other event.

He motioned to not fund the pump track this year, stating he feels more investigation is needed, seconded by Kevin Thomas. Motion unanimously approved with Pam Humphries, Kevin Tervort, Kevin Thomas, and Cheryl Reeve voting aye.

DJ was encouraged to apply for RAP tax funding for next year with the application available on the website and due by March 11th.

Consideration and possible approval of extending the vacation rental licensing moratorium – Mayor Bramall explained the Council held a work meeting to discuss vacation rental regulations. With a possible split vote all felt it would be better to have a full quorum before calling this matter to a vote so the Council id delaying for another 30 days.

Kevin Tervort motioned to approve the ordinance extending the moratorium, seconded by Cheryl Reeve. Motion unanimously approved Pam Humphries, Kevin Tervort, Kevin Thomas, and Cheryl Reeve voting aye.

Consideration and possible approval of a contingency billing cooperative agreement with UDOT for the SR-9: 700 West to 300 West project-Arthur LeBaron explained this is an agreement that allows the City to participate in the UDOT project coming up to reconstruct the pavement, with the City paying to replace water services in the project area and install a median curb on 700 West to control access into Chevron for a total cost of about \$20,000.

Kevin Thomas asked if this median is going to cause a problem for semi-trucks going around the corner at 700 West. Arthur stated he will consult with UDOT about their turning radius study.

Kevin Thomas motioned to approve funding for everything except the median and direct Arthur to consult with UDOT about the turn radius. Council needs assurance that UDOT has looked at the radius.

Kevin Tervort explained the funding process. Kevin Thomas withdrew the motion.

Kevin Tervort motioned to approve the contingency billing cooperative agreement with UDOT for the SR-9 700 West to 300 West project, with a direction to UDOT to look into the turning radius on 700 West and the effect of a median, seconded by Pam Humphries. Motion unanimously approved with Pam Humphries, Kevin Tervort, Kevin Thomas, and Cheryl Reeve voting aye.

Kevin Thomas left the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to attend another meeting.

Consideration and possible approval of a road dedication plat for Turf Sod Road and 5140 West Streets –Arthur explained this is a dedication of a portion of Turf Sod Road for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from Sand Hollow Road to enable property owner Chris Wyler to install a water line.

Kevin Tervort motioned to approve the road dedication plat for Turf Sod Road and 5140 West Streets, seconded by Pam Humphries. Motion approved with Pam Humphries, Kevin Tervort, and Cheryl Reeve voting aye.

Update on Hurricane Regional Sports Facility study and consideration and possible approval of request to continue funding for Scott Raine contract for Sports Facility Study management until August 2016- Scott Raine – Kaden DeMille explained Mr. Raine has asked that this be postponed until the next meeting.

Police Department 2015 Annual Report –Sargent Brisk gave the report to the Council and the public. A copy of the report is available with the record of this meeting. The report includes statistics on the Police Department personnel, call volumes, citation totals, three year totals in incidents, arrests, citations, and traffic stops. Sgt. Brisk explained to the public that traffic stops and patrols have been reduced by the need to respond to more calls. Statistics on the hours required for calls and reports were presented.

He pointed out that reporting long after an incident happens makes it more difficult to solve crimes. He told those present the Police Department really appreciate suspicious activity calls because it helps them catch the bad guys.

Sgt. Brisk said major crime went up this year and call response times also went up, though “in progress” calls saw only minimal increase. He explained how much officer time can be taken up in court when cases go to jury trial and they are called to testify.

He told a resident that prescription drug abuse is still the #1 drug problem, followed by heroin and meth and marijuana.

Residents were encouraged to lock their vehicles, as most thefts of items and vehicles are due to unlocked vehicles.

He pointed out the relation between busy call days and days when officers are freer to issue citations and patrol.

Photos of accident scenes were shown.

Sargent Brisk encouraged the public to use the prescription drug box for proper disposal. He showed pictures of the soft interview room where victims can be interviewed in a homelike setting.

Kevin Tervort asked Sargent Brisk to explain why police officers sit by the side of the road to look at the computer. He explained the computers keep officers aware of all incidents in the county and they can do their reports in the field. The vehicle on the side of the road helps deter speeding. This saves on mileage, time, and fuel because officers would have to come into the office to finish reports or track situations. For big cases they do come into the office to complete reports.

Council members thanked the Police Department for all they do to keep Hurricane a safe place to live.

Annual Open and Public Meeting Act Training - Toni Foran presented the training for the Council. Slides presented are included in the record of this meeting.

Mayor, Council and Staff reports

Pam Humphries Court, Water, Power, Solid Waste Pam said Ken Richins of the Water Department would like to take council and water board members on a tour of the City's water facilities.

Cheryl Reeve Parks & Cemetery, Swimming Pool, Board of Adjustment, Historical Preservation, Tree Board, Beautification – Cheryl commented the Community Center will be getting workout with the events coming up including a marathon. She announced the Pool open house is scheduled for May 7th. They will be pre-selling swim passes and will show off the new family bathroom, deck, and barbeque.

Kevin Tervort Ash Creek Special Service District, Golf Course, Industrial Park, Mosquito Abatement, Fire District – Kevin said he would like to have Sean from the Mosquito Abatement come visit with the Council. A lot of abatement is required in Hurricane area compared to the rest of the County. Council members discussed how important and effective the mosquito control program is for the community. Kevin said the district has to expand its capability and is creating a capital facilities plan.

Clark Fawcett City Administration – Clark said he felt it is important for Council members to talk to the supervisors in the departments they are over to understand what they do and their goals. The group discussed other options to get to know the employees and systems better including riding with Police Officers and touring the golf course in addition to the suggest Water system tour.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.