

SMITHFIELD CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 1, 2014

The Smithfield City Council met in a specially scheduled workshop session at 96 South Main Street, Smithfield, Utah on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. The meeting began at 6:00 P.M. and Mayor Simmons oversaw the meeting.

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

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

VISITORS: Mike Gittins, Connie Gittins, Jay Downs, Travis Allen, David Turner, Andy Archibald, Sandy Spendlove, Debbie Wassom, Steve Wassom, Mark Fishburn, David Fornefeld, Dale Cox, Jeremy Hunt, Brian Potts, Roy Leonard

A DISCUSSION REGARDING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, CERT GROUP AND SOME LOCAL FAITH BASED GROUPS.

Mayor Simmons explained the city has a city wide communication system that is operated through a software company named Parlant Technologies.

Justin explained the city wide communication system can be utilized for communication purposes and utilizes text messages, voicemail and emails. The intent by the city is to use the system to send important and specific messages. The city Facebook page will be utilized to supply other non-essential information to the city along with the city website.

Mayor Simmons explained a new oversight committee will be created.

Brian Potts explained the new committee will be called a Citizen Core Council. The committee will bring people together from the city and the local faith based groups.

Mayor Simmons explained the city will be focusing on infrastructure and clearing roads not on going from door to door. The city will not and does not have a food storage or supply of water for the residents in the event of a disaster.

Each family/individual should have a 96 hour kit. In the past, 72 hour kits were recommended but now a 96 hour kit is recommended. The timeline has been expanded to 96 hours as that is the expected time it would take for the federal government to mobilize and help in the event of a disaster.

It was agreed some standardization of terms be made such as block captain, neighborhood chairman, etc. and all of the groups use the same wording for their assignments in this regard.

The faith based groups expressed concerned they are not allowed to do mock disasters and asked the city to consider doing a mock disaster activity.

Doing a survey within the city to determine how prepared residents are for an emergency and what areas need to be focused on was considered and will most likely be done in the future.

The city emergency manager oversees the Citizen Core Council.

The willingness of the volunteers is the key during a catastrophe.

The intent of the Citizen Core Council is start operating in November 2014.

A motion to adjourn at 7:33 P.M. was made by Kris.

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Darrell G. Simmons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Justin B. Lewis, Recorder

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Emergency Preparedness Workshop

The Smithfield City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at the city office building located at 96 South Main at 6:00 P.M. The workshop is for the purpose of discussing emergency preparedness throughout the city with city officials, the local fire department, the local CERT group and members of some local faith based groups.

Justin B. Lewis
City Recorder