

MINUTES
SMITHFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 24, 2013

The Smithfield City Council met in a regular scheduled meeting at 96 South Main Street, Smithfield, Utah on Wednesday **April 24, 2013**. The following were present constituting a quorum.

Mayor	Darrell G. Simmons
Council Members	Jeffrey Barnes Brent Buttars Barbara Kent Kris Monson Dennis Watkins
City Manager	James P. Gass
City Recorder	O. Dean Clegg

Mayor Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Councilmember Kris Monson offered a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors: Justin Lewis, Johnny W. McCoy, David Barnes, Neil Sessions, Porter Sessions, Lynette Sessions, Tanner Simmons, Jeffrey R. Gittins, Gary Tyler, Duane Williams, Jay Downs, Brad Ward, Tyler Barnard, Mitchell Loftin, Cameron Burgess, Treven Barnard, Varde Smart, and Jean Douglass

Agenda:

Welcome and Opening Ceremonies

Consideration of Consent Agenda
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1. Resident Input
2. Hearing Request from Neil Sessions for Removal of Doughnut in Cul-de-sac at the end of 280 South 789 East
3. Consideration of a request from Gary Tyler, Agent for Pitcher Family Fams LLC for a Minor Subdivision of Property Located at Approximately 700 South 250 East
4. Consideration of a Request from Duane Williams, Agent for David Lillywhite, for Approval of a Record Survey for a Two (2) Lot Minor Subdivision Containing 1.22 Acres Located at 150 West 200 South. Zoned R-1-10
5. Discussion on Method of Financing New Fire Truck
6. Mayor Simmons to read a Proclamation Declaring May 11, 2013 as Arbor Day

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7. Consideration for Approval for the Mayor to Sign an Inter-Local Agreement with Cache County for Road Repairs and Weed Spraying
8. City Manager Items
9. Mayor and Council Reports
10. Continued Discussion on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014
11. Adjournment

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Mayor Simmons declared the consent agenda approved.

Resident Input:

Smithfield resident Jeffry Gittins addressed the council as a representative of the Smithfield Irrigation Company to pass on information. Smithfield Irrigation has adopted a shared banking program with the help of Bob Fotheringham. Their best interest is a resolution to establish a map of unused shares of water. The purpose is to see if we are efficiently using our water rights. Smithfield City has 116.8 shares of water. We are only using about 15 to 20 per cent of those shares. The concept is to take water and place it in the bank and then you would declare what shares you want to rent out. If the city placed shares in the banking program, you would be reimbursed. Available Class A is \$18.20 per share. This frees up shares that are not being utilized.

Councilmember Kris Monson reminded Mr. Gittins he said they are to be used by Smithfield citizens, would you say also outside entities.

Mr. Gittins answered "Yes, but the board would consider it on a one-by-one case."

Mrs. Monson asked "What if she wanted it back during the irrigation season, early next year?"

Mr. Gittins answered, "You would sign a contract and can't pull it back during the irrigation season, and it is only good for one year. You as a shareholder will dictate how long you want to do that. This is for Class A shares only but may include other types of stock."

Mayor Simmons asked if the city could bank their shares.

City Manager Jim Gass said "Yes."

Mayor Simmons asked if the city had any voice in the company. Mr. Gittins answered the person who rents the shares has no voice.

Mr. Gittins answered; Yes, as a shareholder the city does have a voice in the company.

Mayor Simmons asked if anyone wanted to rent shares.

Mr. Gittins replied yes.

Mayor Simmons asked, give me an example.

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Mr Gittins said Hyde Park City filed an application to exchange water that has brought this issue to the forefront. Mr. Gittins also told the city the irrigation company doesn't want any more exchanges.

On another item Mr. Gittins wondered if the council would be willing to allow neighborhood groups that would like to meet to study issues to use a room in the civic Center. Are there rooms available where neighborhood groups could meet?

Mayor Simmons answered, "As long as they schedule the building." There would be no charge.

Councilmember Monson would like to see a "Meet the Candidates Night."

Mayor Simmons agreed that this is a good idea.

Hearing Request from Neil Sessions for Removal of Doughnut in Cul-de-sac at the end of 280 South 789 East

Smithfield resident Neil Sessions was in attendance. He would like to remove the doughnut from the cul-de-sac where he lives. He said the garbage truck can't get around in the cul-de-sac. All landowners in that area would love to have it removed.

Councilmember Dennis Watkins asked who is responsible to landscape it. The answer was "The City".

City Manager Jim Gass said at the end of the cul-de-sac we get a mountain of snow. We use the doughnut to put snow in. If they go in direct, they can put the snow in. He then asked "Where do you put the snow?" Mr. Gass said that cul-de-sacs are great to live in, but snow removal is bad.

Councilmember Watkins asked how many driveways would be coming into that cul-de-sac. Mr. Sessions answered "Three and a half to four."

Mr. Sessions said his wife drove off the doughnut hole and he had to get his lift out and get her car out of the hole.

Mr. Sessions said, "If the doughnut is gone, there would be no curb and gutter. Then we have more options."

Mayor Simmons asked if there would be a safety issue if the doughnut is removed. City Manager Gass doesn't think so.

Mr. Gass said what Mr. Sessions says would work of pushing it all in the middle. Get your bucket so you can put the snow in the middle. Mr. Gass doesn't feel the city should take the doughnut out. It would be too expensive. Mr. Gass added that we don't put doughnuts in cul-de-sacs any more.

Mayor Simmons said we will look at the problem and get back with Mr. Sessions.

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Councilmember Jeff Barnes said he lives in a cul-de-sac and would prefer not to have a doughnut in the middle. He is in favor of removing the doughnut in the cul-de-sac where Neil Sessions is building a home.

Mayor Simmons said we will take a look at it. City Recorder Clegg will get this issue on a future agenda in May and let Mr. Sessions know when that will be.

Councilmember Watkins asked if we could dryscape without taking out the edging. City Manager Gass said "No".

City Manager Gass said "In Neil's behalf, he put in too many driveways."

Consideration of a Request from Gary Tyler, Agent for Pitcher Family Farms LLC for a Minor Subdivision of Property Located at Approximately 700 South 250 East

Mr. Gary Tyler, representing Pitcher Family Farms is here for approval of a request for a minor subdivision. This is the last step. The LDS church is ready to close on the property tomorrow. The secondary water is there. The boundary is moved to the north so it is fine.

Councilmember Brent Buttars asked where the runoff water will go.

City Manager Jim Gass said they are going to contain it on site. This plan presented It provides for widening of 250 East.

Motion: Councilmember Jeffrey Barnes made a motion to approve a request from Gary Tyler, Agent for Pitcher Family Farms LLC for a minor subdivision of property located at approximately 700 South 250 East. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kris Monson. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes cast:

Yea: Councilmembers Barnes, Buttars, Kent, Monson, and Watkins
Nay: None
Motion Passes

Consideration of a Request from Duane Williams, Agent for David Lillywhite, for Approval of a Record Survey for a Two (2) Lot Minor Subdivision Containing 1.22 Acres Located at Approximately 150 West 200 South. Zoned R-1-10

Duane Williams was in attendance as an agent for David Lillywhite who is currently on an LDS mission. Mr. Lillywhite would like to create a two-lot subdivision splitting a lot in half. It is currently 1.2 acres, by splitting it the lots would be 81 feet of frontage across for each. They would each be .6 acres.

City Manager Jim Gass said lots would each have to have sewers and irrigation water. Zoning does not need to be changed. Curb and gutter is a recommendation as is secondary water. There is already secondary water there.

Councilmember Dennis Watkins asked if there are plans to build on the lots this year. Mr. Williams said not yet as Mr. Lillywhite is on a mission.

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Motion: Councilmember Watkins made a motion to approve the request from Duane Williams, agent for David Lillywhite, for approval of a record survey for a two (2) lot minor subdivision containing 1.22 acres located at approximately 150 West 200 ` South. Zoned R-1-10. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brent Buttars. A roll call vote produced the following results:

Yea: Councilmembers Barnes, Buttars, Kent, Monson, and Watkins
Nay: None
Motion Passes

Discussion on Method of Financing New Fire Truck

City Manager Jim Gass said there is a possibility of getting assistance from the county to get a new fire truck. Our fire truck is a 1964. The county has offered \$150,000 for a new truck. We need another \$150,000. They would pay us over a period of five years. This is part of a much bigger capital improvement program. (Tenders can go to areas where water is not available.) The county is waiting for an answer from us if we want their offer.

Mayor Simmons feels \$150,000 is hard to pass up when we need one so badly. Zion's Bank said we could get a low interest rate loan from them.

Councilmember Dennis Watkins said he has a suggestion that we spend \$1,000,000 on building a library and parking around it. When we move in we have to have furnishings. The RDA would give \$800,000, "Friends of the Library" would give \$50,000. With a loan, the RDA and "Friends of the Library" ---

Councilmember Watkins will write this proposal up and bring it back to the next meeting. This could be self-funding. We wait until Councilmember Watkins writes this up and then move on the fire truck.

Mayor Simmons to Read a Proclamation Declaring May 11, 2013 as Arbor Day (Changed to May 14, 2013)

Mayor Simmons said that Councilmembers Barnes and Monson have been involved in this in the past.

Councilmember Barnes said Phyllis Smith, the chairperson and a member of the tree committee. She got a grant of \$1,000 from Tree Utah. She is proposing that on May 14 at 5:30 p.m. fifteen to twenty trees be planted at Sunset Park. Refreshments will be served. The tree committee is planning on recognizing students from grade schools for posters they have made. Smithfield has been recognized as a Tree City USA for some twenty years. The tree committee people are excited about planting different trees. National Arbor Day is April 26.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

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WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling cost, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, Smithfield City has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Darrell G. Simmons, Mayor of Smithfield City, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2013 as

ARBOR DAY

in Smithfield City, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our city's community forestry program, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2013.

/s/ Darrell G. Simmons
Darrell G. Simmons, Mayor

Consideration for Approval for the Mayor to Sign an Inter-local Agreement with Cache County for Road Repairs and Weed Spraying

City Manager Jim Gass has been very happy with the job the county does on weed spraying and road repairs.

Motion: Councilmember Dennis Watkins made a motion to approve the mayor sign an Inter-local agreement with Cache County for road repairs and weed spraying. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbara Kent. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes counted:

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Yea: Councilmembers Barnes, Buttars, Kent, Monson, and Watkins
Nay: None
Motion Passes

City Manager Items

Civic Center

We were planning to send out a letter about a ribbon cutting; that is on hold for right now. There is a desire to not have a celebration yet.

Old City Office

The old city office building will come down one week from today. It should take two days to take it down and clean up the mess.

Springs

Over the last few years we have been redeveloping Petersen Springs up the canyon. We need to work on collection lines as a result of holes where rust grows in. Over the years we have redeveloped three of them. We have to give the state a plan of how we will do this. The state came up and did an evaluation of the springs to see if these springs are influenced by surface water. That is not an option for us. We didn't get enough water out of the springs to justify it. We got notified yesterday about our springs. Two of them are good.

Youth Center

Mr. Gass asked councilmember Barnes "What are we doing on the rain gutter at the Youth Center?"

Councilmember Barnes said he is talking with Cantwell Brothers about the fascia to see if they can do it or if not they may know someone who can. Mr. Barnes has already spoken to ABC for installing the rain gutter.

Civic Center

At the Civic Center they are building 10 columns on the outside that are to be bricked. They have tried to match the brick. We still have some work to do over there. They still have to plaster the concrete walls – hopefully by next week.

Do we want to buy additional property and make our property wider on the east side of the Civic Center? We would have to include a fence.

Job Opening

Each one of you picked up the resumes for the City Recorder position. We need to determine who is going to be on the selection committee. City Manager Gass has talked to Cameron Jensen, Finance Officer in the county to see if he would be willing to help.

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Mayor Simmons thinks that is wise to have a selection committee. He will call council members to discuss who would like to be on the committee.

Councilmember Buttars suggested we select the top four and have a committee go over those.

Mr. Gass said that 18 or 19 people have applied. Let's have all council members go over the applications and submit five names by next Wednesday.

Mr. Gass added that a degree in accounting is very important for this position.

Door Hangers

Handed out a sample of a door hanger, that was discussed in a previous meeting, to notify citizens of violations that need attention before a citation is issued.

Mayor and Council Reports

Councilmember Watkins' Report:

Nothing

Councilmember Buttars' Report:

Nothing to report

Councilmember Monson's Report:

Health Days is coming up very quickly. Ten girls participated in the pageant. We need to recognize them.

Dan Gyllenskog was announced as the Smithfield Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

If you want to see the full calendar for Health Days activities, go to the webpage.

Councilmember Monson will not be here during Health Days. She has a personal obligation in Salt Lake those days. However, she will be here for the Health Days Race.

Councilmember Monson asked who arranges for the vehicles for the council and mayor to ride in during the parade. Mrs. Monson will find out who will do this.

Mayor Simmons will get the candy for the parade.

Someone asked when we are going to stripe the road on First North and Main. We don't know, but we will try for June.

Councilmember Barnes' Report:

Already reported on actions of the Tree Committee in Item No.6 (Arbor Day)

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Councilmember Kent's Report:

Councilmember Kent wondered if we found out anything about a sidewalk on First North for school children access to school.

City Manager Gass said, "No, not yet." Mayor Simmons has done a little work on the power poles. It looks pretty good for the power company to get us a little money.

Mayor Simmons declared a recess at 7:50 pm

The City Council Meeting reconvened at 8:11 pm

Continued Discussion on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

City Manager Gass discussed purchasing electronic 'Tablets' for members of the City Council.

Also the purchase of the service called Parland for communicating with the public.

Chad Kendrick resigned today as the Parks Lead to take a position with Millville City.

Reported that Brett Daniels, a member of the County Recommending Committee for RAPZ Tax distribution had informed him that the City would be receiving \$90,000 this year. The city will have to provide a match amount.

The Council discussed the purchase of a new dump truck with a sander and a snowplow. Water, Sewer and General funds will be used to accomplish this.

Mr Gass discussed employee raises for the Fiscal Year.

Council Member Buttars asked about the pay scale for volunteer firefighters. He suggest that I be increase.

The Tentative Budget will be presented on May 8th. Changes can still be made until the time of Public Hearing to be held on June 12, 2013.

Adjournment:

Motion: Council Member Monson moved to adjourn at 9:22 pm.

Approved and signed this 8th day of May, 2013.

SMITHFIELD CITY CORPORATION

ATTEST:

Darrell G. Simmons, Mayor

O. Dean Clegg, Recorder