

The Meeting of the Nibley City Council held at Nibley City Hall, 625 W. 3200 S. Nibley, Utah, on Thursday, July 21, 2011.

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes were taken by Assistant City Recorder Cheryl Bodily

Mayor Gerald Knight called the Thursday, July 21, 2011 Nibley City Council meeting to order at 6: p.m. Those in attendance included Mayor Gerald Knight, Councilman Bryan Hansen, Councilman Scott Larsen, and Councilman Shaun Dustin. Larry Anhder, the City Manager, was also in attendance. Councilman Larry Jacobsen and Councilman Thayne Mickelson were excused from the meeting.

### **Call to Order; Minutes of July 7th, 2011 approved; and Approval of Agenda**

Councilman Larsen said he had changes to the minutes he would like to propose. He read his proposed changes to the Council present.

Councilman Larsen made a motion to approve the minutes with his proposed changes and the evening's agenda. Councilman Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0; with Councilman Larsen, Councilman Hansen, and Councilman Dustin in favor.

### **Presentation by Bryan Hansen about Nibley Community gardens and a proposal to build a green house on the garden site**

Scout, Ethan Hansen was present at the meeting. Mayor Knight said Ethan did this for an Eagle Project. Mr. Hansen said the City Council learned about the community garden at the ULTC conference; they teamed up with USU Extension and extension office and coordinated a program and gardeners. An announcement was included in the community newsletter and website, flyers were distributed at nurseries and garden stores, and they did a radio news show on KVNU to announce the garden. A garden committee will be meeting to continue developing the master plan for the site and future enhancements. So far they had done 42.5 total hours of service; they surveyed the trailer courts and Spring Creek Town homes, site planning, wheel barrow assembly, marking garden plots and pathways. The USU Extension office had donated tools; 4 shovels, 2 wheelbarrows, 2 hoes, 2 rakes, 2 hoses, a measuring wheel, twine, ground stakes, and a tool shed. Nibley City had donated a water pump, sprinklers, pipes, risers, spigots, labor, and tilling at the sight. The county jail inmates had donated time to till, weed, and compose the plots.

Mayor Knight asked how many plots they had rented total. Councilman Hansen said they had rented 17 plots total. Mayor Knight said he had visited the garden and seen the participants working; they had expressed to him that they had gotten double plots this year. Councilman Hansen said some of them got double plots; the remainder was being gardened by Richard Eversull who was growing corn and pumpkins for a project with the elementary school.

Councilman Hansen said the USU extension office had received funding for a straw bale green house to be constructed at the site; it would be a 20 x 30 straw bale green house. Mayor Knight asked if that would impact the north portion of the plots that would be shaded by that greenhouse. Councilman Hansen said this would be presented later and they could have discussion then; the idea was that this could be available for 4H and other groups. Councilman Larsen suggested an alternate location for the greenhouse. Councilman Hansen said the watering system was set up for the 40 plots so they intended to place it past that.

Councilman Larsen asked Mr. Hansen if the gardening committee would meet again. Mr. Hansen said they would. Councilman Hansen said the committee was made up of Ethan Hansen, himself, Rod Elwood, and two master gardeners; Carrie Jabbs and Diane Baum, participants in the garden, and the USU Extension Office. Councilman Larsen said he would like that committee presented to the Council because this was a city funded project. Councilman Larsen asked Mr. Hansen if he intended to continue with this after his Eagle project was done. Mr. Hansen said he did. Councilman Larsen said he liked to see community involvement from their youth. He thought 17 was a good number for the first year. Councilman Dustin said he appreciated what Councilman Hansen and Mr. Hansen had done.

Mayor Knight recognized candidates for City Council that were present at the meeting; Josh Frasier, Mike Smith, and Mark Louver. He welcomed them to the meeting.

#### **City Manager reports**

Mr. Anhder said he had met with representatives from Cache County, Millville, and the State about the river and mitigation and what they could do to rebuild where it had flooded out. Councilman Larsen asked why it was critical to them; they had not had flooding other than into the pasture. Mr. Anhder said depending on how it was built back up it could be critical to them. Mayor Knight and Mr. Anhder discussed flooding that had occurred in Nibley this spring. Mayor Knight said Lynn Zollinger and Darin Rasmussen from the County were on the committee and very knowledgeable. Councilman Dustin discussed the river at Pocatello and that it was a concrete ditch all the way through town. Councilman Larsen questioned the money being available; they had already invested a lot of money/man hours, into the river.

#### **Lowell Johnson to discuss idea of volunteer work in building the pocket park at 3650 South and 250 West**

Mr. Johnson arrived at 6:20. Mr. Johnson said they came here a couple of months ago to discuss the possibility of purchasing this land and developing the area with community help. He had talked to Commissioner Bliesner about designing the area and things they could do in the area; they would like to get families and neighbors involved in small areas. Mr. Johnson said some things may be beyond their ability to get donations and he was coming to the city to see what they would be willing to help share costs in. Mayor Knight asked if they were obligated to be part of the homeowners association as owners of the lot. Mr. Anhder said he did not know but would find the answer. Councilman

Larsen said his opinion was that the sprinkler system should match what they had throughout the city and should come to them.

Mr. Johnson said depending on what they decided to do with the park he thought a lot could be done by donation. They may need some help with some long-term projects if the city approved of some swings or sporting equipment; items they may not be able to get done by donation. Mr. Johnson said they were not sure what would be a liability issue; for example if they were to put in a swing set and if it would need to be put in by a contractor. They wanted to know what they needed to do to get approval on things; what they can and can't do, reporting, etc.

Mayor Knight said the recommendations by himself and Mr. Anhder were to give the neighborhood committee the approval to form up and make a recommendation on what they proposed to do which included; who will chair and be the contact person for the city; what they proposed the park to look like, as detailed as possible; what they think they need specifically from the city as far as materials and so forth; tie down liability issues; time to completion (mile posts); consult closely with Rod Elwood, their parks superintendent who would help with the design; present a final design to City Council before proceeding with construction. Mayor Knight said if the Council was alright with that proposal they would move forward.

Councilman Dustin asked if they should consider allowing them to go ahead with cleaning up the rocks, weeds, etc. Councilman Larsen said they wanted to see a design before they started planting grass but he was alright with the prep work being completed. Councilman Larsen said he thought they got too hung up with liability; they did not have to have a contractor install a swing or bench. It just needed to be approved and needed to pass their liability insurance guy. Councilman Larsen said from his experience the more identifiable the task the easier it was to accomplish. He noted examples from Shadow Brook Park. Mr. Johnson said they wanted to get it to that point; where they would have specific projects that needed to get done. Councilman Larsen said he fully hoped that this was successful; he had a couple other ideas around the community that he wanted to get community involvement and he hoped to be able to point at this as project being successful.

Councilman Dustin made a motion to pass the instructions from Mayor Knight and Mr. Anhder on to the organizers of the pocket park at 3650 S. 250 W. Councilman Larsen said he did not feel they needed a motion, it was not advertised on the agenda as an action item, and was alright with the direction that was given.

Mayor Knight suggested some all-weather ping-pong tables be included in the park. Mr. Johnson said they were open to suggestions on what would be a benefit to include in the park. Mayor Knight said this park would really beautify that area. Mayor Knight thanked Mr. Johnson.

### **Appointment of Nibley representative to CVTD board of directors**

Mayor Knight said he did not yet have a name for this representative to present to the Council.

### **Council reports**

Councilman Dustin noted the sidewalk on 3200 looked really good but expressed some concern with the flow line of the ditch and pipes being blocked and buried; he guaranteed it would not function. They spent a lot of money to put the pipe in and have it graded and he said he would like to see it cleaned up. Councilman Dustin said he wanted to see a letter from the city engineer saying that was enough to handle what the hydrological calculation would say they were going to see in that ditch. He said it would not function as a ditch anymore and he felt a lot of money had been wasted.

Councilman Dustin said he had enjoyed the opportunity to serve on the Council. He said he had decided not to run again this year and was withdrawing his name as a candidate. He appreciated the opportunity to serve with the Council and serve the community.

Councilman Larsen said he would not be present at the next meeting.

Mayor Knight reported on the tree board. He said they would have information to present to the Council for their approval in the next month; a tree plan, tree care plan, a street escape ordinance, and heritage trees. He said he probably would be looking for a new committee member because one participant had not been able to be there. Councilman Hansen recommended Carl Wildrick who was responsible for all the trees on USU's campus.

Mayor Knight complimented those in the city who had chosen to run for City Council; once it was official there would be eight candidates. He said that spoke well of the caliber of citizens in the city because it takes a lot.

Mayor Knight said they would soon have a policy on soccer field usage and fees coming to the Council. Councilman Dustin said he would like to see a policy that helped them to recoup the costs that were incurred; if the city was going to host those and there was not economic benefit for the city there was no reason for the city to subsidize them especially when there were people outside of town who had an economic advantage in terms of being able to sell to those people attending the tournaments. Mayor Knight said the proposal would have an event fee associated with it in addition to field use fees. Councilman Dustin said he would like them to be consistent.

Councilman Larsen said a citizen had talked to him about the weeds being cut down in Sunrise Meadow. He asked if they had done that or if the developer had done that. The citizen asked why they had not cut the lots down. Councilman Larsen said it was in the ordinance that they were supposed to. Councilman Dustin said the only complaint he had gotten was at the Weathershield property.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Assistant Deputy Recorder