

**Adopted Minutes
Spanish Fork City Council Meeting
February 21, 1998**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 am at The Homestead in Midway, Wasatch Room I.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Dale R. Barney, and Councilmembers Sherman E. Huff, Everett Kelepolo, Thora L. Shaw, Lillian J. Shepherd, and Clyde A Swenson.

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

Strawberry Electric

A brief conversation was held concerning the current status of the Strawberry Electric lawsuit.

Finance

Mr. Kent Clark reviewed several aspects of the finance department. He reviewed handouts and information regarding debt service, cash and investments, and impact fees. Mr. Clark educated the staff and council on the theories of basic governmental accounting.

Mr. Oyler then showed several slides comparing utility operation and maintenance and revenues. He also showed slides comparing rates and taxes with other Utah County cities. Growth projections were explored.

Engineering and Public Works

Mr. Richard Heap summarized the current status of the divisions of public works. He reviewed current statistics of the building inspection department. Substation capacity and electrical rates were considered.

An assessment of current water demands was reviewed considering water rights, sewer, and wells; current statistics were compared with future projections.

Slides were shown of holes in water pipes caused by age. The pipes shown were put in the ground sometime in the 1930's. Mr. Heap also showed slides of the sidewalk damage caused by trees, especially the sycamores on Main Street. Sewer, garbage and reports were presented. Mr. Heap talked about the current computer system used by the engineering and planning departments. He proposed the city digitize city data providing a detailed and user friendly information system. The system will allow visual clarification at city council meeting.

Recreation

Mr. Jack Swenson discussed the many facets of the recreation department, beginning with the organization of the department. Information from the general sports program, water park, golf course, and fairgrounds was summarized.

Basic cemetery statistics were presented.

Mr. Swenson presented playground proposals which were received earlier this year. He noted a playability score sheet was used to determine which playground proposal provided the most for the least amount of money. Playground equipment is needed in several sections of the city. The council and staff discussed options for the best location.

Mr. Oyler talked about the new proposed ballpark that did not receive voter support. Citizens have been and will be asked about their opinions regarding the future development of the project. Options for the park and funding were thoroughly discussed with concentration on the topics of facilities, maintenance and demand. Two main issues exist at this time: 1) dealing with the current demand and facilities; and 2) planning for the future.

Mr. Swenson discussed the cost of implementing and constructing Phase I which would total approximately three million dollars according to the preliminary cost estimate. The council were of the consensus that the current architectural rendering should be used as a basis for the design of the park and agreed construction of Phase I should begin.

The option of volunteers was discussed and it was decided that a list would be compiled of people who are interested in assisting with the project. Mayor Barney said he would undertake the responsibility of coordinating the volunteers and work associated with grading the project. If the grading was not completed by May, the project will be bid out. Mr. Oyler emphasized the architect would be paid the same fee for his work as if someone other than volunteers did the project. The grading of the project will not include the amphitheater at this time.

Financing for the rest of the park will be determined by July. Options for handling out-of-town residents and the fee they should pay will also be determined, including charging extra and the possible formation of a service district in the county. A question was raised regarding who would pay for the fuel used to run the graders. The utility work may have to be bid out depending on the response of volunteers.

Laws regarding financing, impact fees, and hearings were reviewed.

Budget

Mr. Oyler reviewed several aspects of Fiscal Year 1999 budget, including capital projects.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.