

**Adopted Minutes  
Spanish Fork City Council  
Planning Meeting  
January 17, 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Marie W. Huff. An invocation was offered, and Mayor Huff turned the time over to Mr. Oyler.

Council Present: Mayor Marie W. Huff, and Councilmembers Clyde A. Swenson, Thora L. Shaw, Rex Woodhouse, Sherman Huff, and Matthew D. Barber.

Staff Members Present: David A. Oyler, City Manager; Mary-Clare Maslyn, Assistant City Manager; Kent R. Clark, Finance Director; Richard J. Heap, Engineer/Public Works Director; and Dee Rosenbaum, Public Safety Director.

### **Introduction**

Mr. Oyler introduced the agenda for the meeting. He noted that members of the press were invited and faxed an agenda. He also noted that this is a public meeting, and anyone interested can attend.

### **Sewer Backups**

Mr. Oyler reviewed the items in the provided book. The most recent sewer backup situation was thoroughly discussed. City liability and humanitarian items were discussed. The city newsletter should suggest that home owners purchase sewer backup insurance. The list of options which can be offered on a humanitarian basis were discussed. The city will pay for cleaning. Actual Cash Value will be used to determine the "worth" for carpet, furniture, clothing and household items. The city will not pay for shots, storage, hotels, wages for time spent cleaning and wages for missed work. The projected costs for the recent sewer backup were discussed.

### **Finance**

Mr. Clark reviewed the items from his department. He discussed the current personnel status and employees and their duties.

The utility rates were discussed, including the fact that in fifteen months, the sewer rates will go down to the second lowest rate among the cities compared. Mr. Clark also discussed the current procedures for billing.

Property taxes were discussed and comparisons with other cities were analyzed.

Mr. Clark also reviewed the following: banking services, auditing services, purchase of tires, gasoline, phones, computers, cleaning services, and business licenses.

## **Public Works**

Mr. Heap lead the council in a discussion regarding water history, water requirements, and water rights. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the irrigation system. The wells were discussed, specifically which ones provide culinary water. Water rights were thoroughly discussed.

Options to serve the community were discussed, including the cost to deliver the water, and the possibilities for a secondary water system. To grow, the city has to free up the culinary water. If the city does not grow, then the secondary service is not really necessary. Some wells can be placed in the drinking water system to handle emergencies. The difficulty of paying for a new secondary system was discussed.

Crab Creek was discussed. Mr. Heap also mentioned that the city is paying power costs for pumping of about \$5,000 per month. If the secondary system was installed, this cost would be eliminated. Environmental concerns will not be easier in the future, so Mr. Heap recommends the city review this situation seriously and begin work this summer.

## **Water, Sewer, and Street Replacement Map**

Thirty blocks are proposed for replacement of sewer, water, asphalt, and secondary irrigation. The replacement will be completed this spring. To determine which areas need to be replaced, the size, age, and current conditions were considered.

## **Adjournment**

The outline for tomorrow was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.