

**Adopted Minutes
Spanish Fork City Council Meeting
September 16, 1997**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marie W. Huff at 6:30 pm for a preliminary review of the agenda. At 7:00 pm, the pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Matthew D. Barber

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Marie W. Huff, and Councilmembers Matthew D. Barber, Sherman E. Huff, Thora L. Shaw, and Clyde A. Swenson. Councilmember Rex Woodhouse arrived at 6:55 pm.

Staff Members Present: David A. Oyler, City Manager; S. Junior Baker, City Attorney; Kent R. Clark, Recorder/Finance Director; Dee Rosenbaum, Public Safety Director; Jack J. Swenson, Parks and Recreation Director; Dale Robinson, Assistant Recreation Director; Karen Bradford, Assistant Recreation Director; Chris Thompson, Design Engineer; and Gina Peterson, Deputy Recorder.

Citizens Present: Craig Devenish, Barbara Devenish, Karen Payne, Chamber of Commerce; Roxanna Johnson, Spanish Fork Press; Glenn A. James, Ken Stevens, Shauna Stevens, LeRoy Whitehead, Kathleen Whitehead, Keith McKell, Phil Tuckett, Christy Ann Stephenson, Heide Preston, Karen Swenson, Brett Hales, Kenneth Gull, Maria Peterson, Lil Shepherd, Steve Adams, Angela Adams, Marla Adams, Jill Thorpe, Mark Byers, Heather Frost, Lola N. Stone, Thora Stone, Carl Johnston, Justin Kitchen, Jan Galovich, Tom Galovich, James DeMita, Carol Penrod, Thomas Allen, Lynn Otteson, and Keith Anderson.

Minutes

Councilmember Huff made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the September 2, 1997, meeting of the Spanish Fork City Council as presented. Councilmember Shaw **seconded** the motion, and it **passed** with a unanimous vote.

Honoring of Officer Larry Penrod

Officer Larry Penrod was first employed with Spanish Fork City in March of 1984. Chief Rosenbaum stated Officer Penrod frequently worked with children, and soon became known as "Officer Friendly". Chief Rosenbaum detailed events occurring on April 5, 1990, as Officer Penrod was investigating an automobile accident, and was struck and critically injured during the investigation. Officer Penrod endured countless hours of rehabilitation and never lost hope of returning to work as a police officer. Due to injuries sustained from the accident, Officer Penrod passed away in February of 1997. Several presentations were made to the wife of Officer Penrod, Ms. Carol Penrod including a medal of honor, and a flag. Officer Penrod's name will be part of the national memorial for police officers killed in the line of duty. Chief Rosenbaum thanked Ms. Penrod, on behalf of the Police Department, County Dispatch, City Officials and

Staff, for the honor of working with her husband, for his service, and the ultimate sacrifice. Ms. Penrod expressed appreciation to the City, stating Officer Penrod would have been honored. A picture of Officer Penrod will hang in the Police Department Foyer.

Fairgrounds Arena Addition Bid

Mr. Jack Swenson, Parks and Recreation Director, stated after recent review with City staff of the Fairgrounds arena addition, and due to the fact that the bids are over budget, it is his recommendation the bids for the arena addition be rejected.

Councilmember Woodhouse **moved** and Councilmember Swenson **seconded** to reject the bids for the Fairgrounds arena addition. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Discussion - New Ballpark Facility

Mr. Jack Swenson led a discussion on the future development of a ballpark facility on city owned property designated for that purpose. Mr. Swenson noted there are a total of 246 youth and adult ball teams registered with the Recreation Department. He stated the teams are playing six days a week, all day, leaving barely enough spare time to mow and water existing ballfields.

Mr. Swenson further stated because of constant use, there is not time for maintenance of the current fields and there are no available practice fields. Every inch of public green space, including school playgrounds are being used for some type of recreation games. Members of the Recreation Department stated they will feel a major impact from the City's recent growth as children from young families become old enough to participate in recreation activities.

Mr. Swenson recommended the City try to find funds to move forward with development of a new ballpark facility. The City does not currently have money budgeted to begin the ballpark facility, but recreation impact fees are being collected as part of the City's capital facilities plan.

Mr. Swenson reviewed plans for the new ballpark facility, proposing it be done in four phases which include:

PHASE I	Adult ball four-plex and parking areas
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PHASE II	Little league four-plex
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PHASE III	Softball four-plex
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PHASE IV	Soccer fields and additional parking
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It was noted the ballpark facility would also act as a community park equipped with pavilions and walking/biking trails. Completion of Phase I would take two years, therefore if the development started now, Phase I could be finished in 1999. Mr. Swenson felt beginning Phase I and III would accommodate the most need. He stated the entire facility should support the City's recreational needs until the population reaches 35,000. Discussion took place regarding the proposed facility and the need for additional recreation space.

Mr. Oyler reviewed possible financing options, including a revenue or general obligation bond, or a line of credit. While comments were heard from members of the Council regarding the benefit and success of the City's recreation program, concern was also expressed regarding public support of financing options. Councilmember Woodhouse feels citizens would pass a general

obligation bond because there is an apparent need. Ms. Kathleen Whitehead stated other cities in Utah praise Spanish Fork City's recreation program. She feels the citizenry would support financing for the new facility. Additional comments of support were heard from various citizens in attendance. The Council determined to invite the bonding company to a future work session in order to further review financing options. A work session agenda was posted for Wednesday, September 17, 1997 at 8:00 pm.

Discussion - 300 East Beautification (Planter Strips)

Due to the large width of 300 East, the City is proposing to install planter strips in the center of the street. The planter strips would be landscaped and maintained by the City. Recent public comment has been received from citizens along 300 East indicating opposition to the project. Mr. Chris Thompson, Design Engineer for Spanish Fork City was present to clarify the 300 East Beautification project. He reviewed a random survey taken of residents along 300 East. Mr. Thompson stated support and opposition were expressed in the survey, but the majority of responses were in favor of the project. The issue was opened for comment from the public.

Mr. LeRoy Whitehead felt the project would be a big impact on citizens. He stated only a select few were even notified of the project and expressed the feeling that in the future each involved resident should receive notification. Mr. Whitehead expressed opposition to the project.

Mr. Keith Anderson, 250 North 300 East, expressed concern with future tree growth in the planter strips obstructing the view of drivers and children. He feels the planters present a danger because children will play in them and not be as aware of traffic. Mr. Thompson responded, stating City crews will maintain tree growth. He explained that planter strips are generally proven to be safer than an extremely wide road.

Ms. Jan Galovich, 340 North 300 East, also expressed concern with the planters creating blocked views. She questioned why the City would expend money on this project, which she felt unnecessary, when money was needed for the recreation department.

Ms. Lola Stone stated she has lived on 300 East for nearly seventy years. She reiterated the comments from Ms. Galovich.

Mr. Snell Swenson, 295 East 400 North, stated he was totally opposed to the beautification project. He reviewed the original purpose on 300 East, stating Brigham Young designed it to be the City's Main Street.

Mr. Tom Galovich, 340 North 300 East, feels the planters will be awkward for residents because it will block some from turning directly into their driveway.

Mr. Wayne Stone expressed concerns with snow removal and traffic control.

Ms. Lynn Otteson was raised in an area with planter strips in the middle of the street. She stated it is very dangerous for children because it is never wise to block an open, wide area.

Ms. Otteson stated many near accidents along 300 East have been prevented because vehicles have room to move. She feels installation of the planter strips will create a greater hazard for residents and passerbys. She expressed concern with the lack of noticing regarding the project. It is Ms. Otteson's feeling that residents opinions regarding the planters have changed not because opposed neighbors are swaying them, but because the residents have become more informed about the project.

Ms. Kathleen Whitehead stated she loves to see the landscaping and flowers in the planters along Main Street, but 300 East is beautiful as a wide street. She feels if the City installs planter strips to beautify 300 East, then the City does not realize true beauty.

Councilmember Swenson noted a few members of the City Council were undecided regarding the issue. In previous meetings these Councilmembers requested City staff to get the feelings of additional citizens. Councilmember Swenson **moved** and Councilmember Huff **seconded** that 300 East remain in its current state, and that the City not proceed with the beautification project. The motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Oyler clarified that the City's intent in the survey was not to get the opinions of people who would vote in favor of the planter strips, but to gain a random sample of feelings. He explained the staff felt the planters would be an improvement to the area, and that it was not intended to be an eyesore or a danger. Mayor Huff thanked the public for their comments and concerns.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Councilmember Shaw **moved** to adjourn the regular session of the Spanish Fork City Council and convene the executive session at 8:55 pm. The motion was **seconded** by Councilmember Huff, and it **passed** unanimously.