

A Meeting of the Nibley City Council held at Nibley City Hall, 455 W. 3200 S. Nibley, Utah, on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

The following actions were made during the meeting:

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Minutes were taken by Deputy City Recorder Cheryl Bodily

Call to Order

Mayor Shaun Dustin called the Thursday, April 16, 2015, Nibley City Council meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Those in attendance included Mayor Shaun Dustin, Councilmember Larry Jacobson, Councilmember Amber Whittaker, Councilmember Kathryn Beus, and Councilmember Ron Hellstern. David Zook, Nibley City Manager, Shari Phippen, Nibley City Planner, and Justin Maughn, Nibley City Public Works Director, were also in attendance.

Mayor Dustin said there would be a modification to the agenda. He said the representative from the Cache Mosquito Abatement District board was not able to attend the meeting.

Approval of agenda; and approval of the March 19, 2015 meeting minutes

Councilmember Jacobsen made a motion to approve the evening's modified agenda and the previous meeting's (3-19-15) minutes. Councilmember Hellstern seconded the motion.

Councilmember Hansen arrived at 6:38 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously 5-0; with Councilmember Jacobsen, Councilmember Hellstern, Councilmember Hansen, Councilmember Beus, and Councilmember Whittaker all in favor.

Report from the City Representative on the Cache Valley Transit District Board

Mr. Norman Larsen, Nibley's representative to the Cache Valley Transit District Board was present at the meeting. Mr. Larsen introduced himself and directed the City Council and public present to where they can find the CVTD meeting minutes. He summarized the issues that would be discussed in upcoming meetings; compensation (May) and continuing free bus fare (June). He asked the public and City Council to give him their comments and questions.

Councilmember Jacobsen asked Mr. Larsen where the other representative on the board were from. Mr. Larsen said Logan had 8 votes and that Nibley, Millville, and Hyrum had 1 vote. He said voting was based on the bus mileage that was run in their city. He said there were about 13 members on the board.

Discussion and Consideration of Realignment Options for the 3200 S/SR 165 Intersection

Mayor Dustin stated his intent for the discussion of the realignment of the 3200 S/SR 165 intersection which was to decide what needed to go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission so that they could decide what needed to be built out over the next 20 years and how they had effective transportation corridors in this part of the city. Mayor Dustin said the intent was not about building a particular intersection or placing a light in a particular place.

Mr. Zook gave summarized the background information and how they had gotten to this point . He said staff had applied for a grant from the Cache County COG to study the intersection and the various alignment options. He said the city was awarded this grant and were able to hire Civil Solutions Group to conduct a study and present findings on the potential realignments options of 3200 South and SR 165.

Mayor Dustin discussed the background and his thoughts on providing pedestrian safety at 3200 South and SR 165. He said he felt Nibley's need had been accomplished in the short term but didn't deal with the long-term highway safety issues. He discussed the requirements that UDOT had given for a four-way stop that led to the study and discussion of the realignment of 3200 South and SR 165.

Mr. Michael Taylor representing Civil Solutions Group, was present at the meeting. He displayed and discussed a PowerPoint presentation shown to the City Council and public present which briefly summarized the following topics: Project background, Nibley growth, previous planning efforts, public outreach, and project priorities; pedestrian/bike safety, traffic flow, project cost, community impact, economic development, and vehicular safety. Mr. Taylor displayed and discussed each of 3 options for realignment. He discussed each options as it related to a town center concept. Mr. Taylor discussed a comparison study which summarized the pro and cons and costs associated with each option. He said one of the biggest concerns was impact to residents and their homes and discussed home relocation options.

Mayor Dustin said he didn't feel any urgency to do anything now. He said he was not backing off from the idea that they needed to have a four-way intersection at some point. He said he didn't know what would show up on the landowner's property and what road work they would need for those needs. He didn't feel they would be building an intersection in the next year but felt they needed to have a plan in place when something came to this area. Mayor Dustin said they needed to have a master plan that the City Council was willing to support that would account for what could potentially happen down the road.

Councilmember Hellstern started discussion on pedestrian safety when he asked Mr. Taylor about pedestrian safety options when considering realignment options 1 and 2.

Councilmember Hansen discussed a round-a-bout in realignment option 3.

Councilmember Beus asked if anyone had reached out to Millville and discussed their planning options for this part of their town. Mr. Taylor said Millville had expressed that they had no de-

velopment plans for the land. Mayor Dustin said they hadn't coordinated this with Millville. Councilmember Hansen noted that option 3 would require another bridge.

Councilmember Hellstern discussed a reduced speed limit as the intersection for the new high school was complete and wondered if that would reduce the amount of traffic on SR 165. Mr. Zook said UDOT had said they didn't intend to lower the speed limit and didn't intend to include a school zone at 2600 South.

Councilmember Beus asked Mr. Taylor about the sharpness of the S-curve on option 3.

Councilmember Hansen said he felt Mayor Dustin had expressed that the pedestrian cross-walk would solve their problems but said he was concerned with the merging traffic turning into Millville that where merging across two lanes of speeding traffic. Councilmember Hansen felt Nibley had gained a lot and but also felt like it was an issue that needed to be fixed. He said they needed to be more proactive regarding vehicular traffic and do something before something absolutely needed to be done.

Councilmember Jacobsen asked Mr. Taylor to help him understand what UDOT liked about the high-T intersection. Mr. Taylor said there were only two phases of signaling at the current intersection. Mr. Zook said UDOT had said the traffic coming off 3200 South were making a merging movement with speed and direction matching the north coming traffic and discussed collision patterns as described by UDOT. Councilmember Jacobsen asked if there was a schedule from UDOT regarding the pedestrian crossing at 3200 South. Mr. Zook and Mayor Dustin said they both understood that the pedestrian crossing was going to be installed some time this summer. Councilmember Hellstern asked about the possibility of making the intersection a three-way stop. Mr. Taylor said it would solve the pedestrian issue but not the vehicular issue and discussed the distance between 3200 and 3100 South and the possibility of head on collisions. Mr. Zook said UDOT had told them that they would not make 3200 a three-way stop; they would only consider resignalization if the intersection were to be a four-way intersection.

Councilmember Jacobsen told Bob and Virginia Harris, who were present at the meeting, that he suggested they approach any discussions with the city or developers with a "do nothing" approach if it negatively impacted the enjoyment of their property. Mayor Dustin said said the timescale for what he proposed was wide open but he felt they needed to plan for multiple accesses to SR 165 and that the property owners should be made aware of it. He said they needed to lay this out explicitly in the transportation section of the master plan. Councilmember Jacobsen asked if there was any application for funding through the government that would cause them to act sooner rather than later. Mayor Dustin said funding was not a driver in this issue. Mr. Zook said the COG's application period was historically around this time of year but as of yet they had not opened up the grant application process; he said it was normally available on a yearly basis. Mr. Zook discussed a possible phasing process.

Councilmember Whittaker said the issue was multi faceted realigning a road and said it was a matter of determining the best situation for current residents but also for the future residents of Nibley City. Councilmember Whittaker suggested that Nibley was currently updating their general plan and thought they should wait for that update to be completed. She said this would give them the ability to see the needs of the residents now. She said this was an issue of where they saw Nibley in the future and not just an issue of realigning a road. Councilmember Hansen said he felt that 3200 was critical because it was a major arterial through Nibley City. He said he didn't like the way options 1 and 2 delivered people on to the highway and wouldn't create a pleasurable driving experience. He believed option 3 seemed to make sense for Nibley today and he was leaning towards this option. Councilmember Hansen said he felt strongly that they were in the situation where they had a dangerous intersection.

Councilmember Jacobsen said he felt that each option could be included on that transportation master plan but didn't feel he could commit to any certain action at this time. He discussed future factors that could move one option or another to the forefront. Councilmember Hellstern expressed his dislike of options 1 and 2; they displaced individuals and had roads that led to nowhere. He said he also didn't feel ready to make a recommendation. Councilmember Whittaker suggested Nibley City staff still consider discussion with Millville. She said this would impact them also and said they needed to build a partnership between the two entities. She said communication with Millville was critical moving forward. Councilmember Hansen said he felt they knew for sure that they wanted a four-way intersection at 3200 South; it was the major thoroughfare through Nibley City. He believed that option 3 met the majority of their goals and that he would like the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider this option. He said options 1 and 2 were further down the road and didn't warrant the City Council's attention at this time. Councilmember Hansen said option 3 was a situation where they could resolve an issue. Mayor Dustin restated that he felt all of the projects were inevitable and that they should be talking about what needed to be done first and if Nibley was willing to commit to the action.

Councilmember Hansen made a motion to have option 3 of the 3200 South/SR 165 realignment be moved to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Millville, and the COG for consideration.

Councilmember Hansen said the other items could be considered on the transportation master plan. Mayor Dustin asked to restate the motion; to move forward with looking into funding for the alignment on 3200, and provide this sketch to the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider this type of connectivity as they went through their evaluation of the Nibley's general plan update. Councilmember Hansen didn't want to leave out coordination with Millville and the COG. Mr. Zook said the COG staff member (Jeff Gilbert) preferred option 2 and said this would be the option he would recommend to the COG.

Mayor Dustin restated what he felt the motion was: to explore options for a four way intersection at 3200 South; coordinate and get information from Millville and the COG; and instructing the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider alignment option for the other potential intersec-

tions along SR 165. Councilmember Hansen stated he was in favor of the S-curve and the round-a-bout on Mill Road.

Councilmember Hansen's motion died due to lack of second.

Councilmember Whittaker said she would like to make a recommendation to direct staff to add the potential new street connections as laid out on the final document of the PowerPoint presentation to the transportation plan in the general plan update. She felt this allowed them the opportunity of having these as viable options without changing the transportation master plan. She also stated she would like Nibley's staff to have open discussion with Millville and the COG.

The Council discussed making plans for roads in Millville. Councilmember Hansen discussed a four-way stop at 3200 and that he didn't feel options 1 and 2 were viable options. Councilmember Whittaker and Councilmember Beus were nodding in agreement during this discussion. Mayor Dustin felt the consensus they had was that Nibley needed to do a little more homework; to talk with Millville and the COG. Councilmember Hellstern said it would be prudent to get more information and feedback from the citizens. Mayor Dustin said the right way to get that input from the citizens was through the Planning and Zoning Commission. Asking the Planning and Zoning Commission to look at the options activated the public hearing process and allowed them to start engaging people that way.

Mayor Dustin said he had heard that the City Council wanted to coordinate with the Planning and Zoning Commission, identify and continue coordinating with Millville and the other stakeholders, and look more closely at the 3200 South alignment.

Staff and Council Reports

Councilmember Whittaker reported her take back from the ULCT Conference. Specifically on prioritizing an inter-local agreement on emergency management, and initiative and referendum power.

Councilmember Beus asked for feedback on her request for a Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding an auditor; the City Council's desire to hire the actual auditor. Mr. Zook asked if this was the desire of the City Council and Mayor Dustin directed Mr. Zook to add this item to the next agenda.

Councilmember Hellstern announced that Nibley City had been awarded Tree City USA status for the fourth consecutive year.

Mr. Zook told the City Council that Nibley City now owned an additional 20 acres adjacent to Heritage Park.

Mr. Zook told the City Council that they would be reviewing the first draft of the 2015-16 budget at their next meeting. He said they would also be hearing from the Cache Mosquito Abatement

representative and possibly from Miss Nibley at that meeting. Mr. Zook informed the City Council of the resignation of Commissioner Mark Lawver and said the City Council could possibly see a replacement recommendation at the next meeting.

Mayor Dustin asked the City Council to make recommendations for Nibley City Grand Marshall and Citizen of the Year for Heritage Days.

Mayor Dustin expressed his appreciation of the people present at the meeting and appreciated how civil the public was being allowing the City Council to work on this issue.

There was general consent to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Attest: _____
Deputy City Recorder