

**SMITHFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

**JUNE 11, 2014**

The Smithfield City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 96 South Main Street, Smithfield, Utah on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. The meeting began at 6:00 P.M. and Mayor Darrell Simmons was in the chair.

The following council members were in attendance: Dennis Watkins, Barbara Kent, Kris Monson, Jeff Barnes and Brent Buttars.

City Manager James Gass and City Recorder Justin Lewis were also in attendance.

The opening remarks were made by Council Member Monson.

**VISITORS:** Russell D. Elwood, Todd Beutler (CVTD), Shannon Nielsen (Herald Journal), Susan Barrus, Dave Olson, Scott Archibald (Sunrise Engineering), Victor Winsor, John Merkley, George Jeppesen, Alice Jeppesen, Lee McDonald, Sharal Marchant, Wayne P. Elwood, Jeff Strate, Chad Daniels, Eric Kleven, NayDean Park, Teresa Bodine, Melissa Draper, Gary L. Anthon, Kelly Cannon (Herald Journal), Dave Haynie, Kelly Luthi, Lyle Hill, Kevin Mullen and Dave Doxsee.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

After consideration by the council, the Mayor declared the consent agenda for the May 28, 2014 city council meeting minutes as approved.

**RESIDENT INPUT**

Dave Olson came before the council to discuss some behavior in the cemetery. Dave explained that during three of the last four years that the flowers located in the cup holders on the sides of the graves of his family members have been removed when the Memorial Day flowers are cleaned off. It is a family tradition that geraniums are planted in the cup holders on a yearly basis. There were 28 geraniums that were planted and removed. Two weeks before Memorial Day the grounds were sprayed and the first geraniums that were planted were killed. All of the flowers were replanted and the kids that cleaned the cemetery pulled them up last night on the cleanup. Dave stated he was tired of it and had come in and talked to the city staff last year and they must have not passed along the message. It is an educational issue in Dave's opinion as the kids just take and volleyball the items into the vehicles when the cemetery is cleaned off and show no respect for the items being thrown away. Planted flowers must stay; according to Dave. Dave stated that his sister had come into the office and explained the situation and the offer was made to pay for new flowers but that was beyond the point and this problem must stop. Dave stated he wants to be on the cemetery board if there is one. There was not an issue for 40 to 50 years and now there has been an issue for three of the last four years. Dave stated he was promised last year that this would not happen again.

Jim explained that the situation is frustrating as a volunteer youth group is used to help clean off the grounds once per year after Memorial Day. Several different groups have been used over the years and it has been a great help as only having two cemetery employees would require hours to clean off the graves. The issue is that most of the volunteers don't listen to the instructions given by the city employees. The employee's drive the trucks while the volunteers put the items in the bed of the trucks as the graves are cleared. The issue was discovered today and in the future employees might have to clean off all of the graves. Kris agreed.

Jim stated it would take a full day or more to have the two city employees clean off the graves.

Dave stated that people are not listening as all 28 flowers were removed. Jim stated that some of the graves were completely cleaned off and other graves had items left on them. The volunteers did the work and cleaned off the items.

Dave stated that his family would get the flowers replanted but wants this issue addressed in the future.

Mayor Simmons commented that the city has made a mistake and is going to learn from it and work to make sure it does not happen in the future.

Justin stated that he had visited with Dave's sister today and the situation had been explained and employees visited with as well. Justin stated that it was not correct that the information was not passed on in the past. Over the last year the city recorder position had changed and the parks director had changed. The employees in these positions are now aware of the situation and will work to resolve the issue in the future.

Justin apologized to Dave, his sister and the family for what had occurred as the cemetery is a sacred place and everyone realizes that but a mistake was made and needs to be corrected in the future. Dave again stated it must not happen in the future and he and his sister are willing to help in the future.

Russ Elwood mentioned he is a longtime resident and has not come before the council for several months. Russ is concerned about the eyesores in town and is glad to see the Tree Committee is formed and making progress. Dead trees in the city and specifically by the fire station are a concern for Russ and he wants the issue addressed. Homes are deteriorating and yards look terrible in the city as well. These areas are a disgrace to the city and make the city look bad according to Russ.

Russ complimented the cemetery workers for how the cemetery looks and looked for Memorial Day.

Russ stated he agreed with Dave Olson and the planted flowers must stay and not be removed.

**PRESENTATION ON THE YOUTH THEATRE BY SUSAN BARRUS.**

Susan Barrus came before the council to discuss the youth theatre presentation of “The Princess and the Pea”. The show was great again this year and there was great support as over 1,300 people attended the three shows.

Susan appreciated the winner of the music competition coming on Friday night and playing. Susan hopes that will be a new tradition moving forward.

The youth theatre has a website, [www.smithfieldtheatre.weebly.com](http://www.smithfieldtheatre.weebly.com), and comments of those that attended the performance are posted on the website.

A board is being created to help with the production of the event and each member will have certain responsibilities. The board will allow for the production to continue on if something happens to Susan or a board member. The show will always go on.

The youth theatre applied for some RAPZ tax funding but was told the production is not eligible.

The youth theatre is applying for a grant through Rocky Mountain Power.

Several new people, to the city, attended the event this year and some volunteered to help as well.

Templates are being created for each board member to keep the board member organized and knowing what their responsibility will be for the production.

The production for next year is a combination of two performances and will be called Sinbad’s Odyssey.

The theatre is looking at a different way to collect funds as currently it is happening through the Recreation Center but it has been a lot of work for them and when cash was taken in the past it was hard to track and that is why the Recreation Center became involved.

Classical music was used this year and there were many positive comments about it.

Susan and all of the participants in the theatre thanked the council for the support of the production as well as the budgetary funds that are allowed for the production.

Sky View has been very good to work with the production and help where needed.

Kris commented that she attended with her grandkids on Saturday night and the seating area was packed. The program was delightful and great for the community.

Kris informed the council that Susan was in an automobile accident on the way to one of her kid’s weddings and arrived by tow truck with a broken bone. Susan had surgery and still

oversaw the program just a couple of days later. Susan is truly dedicated to the production and Kris thanked her for all of her efforts.

Jeff stated that he attended the Friday evening show and roamed around and checked in all of the rooms. Jeff was totally amazed at how well managed the entire production and each room of kids is handled. Jeff thanked Susan for her service.

Barbara stated the theatre performance has become a Smithfield tradition and is now a big part of Health Days. A tradition has been created by Susan and those that volunteer to help. Barbara thanked Susan for incorporating the classical music as she thought it was wonderful.

Justin informed the council and thanked Susan for always being in budget. Justin explained that he is in constant contact with Susan about the budget and he appreciates how budget conscience she is every year.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 14-06, A RESOLUTION APPROVING BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSIT SALES TAX ISSUE.**

Mayor Simmons reminded the council that this issue was discussed at the last council meeting and the request is to allow the citizens to vote on whether or not they want to increase local option sales tax by 0.25% for the purpose of helping the transit district.

Jeff asked if the current sales tax rate for the district is 0.25%? Jim stated that was correct. Mayor Simmons mentioned the new proposed rate would be 0.50%.

Barbara stated she found it difficult to make the increase but liked the idea of allowing the citizens to vote on the idea that way their opinion would be heard and not just the city council.

Mayor Simmons commented that he felt the issue was losing steam and some cities were not allowing it to be voted on.

Jeff asked if the 0.25% increase would generate \$3,000,000 for the district? Todd Beutler stated it would generate around \$2,800,000 for the district. The local revenue would be doubled but the budget of the district would not double. The district also receives federal funding.

Todd stated the district just wants the citizens to decide if they support the increase or not.

Dennis asked which cities had approved the issue to go to the ballot as he read that the county was against it? Todd stated that Hyde Park and Smithfield were discussing the issue tonight and Hyde Park was supportive of the idea but wanted to review the language of the resolution before voting.

Todd explained that the district had talked to Cache County Corporation about the possibility of doing a split sales tax increase where the district got some of the funding and the county got some of the funding for road projects. The county was not excited about this option. Jim stated that the proposed increase would be dedicated to transit only.

Todd explained to the council that the legislature had passed a unified transportation plan but was not sure how to fund the plan at this point. The plan could possibly be funded with a fuel tax increase.

Dennis asked if Providence and River Heights had approved the ballot request? Todd stated that every city had been approached but North Logan, to this point, and they were all still discussing and had not voted on the issue yet.

Todd stated that there is a bunch of misinformation regarding the district and gave the council a fact sheet to review.

Todd commented that the district understands the concern for the need to repair roads and that is why Cache County had been approached but they did not seem to be in favor of a joint venture on the sales tax increase.

Dennis asked if Logan City had made a decision yet? Todd commented that they had been presented with the issue but not voted on it yet.

Dennis commented that if Logan and Cache County don't support the proposal that the voters voting in the smaller communities won't do much if they approve the requests in those cities. They are all rather small in the overall plan of generating the \$2,800,000 request. Todd stated that if the citizens say no then that is the answer the district goes with but if they say yes then possibly some additional services will be added in those communities.

Mayor Simmons asked if Smithfield is the only city to pass the increase will there be more routes added in the city? Todd stated that potentially there could be but that the board looks at the system as a whole and not just certain parts. The overall demand of the system is evaluated; not just one city.

Mayor Simmons asked when a final decision was needed on whether to allow the item on the ballot or not? Todd stated by the start of August so the ballots can be prepared as needed and required.

Dennis stated that the resolution was before the council to consider and it is advantageous to allow the citizens to vote on the issue. The downside is that if only a few cities allow the vote then it is not a good representation of what people really want. Cache County does not want or support the ballot issue as they see a much greater need for road funds. Logan is undecided at this time. Dennis suggested waiting to see what the other cities and specifically Logan do before taking a vote. Brent agreed with Dennis and thought it was best to wait.

Mayor Simmons asked what happens to the district if the increase does not pass? Todd stated that by 2019 service will decrease and the district could possibly become defunct. Todd commented that the district is not trying to hold the cities hostage but service will be cut over time if the increase is not passed.

Mayor Simmons liked the idea of waiting to see what other cities choose to do but stated that Smithfield will stand on its own and make the right decision for the city. Mayor Simmons and the council tabled the discussion until the July 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Todd thanked the council for their time and said he understood the concerns from those involved in making the decision.

**DISCUSSION WITH SUNRISE ENGINEERING ON THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY STUDY.**

Jim informed the council that Scott Archibald of Sunrise Engineering would be discussing the results of the study that was conducted to see if it is viable for Smithfield, Hyde Park and North Logan to have their own sewer treatment facility separate from Logan City.

Scott Archibald reviewed the study with the council with some of the key points being:

The study is a very broad study that was not intended to be in depth at this point.

The study is not at a point that permitting or application to the state could be made.

It is a brief but well qualified study of a new treatment facility for Smithfield, Hyde Park and North Logan.

The study does take into account piping and infrastructure.

The size of the required facility in the study is accurate based on flows from commercial and residential users in the three communities.

The project is based on a twenty year life, twenty year population growth rate and twenty year funding scenario.

All three communities have master flow meters so the numbers in the study are accurate.

The gallons per capita show the following: Smithfield City (63) gallons per capita per day, Hyde Park (83) gallons per capita per day, and North Logan (122) gallons per capita per day.

The facility is designed for an average of 100 gallons per capita per day which will make sure to cover the required load needed for the three communities.

The age of the current infrastructure and an allowance for industrial users was included in the study.

There is the possibility that some of the storm water system is tied into the system or storm water could infiltrate the system during a large storm and the study has been adjusted for 130 gallons per capita per day to 150 gallons per capita per day for this type of event.

After reviewing the flow data for the last 20 years the 100 gallons per capita per day was used for the study and deemed to be an accurate number.

The proposed facility would be able to treat 4,250,000 gallons per day from the three communities.

Three types of facilities were considered for treatment: membrane, oxidation ditch and a rotating system. They are all different processes but all produce the same end result.

The proposed plant would meet the current requirements of the State of Utah and the EPA.

The financing in the study was based off of the financing that Logan City was able to receive so the numbers would be comparable to what Logan City is going to charge the outlying communities.

The projected monthly increase per utility hookup would be in the range of \$9.50 to \$9.80 per month.

The interest rate on the funding package would be a big variable to determine if the system is feasible.

North Logan gravity flows to the Logan City system and Hyde Park and Smithfield require a lift station to get to the Logan City system.

The costs of the piping and infrastructure needed to get to the new plant as well as to the discharge point are accounted for in the study.

The estimate for the new infrastructure and treatment plant is \$29,700,000. This would be the total for a plant sized to work for the three communities.

The study includes a contingency of 20%.

The annual payment on the new system would be approximately \$1,600,000 to \$1,900,000 if the interest rate on the loan is in the 1.00% to 3.00% range.

Operation and maintenance of the new plant was estimated at \$500,000 per year so the total yearly cost of the facility and operation would be estimated at \$2,100,000 to \$2,400,000.

Three new personnel were figured in to the operation with one lead technician and two assistant technicians.

Brent asked if the technicians would be able to do the inspections of the industrial users on the system? Scott stated they would be able to handle all of the inspections after they were trained. At this point there would not be any large industrial users on the system.

Jim stated that the cost estimate was actually quite close to Logan's proposed increase to go onto their new system. Financing would be a big question as the interest rate would be a big factor in what the yearly payment would be.

Justin asked if a new discharge point would be granted? Scott stated that is a sticky issue and some hurdles would be required to get the request granted. Scott mentioned that it might be difficult to get another discharge point into Cutler Reservoir but he felt that if all of the hurdles were jumped across that it could be done. Jim commented that a new discharge point would have to be approved by the Division of Water Quality as well as the EPA. The preference of the state is to have one plant and one discharge point.

Jim informed the council that the state wants the outlying communities to look at all options and try and come to an agreement with Logan City to join their system.

Jim informed the council that a few variables of the study would be determining the exact location of the new plant, figuring out the soil conditions of the area of the new plant and seeing if there are any wetland issues to deal with.

Jim reminded the council that the numbers they are reviewing do not include the collection system and that cost would be added to the bill as well. Smithfield's current monthly rate is amongst the lowest in the valley but could end up in the \$40.00 range per month when the new system is implemented for the three cities or by staying on the Logan City system.

Scott stated that of the overall cost of the new system approximately \$12,800,000 would be associated with Smithfield City.

Mayor Simmons asked Scott if he had visited with North Logan or Hyde Park about the study? Scott stated the three communities have copies of the study but he had not done a formal presentation before the councils of the other two cities.

Jeff asked Scott which of the three treatment options he preferred and why? Scott stated that his preference would be the oxidation ditch. The technology has been around for years but in the past it could not treat this level of flow and now it can due to some technology changes.

A rotating biological contactor was also considered and it is a big paddle system that does aeration. At first this was the preferred system by Scott but after obtaining cost estimates for the equipment needed to cover that amount of flow it was not financially feasible. The Willard City and Perry City system operate on this system but they are not putting nearly the amount of flow through the system as the tri-city system would require so the equipment was much cheaper. The Willard/Perry system is treating approximately 2,000,000 gallons per day.

A membrane system like Hyrum City and Richmond City use was also considered. It is a good technology and leaves a very small footprint on the land as the entire plant would only be the size of the city office building. The operation and maintenance costs are higher in this type of plant and the system is quite operator intensive.

Scott informed the council that if they wanted to go into greater detail on the study to be able to take it to the state for approval that an environmental study would be required, the location of the new site would need to be determined and a discharge point would have to be obtained. The estimated cost to get to this point would be an additional \$40,000 to \$50,000. A more in depth review of the users would be required and the strength of the discharge would be more closely reviewed as well.

Mayor Simmons thanked Scott for his help on the study and presenting it to the council. The EPA is forcing the communities to make changes to the existing system and all options need to be considered. There is not an option to do nothing; something has to be done and the community deserved to know what all of the options are in regards to future treatment. The discussions are ongoing with Logan City and will be for the foreseeable future.

Jim stated that an extension had been granted in the past but there is a timeline that will have to be met and the cities cannot keep putting it off and a decision will be made sooner than later. Mayor Simmons concurred that something will happen soon.

Scott thanked the council for considering all options as he is a member of the community and he is glad that all options are being investigated and considered.

Mayor Simmons asked Scott to make the same presentation to the North Logan and Hyde Park city councils; if possible.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PERMANENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND TO THE GOLF COURSE ENTERPRISE FUND.**

Mayor Simmons explained that the current irrigation management system at the golf course is old and antiquated. The system is DOS based and Chad Daniels has done a great job managing a very old technology. There are no longer parts or service available for the existing system. The current system is very vulnerable to weather and specifically lightning. Chad is very frugal in the funds spent on the course and several options have been discussed. The golf course needs to continue to be a wonderful product as it is an icon in the community. The discussion for the citizens to consider is the permanent transfer of funds of \$50,000 from the sewer enterprise fund and \$50,000 from the water enterprise fund to pay for the new irrigation management system at the golf course.

Chad Daniels explained that the system was designed in 1991 and purchased by the golf course in 1993. The system is DOS based and runs off of Windows XP which is no longer supported by Microsoft. The system that is being discussed is not the sprinkler heads or piping but the electronics that turns the sprinkler heads on and off. The central control system is very antiquated and being limped along. The biggest issue is the transceivers located on the course that control the sprinkler heads. There are 20 transceivers on the course. Each transceiver controls 24 to 64 sprinkler heads. The company that developed the system used to be able to repair the transceivers but they were purchased by another company. The new company has since stopped supporting this system and the information and technology on the system is gone.

The course does not have any backup transceivers that will function. On a normal year; one to four of the transceivers will go out. The course cannot be irrigated by hand as it would take an additional four to five employees walking up and down the fairways turning on sprinkler heads. Jim explained that each sprinkler head would have to be turned on individually it is not like a home system where one nozzle can be turned and several sprinklers will turn on. Chad explained there are a few areas on the course that four or five sprinkler heads are hooked together and there are around 600 sprinkler heads on the golf course. When the transceivers don't function the system is inoperable for that set of sprinklers run by that specific transceiver.

*\*\*\*The public hearing was opened at 7:12 P.M.\*\*\**

George Jeppesen. I am here representing myself and my friends. We are all on fixed incomes. The cost of food has doubled, utilities are increasing and everything else is going up. The only thing going down is the interest earned on our money. A few years ago the city asked for more money for the water system and the rate was increased. Now there is a \$50,000 profit and the money should be given back to the stockholders. I cannot believe this issue is even being discussed. I cannot believe the utility money which is a necessity is being considered to be given elsewhere. Is there adequate money in the Smithfield accounts for future infrastructure work? I suggest that money is given back to the citizens. The citizens are the stockholders of the system. I don't want you to give the money back but I want the money put into reserve. The city will be asking for more money on our utility bills later on. I don't think this request is right morally or legally. This should not be done where senior citizens are facing high inflation. The council just talked about increasing the monthly sewer rate \$10 to \$15 per month. The increases just keep going on and on. I humbly suggest that the money be put into a reserve account. If more money is collected than needed it should be held in reserve for the future when Logan asks for more money or the monthly rates should be reduced. The city did not need the last increase; I can see that as a former businessman. I want you to hold onto those funds. I was one of the original stockholders when the golf course was built. I helped to build it. I am not saying to get rid of the golf course as it is an attraction to the city. It is the best golf course in the county. I think the rates should be increased as those using the course should pay their fair share. A private business would increase their fees if more money is needed. I think a lot of the council but the council needs to remember a large part of the city is older people.

John Merkley. I am a long time citizen and I am concerned of the effect this will have on the citizens of Smithfield. This element of the city does not affect everyone as everyone does not utilize the course. I think this issue is being dealt with in a subversive way and needs to be voted on by the people. I don't think many people realize what is happening. I don't think people realize that the money they pay for garbage service might go to the golf course. When the golf course was created there was a Smithfield assessment to help pay for the construction and then the course was supposed to be self-sustaining and make a profit that would be sufficient for their needs. The city owns the course and if there is a problem with funding it then it should go before all of the people. Make it a bond issue and let the citizens' vote on it. I see this happening and then my property tax rate being increased. The last time my property tax was raised it tripled. According to the mayor the costs of water and sewer are going up and the cost has been increased. Many people don't know that the money is going to the golf course. I agree with what George Jeppesen said and I don't have a lot of income. I don't want the money paid for

water and garbage to be moved to other accounts. I see a need for the irrigation control system but there has to be another way for the people to say yes or no on it. This does not settle with me and I vote against it. I declare against the proposal. It does not seem above board and appropriate to me.

NayDean Park. I am learning more about the role of government. I just found out that the golf course is an enterprise fund. I think they need to find other ways to generate revenue. It should not be taken from the emergency funds. The taxpayers are already in bondage. I don't want something done that will further increase my taxes. I don't want to see \$100,000 used now and find out that funding was needed in those funds a year from now. There has to be other ways to generate revenue. I feel like the paupers are paying for the emperors clothes.

Lee McDonald. I was an original stockholder on the second buy. I agree with George Jeppesen. Since it is an enterprise fund like the others it should show up on our monthly bill each month. Water and sewer show up on our monthly bill. There should be more than a two week notice on this type of thing.

Dave Doxsee. I agree with what has been said. I don't want to see money taken from the water or sewer fund. In the earlier discussion it was said that sewer rates will be going up. I am a senior citizen that turns 72 this year. I don't want my costs to go up. One third of this town does not have secondary water. The golf course only represents a few people. I don't play due to having a bad back. Golf is recognized as a wealthy man sport. Let the golf course be self-supporting. The rates can be raised if needed. They can borrow money if needed. Why are they privileged? I was at the library ground breaking and found out that the citizens have to pay for the interior items in the building. We are taking money from a necessity and giving it to a select few. This is grossly unfair. It is grossly irresponsible; if it is approved. We need to save the money and plan for water and sewer expenses in the future. A reserve needs to be built now. Everyone uses the water and sewer system and the funds should be left alone until needed.

Roger Lincoln. I am not contesting the need for the upgrade. I don't golf. I have been told we have one of the best courses in North America by my friends. This is my adopted hometown. Before we moved here we researched where to move to and went all over the internet checking out information. We even called people and got their opinions. It took us over one year to make a decision. One of the main reasons we moved here was the fiscal management of the city at that time. Golf is a nice game. I don't like that the amount of water people are using is helping pay for upgrades on the golf course. I have a question for the council. Why not let the golfers pay for the course?

Lynn Godderidge. I have lived in Smithfield for 51 years. I remember when the golf course was only nine holes. I am glad that Lee McDonald, George Jeppesen and Bud Lowe had a vision to make the course 18 holes many years ago. If not for the golf course the overall quality of life in Smithfield would not be the same. There are two things that bring people to town; recreation events and the golf course. All of those people use the local eateries and convenience stores. I understand the concern of those on a fixed income. I love to promote the area we live in as we have nice ball fields, trails, parks and a golf course. All of those things come with a cost. At one time the softball leagues all played in Logan because they had the best fields and Smithfield had

nothing. Logan did not invest money in their fields and Smithfield built new fields and maintained them and the leagues in Logan came to Smithfield to play. The golf course raises over \$100,000 per year for charity. This is one of the best courses in America. The managers of the course are very efficient and if the system was not needed they would not be asking for it. Smithfield is known through the country as the home of the Birch Creek golf course. It would be money well spent for this project. If the golf course is valued then we need to put money into it. The federal government subsidizes car companies, banks and farmers to name a few. I know the course maintains their budget. The course also provides jobs for the local youth in the summer.

Mayor Simmons asked Eric Kleven how many additional people are hired in the summer? Eric responded that approximately 20 are hired for the summer months.

Kevin Mullen. I live in Smithfield. I am the Men's Association president this year. We have a very nice course. They do have a budget and operate within it. Over 50% of associations members reside outside of Smithfield and they bring revenue to the city and local businesses. If the course is not maintained and dries up people will go elsewhere to golf. The Logan River Golf Course is getting better each year. The quality in the past there has been poor but it is getting better. People recognize Smithfield because of the golf course. We will lose golfers and revenue if the course is not maintained.

Kent Ward. I am on a fixed income but I do golf. I have golfed in several places. I know that reading in some golf magazines that Birch Creek is considered a hidden gem. I don't agree with the comments that money is being transferred from a necessity account to a frivolous area. There is a significant amount of money spent at local businesses by golfers. The sales tax received is a big amount. I am guessing over 60% of the golfers reside from outside of the city. They all bring money to the city. Businesses pay the sales tax and some of it is kept by the city. The amount of money being considered is not that much to generate a better golf course. I have reviewed the budget and checked the reserves and there is money in there for this project. The golf course needs to be maintained. I don't mind shopping locally as I know some of the money comes back to the city. I do support the golf course. I golf in many places and people I have met comment on how nice the Birch Creek course is when they find out I am from Smithfield. My son-in-law resides in Salt Lake and golfs many of the courses in that area and says none of them are as nice as Birch Creek.

Russ Elwood. I want to complain about the golf course and the sewer fund. I don't want a permanent transfer of funds to happen. I want the golf course to be self-sustaining and not take any money from the city. I have reviewed city council meeting minutes from the past and the course is supposed to be self-sustaining. The percentage of golfers in Smithfield is small. I call them "goof offers" and not golfers. This is a sore spot in my eyes to consider a permanent transfer. Loans have been done in the past.

Russ stated he did not like it when people are hired by the city and don't move into the city to be a taxpayer. Jim you have been a sore spot in my eye since day one stated Russ.

Russ commented that Jim drives a city vehicle to and from his home. Jim responded that he does not and that he drives his personal truck or the bicycle that is located in his office.

Russ stated that mayor does not like him and asks him to be a good neighbor. Russ does not think the mayor is a good neighbor by saying that to Russ. Russ is concerned about the eyesores he thinks are in town and that when he tells the mayor about them it falls on deaf ears. Brent asked Russ to sit down as his time is up. Brent reminded Russ the public hearing is about the golf course and not discussing other issues in town. Brent suggested Russ comment on the golf course issue or sit down.

David Buys. I would like to address a few issues. People don't understand what enterprise funds are. There has been talk about recreation in the city. A bunch of money has been spent at Forrester Acres and the horse arena has been updated and it only benefits a few people. Smithfield provides something for everyone. Many people use the golf course, soccer fields, walking paths and recreation center. The parks department has approximately a \$250,000 a year budget for maintenance. The golf course is an enterprise fund that is trying to pay for its needs and sometimes things like this come along and help is needed. I encourage the council to realize it is an enterprise fund with a budget of about \$1,000,000 and is a great benefit to the community. I encourage you to vote in favor of the transfer.

Teresa Bodine. Is this the only option? Is this the only way? We have water and have built reservoirs for drought times. This option you are considering is not an option. Not everyone wants it. I want the golf course to function but let the city find another way to fund it. You are taking valuable money from funds that will need that funding down the road. We don't have to do this and a choice can be made that can help resolve both situations.

Kelly Luthi. Many things have been talked about but some people say the golf course does not affect them. It affects everyone including those that don't golf. The quality of life in Smithfield is better with the golf course. There is open space and less noise. There is a lot more grass and a lot less asphalt. Golf brings activity to the city from the oldest people to the youngest people. I see many people walking the course that don't even golf. The golf course is a benefit to the entire community. I agree there is an economic benefit and the fundraising that occurs up there is a big issue. I have helped and participated. The local schools get money from a fundraiser. A medical case is helped to be funded by the donations made to a tournament held there. The community benefits from the golf course and I vote in favor of the proposed transfer. The golf course needs to be given the tools they need to maintain the course.

Dave Haynie. I agree with my neighbors except for one fact. No matter where the money comes from I have the highest level of confidence in Eric Kleven and Chad Daniels to do the right thing. There are two options; hire laborers to turn the sprinkler heads on or let the golf course burn up. I disagree with people that don't think we need the course. I am bringing 120 people to the golf course for an event. The golf course is one of the reasons I moved to the valley. It is an important part of the north end of the valley. Don't let the golf course go to waste.

Don Williams. I recognize the importance of the decision being made by the council. I was one of the originators of the golf course. I still support the course by riding along with my kids and grandkids when they golf. I can no longer golf. I agree with George Jeppesen on many of his comments. I think there should be other means of making this work out. The water and sewer funds are sacred. Every time a decision is made I am afraid my taxes will go up. I am against

anything that will increase my taxes. I don't support the transfer. I do support Chad Daniels and how he maintains the course.

Melissa Draper. I have lived in Smithfield for 14 years and we moved here because we wanted out of Logan. I think the golf course is very beneficial and glad it is here. I think it is inappropriate to use the water and sewer funds. The golf course is not drying up yet. The problem is how to fund the equipment. The city has been creative in how to fund other purchases in the past and I would like them to do it again. The city obtained a really small interest rate loan for the library and maybe they could do the same thing here. Maybe the golf course budget could be reviewed and certain things removed and other areas focused on. Is it possible to do it in phases? Could RDA funds be used as the golf course does bring revenue to the city? I think it would be more appropriate to use RDA funds for the golf course than for the library project which I was opposed to the RDA funds being used for. We need the funds to stay in the water and sewer fund. I think that changes should be made to the golf course budget or a loan should be taken out.

Dennis stated that the golf course is not located in the RDA area and funds could not be used there. Melissa asked where the RDA area is located? Dennis responded that it is physical boundary and the golf course is not part of the RDA area.

Gary Anthon. The golf course is part of the community. It made a big difference in my parents' lives. For the last ten years of their lives they would just go up there and take walks around the course to get out of the house. Some days they would ride around but they still enjoyed it. Recreation is a great benefit to the community and I think the quality of life is better with the golf course.

Wayne Elwood. I think the discussion this evening has been good. I would like to support the golf course but not in this way. I don't want to transfer funds like Logan is doing. I would be willing to support in some way but not this way.

*\*\*\*The public hearing was closed at 7:58 P.M.\*\*\**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON APPROVING THE PERMANENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO THE GOLF COURSE ENTERPRISE FUND.**

Mayor Simmons thanked everyone that gave input and that it was good to hear from the citizens. The council is grateful that people are willing to attend and voice their opinion.

Jeff stated there were many good comments and appreciated those people that attended the meeting. Jeff commented that he does not golf but that the golf course is an important part of the city. Many friends and neighbors use the golf course. Jeff asked if there are other options to consider such as making a loan to the golf course rather than a permanent transfer?

Mayor Simmons asked if a charitable event to raise the funds would be viable? Some of the charitable events will raise \$60,000. Eric Kleven commented that it could be done and that the

recent ALS tournament that was held in behalf of Lee Badger netted around \$60,000 but teams were paying \$1,500 to \$5,000 to enter. The Smithfield Chamber of Commerce does an annual tournament and gives money to the local schools. Money is raised and given to the schools and parents and kids that don't golf benefit from it. Money is raised for needy families and kids as well as medical research. Eric commented that it could be done but that it would take time and he was not sure if it would be financially viable.

Mayor Simmons asked why it might not financially make sense? Eric responded that several other charity events are being done and this would not be a charity event but just a fundraiser to raise additional money for the golf course itself. The golf course was willing to do it but there should not be an expectation to raise a lot of money where it is not for a charitable cause.

Eric commented that Birch Creek is a benefit to Smithfield, Logan and all of Cache Valley. In 2002 it was ranked as a top five course.

Mayor Simmons asked Chad Daniels if he thought a tournament fundraiser would work? The residents are asking for options and would this be one? Chad stated it is an option but the concern is that right now the course is operating but if one transceiver goes down within two days the area that the transceiver covers will be burning up. The golf course cannot wait a month or two to make a decision and try and raise the funds.

Mayor Simmons commented he understood that the system needs to be purchased quickly but that the tournament could even be held next year as part of the current budget year. Eric stated he would be glad to host a tournament next year as this year is almost booked up. The system; however, needs to be fixed today and cannot wait. Mayor Simmons and the council agreed it needs to be addressed now.

Kris commented that she is not a golfer and wondered about not doing a permanent transfer but a transfer that could be paid back later on. Maybe look at using money from some of the other funds as well.

Jim stated he understood the comments and concerns of those that voiced their thoughts but at the same time Smithfield has some of the lowest utility rates in the entire state. There has been one sewer increase in 20 years and it was \$2.25 per month. Every penny the city receives is being used appropriately. It would be hard to find another community of 10,500 people that offers the amenities that are in the city. The recreation center charges fees just like the golf course and most of the citizens don't use it and that is a fact. Most of the citizens have never even been to the recreation center but the general fund is transferring \$60,000 to \$100,000 per year to the recreation fund to keep it viable. Transfers are what the city does when needed.

Jim addressed the concern that what the city was doing was illegal. Jim informed everyone that every citizen was notified of the public hearing and allowed to give input. Over 3,000 notices were mailed and it was advertised in the paper and on the public notice website as required.

Jim explained that this was the first time in his 31 years of working for the city that a request like this had been considered.

Jim commented that Chad had worked 81 hours the previous week and does not get paid overtime. Eric works 60 to 70 hours per week and does not get paid overtime. Neither of them have an assistant to help them out and everything they do is to help make the golf course a better place.

Jim explained that it is very rare for a public golf course to not be supplemented in some way. The course is a multimillion dollar asset that has been paid for by people living outside of the community by the fees they pay.

Jim stated that the water and sewer reserve funds have approximately \$1,800,000 in each one.

Jim mentioned that another option would be to raise property taxes if the council wanted to consider it. The city does not have extra money in accounts to pay for this project. The recreation fund does not have any money and the street fund does not have any money. The budget is done as tight as possible so that the citizens are paying the smallest amount possible.

Jim explained that the golf course pays to the city approximately \$35,000 per year which is used to help pay the wages and benefits of some of the employees such as the city recorder and city treasurer that work with the golf course on a daily basis. Sales tax is generated by the golf course and that money is put into the general fund not the golf fund. By taking \$50,000 from each fund there will not be an additional hardship or increase to any of the citizens of Smithfield. If taxes are raised to pay for it then it will affect everyone and the city staff is trying to do it without affecting what people currently pay.

Jim mentioned that this type of request had never been made in the past and that Logan City transferred approximately \$6,000,000 earlier this month to various funds and Hyrum City transferred around \$300,000 to various funds as well.

Jim commented that permanent transfers are allowed and something to consider as the possible alternative is to raise taxes and that would not be the preferred way to do it. The golf course keeps their rates as high as possible to cover costs but there is a point that cannot be exceeded or people will go to other courses and not come back. The course could possibly increase the fee \$1.00 but it would not generate enough revenue to pay for this new system.

Jim thanked everyone for attending the meeting so that the issue at hand could be explained and input gathered. The city staff and council are trying to do the right thing and study all of the options.

Brent thanked Jim for explaining that the golf course is actually paying money to the city on a yearly basis and not just asking for money.

Barbara stated that she does not golf and nobody else in her immediate family golfs as well. Many hours of budget meetings have been attended and the council is listening to all of the input from the public hearing.

Barbara commented that in her research that she had found out from an environmental engineer that the golf course and hillside is actually an aquifer replenishment area and is a benefit to the local water supply. The city has a well on the course and the aquifer is protected.

Barbara mentioned that she had read a study and that for every \$1.00 spent on a golf course that \$1.80 is brought back to the local economy. There are three effects of having a golf course; direct, induced and indirect.

Barbara thanked everyone for attending the meeting as it is an agonizing decision and the council needs to know the thoughts of the community.

Barbara also explained that there is an added real estate benefit to every homeowner in the city. Golf course communities, Smithfield is one of them, have higher real estate values even if the home is not located on the golf course but is in the surrounding area.

Barbara thanked everyone for their explanation on the charitable events held at the course and the good things that they do for the schools and medical facilities.

Barbara felt that a compromise could be made and that maybe the best solution was a loan to the golf course.

Kris thought maybe having a donation line item on the monthly utility bill like is being done with the library could be done with the golf course as well.

Jim expressed concern for a loan being granted as the golf course does not have a way to pay it back. A fundraiser would just help to keep the course running and for future projects but not to help pay for this system. Jim explained his concern that for the charitable events corporate sponsors are involved and that for a cause like this just to support the local course it would be hard to get the sponsors and charge the high fees that are charged for charitable events.

Jim explained how frugal the golf course staff is and used the following example. A greens mower is purchased and used for years and then it becomes a tee mower when it can no longer mow the greens well. When it can no longer do the tees well then it becomes a rough mower and when it can no longer do rough mowing it because a fringe mower. When it finally can no longer be utilized anywhere then it is taken apart and used for parts on the other mowers. The golf course staff is doing everything they can to try and survive. Doing a loan does not solve the problem it just adds an ongoing issue that will have to be dealt with. The tournament is a great idea but won't solve the problem.

Brent asked if the general fund could help pay for the system? Jim said it could be done but that it would put a great strain on the general fund. Jeff asked about taking \$10,000 per year for 10 years from the general fund to help out as that would not break the bank. Jim said it would be much more feasible to have the general fund pay money back to the enterprise funds at \$10,000 per year for ten years. Jeff felt that compromise would solve the concern by those for and against the project. Jim stated that doing it over 10 years would work but doing it all at once from the general fund would not be good or financially sound.

Mayor Simmons asked if anyone wanted to make a motion or had a different proposal?

Jim stated that the budget for the 2015 fiscal year must be passed this evening to stay in state compliance but that the proposal could be incorporated into the adjustments that are made in December.

Dennis thanked the public for their comments. There were 11 comments against the proposal but only one person offered a solution which was to add a new line item to the monthly utility bill. The others had no solution or said to come up with another way but offered no solution. The budget has been being worked on for the last three months and the budget has been reviewed on a line by line basis. The current situation is not a new problem. Is there another way to do it? That is a good question with very few responses. Last year the system was needed as well and nothing was done as the funds were not available. The issue is not being resolved and needs to be taken care of as it is not going away. Seven people thought it was a good idea to support the transfer.

Dennis thanked the public for attending the meeting as Logan City just transferred approximately \$1,200,000 from their electrical fund to the golf fund and nobody attended the public hearing to voice a concern or support the idea. This proposed transfer is for \$100,000 and many people have come out to be heard and that is a credit to the community.

Dennis explained that he has been on the council for six years and funds are transferred on a regular basis but not from enterprise fund to enterprise fund. The city has a budget officer who helps to give guidance and suggestions to the council and to this point nobody had come up with a better solution or option. The city manager is also the budget manager and it makes sense to do the transfer after reviewing several options. The proposed transfer is not immoral or subversive as there were over 3,000 notices mailed and it was advertised in the local paper as well. Businesses move money from fund to fund all the time without question; it is part of doing business.

Dennis did not think it was wise to look at getting a loan and paying interest. Is that a wise decision to pay interest when we have funds in hand? Why indebt the city further when there is money in the reserves to pay for the project. The city budget is approximately \$4,800,000 and \$100,000 is not a significant amount of the city budget but is a significant amount for any single person. The city only receives about \$464,000 per year in property tax out of the \$4,800,000 so the majority of the revenue to the city is coming through other means. To cover the \$100,000 by raising property tax; the property tax rate would have to increase 22% and the council and citizens don't want to see that done. What is the best move? This is a good option and should be considered.

Dennis stated he had a deep appreciation for what had been said and for the amount of time it had taken to come to this decision.

\*\*\*A motion to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the sewer enterprise fund and \$50,000 from the water enterprise fund to the golf enterprise fund was made by Dennis.\*\*\*

Jeff asked if by transfer Dennis meant that eventually it would be paid back? Jim stated the motion does not include anything about it being paid back and the options are to approve it as stated or if it does not get seconded then another motion could be presented. Mayor Simmons stated that if there is not a second then there would not be a vote.

\*\*\*A motion to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the water enterprise fund and \$50,000 from the sewer enterprise fund to the golf course enterprise fund with the condition that the general fund pay \$5,000 per year to the water enterprise fund and \$5,000 per year to the sewer enterprise fund for 10 years was made by Jeff, seconded by Brent and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Watkins, Kent, Monson, Barnes, Buttars

No Vote: None

Jim asked for clarification of how it would be paid back? Jeff stated the general fund would pay back the \$100,000 over a period of 10 years at a rate of \$10,000 per year.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015.**

Jim stated the final budget is very similar to the tentative budget but a few loose ends were tied up and there is about a \$700 difference in the tentative and final budget. The \$50,000 transfers to the golf course from the water and sewer funds show in there and will be updated at the December adjustment meeting. The parking lot expansion at Forrester Acres had been included as well in the final budget.

\*\*\**The public hearing opened at 8:40 P.M.*\*\*\*

\*\*\*Barbara had a family emergency and had to leave the council meeting temporarily.\*\*\*

Mayor Simmons commented that the budget had been worked on for the last three months and this was the final approval step.

There were not any comments from the public.

\*\*\**The public hearing was closed at 8:41 P.M.*\*\*\*

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 14-07, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015.**

Mayor Simmons asked the council to take a short recess while Barbara dealt with a family issue.

*\*\*\*The council took a break and stopped the city council meeting at 8:42 P.M.\*\*\**

*\*\*\*Barbara returned to the council meeting.\*\*\**

*\*\*\*Mayor Simmons reopened the council meeting at 8:55 P.M.\*\*\**

Justin asked for some clarification on the last motion as he did not recall or hear if Dennis's motion had been withdrawn before Jeff made his motion which was approved. Mayor Simmons asked if anyone recalled hearing the motion had been withdrawn or died due to a lack of a second. Justin asked for the motion to be rescinded and then Dennis's motion withdrawn and Jeff's motion approved so that it was all done correctly. Jim stated that Jeff's motion would be rescinded and then Dennis's motion could be withdrawn at that point and then the motion could be approved.

*\*\*\*A motion to rescind the approval of the transfer of \$50,000 from the water enterprise fund and \$50,000 from the sewer enterprise fund to the golf course enterprise fund with the condition that the general fund pay \$5,000 per year back to the water enterprise fund and \$5,000 per year to the sewer enterprise fund for 10 years was made by Kris, seconded by Dennis and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\**

Yes Vote: Watkins, Kent, Monson, Barnes, Buttars

No Vote: None.

Mayor Simmons declared the motion by Council Member Watkins dead due to lack of a second on the motion.

*\*\*\*A motion to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the water enterprise fund and \$50,000 from the sewer enterprise fund to the golf course enterprise fund with the condition that the general fund pay \$5,000 per year to the water enterprise fund and \$5,000 per year to the sewer enterprise fund for 10 years was made by Jeff, seconded by Brent and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\**

Yes Vote: Watkins, Kent, Monson, Barnes, Buttars

No Vote: None.

Justin informed the council there was a typo on the agenda and the correct budget Resolution number is 14-08 not 14-07 as listed on the agenda. The number on the Resolution is correct.

*\*\*\*A motion to adopt Resolution 14-08, a Resolution adopting the budget for all funds for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 was made by Dennis, seconded by Jeff and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\**

Yes Vote: Watkins, Kent, Monson, Barnes, Buttars

No Vote: None

**DISCUSSION ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIST.**

Jim reminded the council that he had asked them to come up with a list of capital improvements they would like considered for the future.

Dennis stated he had reviewed the list and would like to see a nice entry sign to the city on the north and south ends of town. Hyrum City has a very nice entrance sign. Dennis suggested putting the south sign as far south as possible based on the future plans as the city will grow to the south. Permission would be required from a landowner to allow for the sign. Mayor Simmons informed the council there had been some preliminary discussion with Staker and Parson Company and they might be willing to make some contributions or gifts in kind to that project. The discussion has only been general to this point. Jeff mentioned that he had seen Layton's entrance sign and thought it looked very nice. Kris commented she thought Layton's looked like a headstone. Brent stated he liked Hyrum's sign and that it was unique and pretty.

Jim cautioned that one potential challenge might be with UDOT on the north end of town as they have a rather large right of way area.

Brent suggested adding a splash pad to the capital improvement list.

Jeff asked if Sunset Park would have a pavilion at some point? Jim stated that a pavilion at Sunset Park is not on the list but finishing up Sunset Park is part of the list and a pavilion is part of the project.

Jeff asked if the playground equipment had been installed? Jim stated not yet.

Brent suggested adding more trees on Center Street and replacing those that had died.

Mayor Simmons asked if the memorial park at the location of the old city office building was on the list? Jim said it is and the next phase of that project is determining exactly what the layout of the new park will be. Right now there are just many concept projects.

Brent asked if the memorial park layouts had been narrowed down to just a few? Kris stated not at this point. Jim stated that at this point there were just several concepts and most likely it will be using small portions of several of the layouts for the final product. Jeff suggested reviewing the layouts at the council meeting later in the month to start to narrow it down.

Brent suggested adding the granary area located on the east side of Forrester Acres to the list.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT WITH DISCUSSION AND MINOR DECISIONS AS NECESSARY.**

Jim informed the council that the Birch Creek well is up and running.

Barbara asked what the flow rate is on the well? Jim stated it was 1,750 gallons per minute. The SCADA system is not yet in place so the drawdown of the well is not known right now but will be in the future.

Brent asked if the water passed the tests without issue? Jim stated that the water tested good. Some minor debris had to be removed on startup but other than that it has been fine.

Jim stated that the secondary water debris issue should be resolved now. A secondary screen was added about two weeks ago. Brent mentioned that he went up and looked the area over with Public Works Director Doug Petersen and thinks there might need to be some changing of how the water is swirling after it goes around the new screen. Jim stated another issue is leaves and lawn clippings that get thrown in the canal throughout the year.

Jim informed the council that the library floor was being poured on Friday as the underground piping and electrical work were complete. The biggest concern moving forward will be the cut into the old building and how it will work and how services at the library will be affected when that happens. So far there have been two change orders. One was the removal of the second tennis court under the exposed tennis court at a cost of about \$3,500. Down the road there will be a change order in the patio area to the south of the new building. It was designed to gently slope back but it is going to be better if there is a small retaining wall to help hold the area up and limit the required slope. The idea would be to make the retaining wall a continuous bench as well. The second change order was for the repair of the sprinkling system. The city had accepted the responsibility to repair the system as part of the project and the cost of the materials to redo the area was around \$5,000. Almost the entire area had to be rerouted with new pipe and sprinklers. Everything else is going well and Landmark Companies is on schedule to this point.

Brent asked when the old library would be cut into? Jim stated around the first of August.

Jeff asked for clarification of what happens after the floor is poured. Jim stated that the steel framing would start after that point.

Jim explained to the council that the city staff was looking at reclaiming some of the plots in the cemetery. Plots that were purchased over 60 years ago and the city has not been contacted about can be reclaimed and resold. There are certain guidelines that have to be followed per state code. The city will make every attempt to contact the families and see if they are aware they own the plots and if they have an intent of using them in the future.

Justin stated that Connie Gittins had gone through the cemetery records over the last three months and come up with a list. There are approximately 360 plots that can be considered to be reclaimed. The process will be to mail the notice to the families at the last known address. Also, a legal advertisement will be placed in the Herald Journal for three straight Sundays. Thirty days after the last publication the council can consider reclaiming the plots that the city has not been contacted about. The city would reclaim the plots by resolution if the council chooses to do so.

Brent suggested making a baby cemetery somewhere in the cemetery grounds when possible. Jim suggested reviewing the plot map after the reclaiming project is completed. Justin reminded

the council that people cannot sell the plots to others. The plots can be given to direct family members or sold back to the city for the original cost paid.

Jeff asked if a person could switch plots and if there was a cost? Jim stated that people can exchange plots in the cemetery at any point with another vacant spot without a cost.

Jim supplied the council a copy of the property tax rates for about 120 cities throughout the state. Brent commented that the Smithfield rate is very low compared to many others in the county and state. Jim said that the council should take pride in having a low level of property tax and still be able to offer the services that are available in the community.

Jim explained that some cities have a dedicated library tax such as North Logan. Their general purpose tax is lower than Smithfield but their overall rate is higher when the dedicated library tax is included. Logan City has a dedicated library tax as well.

Justin stated that the percentage paid by Smithfield residents is less than half of the state average of the 120 cities included in the report.

Jim said the numbers he was presenting were for 2013 as the 2014 rates have not yet been set.

Jim informed the council that a house valued at \$150,000 in Smithfield would have a property tax amount of \$177.75 where the same house located in West Valley City would cost \$694.95 per year for property tax. A \$200,000 house in Smithfield would cost \$237.00 where the same house in West Valley City would cost \$926.60. The city has super services for a community of this size operating on such a small amount of property tax collected.

Jim stated he was not sure why Herriman had the lowest rate and that Vernal can offer a very low rate due to all of the oil and gas royalties that are collected. Millville and Trenton have done a good job locally to keep their rates low but they do not offer any services either.

Jim showed a comparison of the sales tax collected by North Logan compared to the sales tax collected by Smithfield. For the fiscal year 2010/11, North Logan collected \$545,000 more than Smithfield. For the fiscal year 2012/13, North Logan collected \$591,002 more than Smithfield. The less sales tax received the more frugal a city must be and all of the cities that receive very little sales tax really struggle to cover expenses.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS WITH DISCUSSION AND MINOR DECISIONS AS NECESSARY.**

Brent informed Jim that two street lights at approximately 450 North Main were out. Jim stated that the lights at the south end of the city had been fixed and he would add these to the list.

Brent informed Jim that the sewer flow readings that Logan is obtaining for the three cities is different than the flow readings of Smithfield, North Logan and Hyde Park. Jim said he was unaware of an issue. Mayor Simmons asked Brent who had told him about the issue? Brent stated that Kyle Bair of Logan City told him there was a 6,000,000 gallon discrepancy. Jim

stated that he had requested that all of the meters be calibrated by the same person at the same time but last time Logan just got theirs calibrated and none of the other communities were contacted.

Jim explained that one possible issue was that the city meter was being run by solar power until about six weeks ago. There was not enough sun in the winter to keep the battery charged and the meter would not work. Now the meter has been hard wired in and there will not be any issues with lost power, in the future, to the meter.

Jeff stated he did not have any other items to discuss.

Kris stated that the Division of Wildlife Resources would be making a presentation at the July council meeting regarding deer management in the city limits. The 16 Trail Crossings run is being held on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Barbara asked if the carpet being replaced was in the senior citizen center budget this year? Jim stated that there was \$5,000 budgeted for this item but it would need to be done by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim suggested to Barbara they discuss what can get done there by or before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Barbara asked the mayor to provide her with the contact information for BRAG so she could find out information on the senior citizen meals they help with.

Barbara informed the council that the youth council leaders would be coming before the council in July or August so they could be thanked for their service to the community. All three of the supervisors would be helping next year as well.

Dennis stated he did not have any other items to discuss.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT WITH DISCUSSION AND MINOR DECISIONS AS NECESSARY.**

Mayor Simmons mentioned that he had received several calls about weeds and other blight in the city and was not sure how to handle the issue. Jim stated that assistant engineer, Clay Bodily, is sending out letters to those with vacant lots that need to be trimmed or have upkeep asking them to get them taken care of. If nothing happens the fire chief is then involved as it can be a fire hazard issue.

Jim explained that messy private property is hard to control and manage but the city can step in if there is a safety issue. Mayor Simmons asked if any door hangers had been placed yet? Jim said they were designed but not yet printed. Mayor Simmons asked Jim to move along with getting them printed and placed in use where appropriate.

Dennis stated that he had visited with Council Member Ward from Logan City and over 60% of the units in Logan City are rentals. Logan City is having the same issue as Smithfield and not sure how to deal with it. Mayor Simmons stated that they have an ordinance or some rules in place as he was aware that they issue fines in some cases. Jim mentioned that Logan City has enforcement personnel as well.

Mayor Simmons informed the council that there is still ongoing discussion with Logan City and the other outlying communities about the new sewer treatment facility.

Jeff stated that he read in the paper that Providence decided to wait on whether to vote on joining the sewer technical committee.

Mayor Simmons mentioned that the mayors of the outlying communities had met with Mayor Petersen of Logan again and a few proposals had been thrown out but none of them were viable. Jim mentioned that all of the ideas presented by Logan still left them 100% in control.

Logan dumps about 70% of the total gallons into their system.

Jim stated that Logan has about 200 gallons per capita per day for their sewer system. Scott Archibald, of Sunrise Engineering, stated that the new facility that is proposed for Logan City is based on 200 gallons per capita per day.

Mayor Simmons asked Scott if Utah State University was included in that number? Scott stated that was correct; USU is included in Logan's numbers.

Jim stated that Smithfield only occupies 4.7% of the overall flow into the Logan system.

\*\*\*A motion to adjourn at 9:41 P.M. was made by Kris.\*\*\*

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Darrell G. Simmons, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Justin B. Lewis, Recorder

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**AGENDA**

Public Notice is given that the Smithfield City Council will meet in a regularly scheduled meeting at 96 South Main, Smithfield, Utah on Wednesday, **June 11, 2014**. The meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M.

Welcome and Opening Ceremonies by Council Member Monson.

1. 6:03 P.M. Consideration of the Consent Agenda  
Approval of meeting Minutes from the May 28, 2014 City Council Meeting
2. 6:05 P.M. Resident Input
3. 6:15 P.M. Presentation on the Youth Theatre by Susan Barrus.
4. 6:30 P.M. Discussion and possible vote on Resolution 14-06, a Resolution approving ballot language for the Public Transit Sales Tax Issue.
5. 6:45 P.M. Discussion with Sunrise Engineering on Water Reclamation Facility Study.
6. 7:05 P.M. Public hearing on the permanent transfer of funds from the water enterprise fund and sewer enterprise fund to the golf course enterprise fund.
7. 7:20 P.M. Discussion and possible vote on approving the permanent transfer of funds from the water and sewer enterprise funds to the golf course enterprise fund.
8. 7:30 P.M. Public hearing on the budget for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
9. 7:45 P.M. Discussion and vote on Resolution 14-07, a Resolution approving the budget for all funds for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
10. 7:55 P.M. Discussion on capital improvement list.
11. 8:10 P.M. City Manager Report with discussion and minor decisions as necessary.
12. 8:20 P.M. Council Member Reports with discussion and minor decisions as necessary.

13. 8:40 P.M. Mayor's Report with discussion and minor decisions as necessary.

Adjournment

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