

**Adopted Minutes  
Spanish Fork City Council Meeting  
January 15, 1999**

Midway, Utah; Homestead Resort; Wasatch II

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

Staff Members Present: David A. Oyler, City Manager; Jack Swenson, Parks/Recreation Director; Kent R. Clark, Finance Director; Richard J. Heap, Public Works Director/Engineer; MaryClare Maslyn, Assistant City Manager; Gregory A. Comstock, Planner; and Dee Rosenbaum, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Mayor Dale R. Barney. He asked Mr. Oyler to review the outline for the meetings tonight and tomorrow.

**Engineering Computer System Overview**

Mr. Comstock and Mr. Heap reviewed the new computer system and its capabilities. The system will provide tremendous information on zoning, locations, and statistics. The system allows someone to view the community with an accurate perception. The system allows the city to download information from the county, such as tax number, owner, etc. The system also provides aerial viewing.

The mayor asked about the current status of 1100 East. Some of the road has been asphalted. The access is currently oiled road, and the continuation of the road should be completed this summer since plans have been submitted. The canal is no longer there - it is out except for the bump.

**Miscellaneous Growth Information**

Connector road information was discussed regarding access to Highway 6 and Canyon Road for residents in the east end of town. Overpasses on Highway 6 and relocation of the railroad were also talked about, but are not currently UDOT projects, but are future considerations.

Five year growth plan information was reviewed noting the potential amount of homes which could be built on the East Bench. Realistically, our five year growth boundary should be a ten year growth boundary. Another 10,000 people (conservatively) can realistically be considered the amount of people who could move into the east end of town. Even more would be possible within the overall growth management boundary. Commercial options in the east bench residential area were discussed, noting previous citizen opposition.

Dave mentioned property that was recently shown to some industries. He also showed possible areas for future residential and industrial annexations.

## **Engineering Report**

The capacity for growth does not necessarily make the growth possible. Sometimes the infrastructure is unable to handle the possibilities. Mr. Heap reviewed the culinary water plan, specifically mentioning water rights.

### ***Sewer System***

He also reviewed the sewer plan, mentioning the sewer trunk line will be done in two to three weeks.

### ***Water Capacity***

Theoretically we have enough water to handle approximately 45,000 people, but we want to have reserves. We have converted approximately 1,100 homes that we have opened on to the culinary system. Without doing what we have done, we were close to capacity and would have reached the maximum of our system in approximately four more years.

Councilmember Huff suggested the city get involved in water hearings to make sure our voice is heard. Mr. Heap mentioned that a fifty year plan is optimal. Instead of the current feet to which we subscribe, based upon the study results, we may wish to change the amount.

### ***Secondary Irrigation***

There are two options to purchase secondary irrigation. Discussion was held regarding the option for a group to buy it as a bank and the developer would have to purchase it from the association.

### ***Electric System Report***

Power is at a critical juncture of capacity. Mr. Heap mentioned the UP&L power substation which the city worked with SUVPP for a long time to increase the capacity. By the time the capacity was increased, we began infringing on their capacity by 5.5 megawatts. The city now own 31 megs, but if you take the 31 megs, we keep proportional to the amount of sales, it is only capacity for 850 homes. Currently there are 1100 new lots in the process. Mr. Foster, electric superintendent, is currently trying to obtain an increase. We are going to watch it closely depending upon growth. New development is taking a lot of time, and it minimizes the city's ability to keep up with maintenance.

Mr. Oyler discussed the two substations that have to be built. He also talked about the new substation being built behind the Kmart area. SUVPP has purchased property from Crandalls to put a 138 KVA substation. We are talking to SUVPP about the city being able to get a feed on that substation and building one separately. UP&L does not have anymore room and will not allow us to use their substation at the mouth of the canyon. We spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to take a loop in the area to backfeed if something goes down.

Because of the high load now, we no longer have “a loop”. Mr. Oyler provided a background on why we are not voting members with SUVPP.

### ***Fiber Optics***

Mr. Heap gave a brief overview of the current status of the city's fiber optic project, noting we are not very far at this point. Basically it is in only near 2700 North. The council will be faced with making a decision in the future regarding making fiber optics available to homes. Some larger cities have expanded their services to include this and use it as a money making proposition.

The areas where we have power conduit can hold the fiber optics. The question was raised about the life span of fiber optics.

### ***Sidewalk Replacement***

Mr. Heap reviewed a chart showing current replacements and future replacements. The question of building curb, gutter, and sidewalk along Canyon Road was raised; the price for such a project is approximately \$300,000.00. Safe Sidewalk money will be applied for in the next two months, including letters from PTA organizations and others.

The south side of the road on 200 North between 900 and 1000 East was discussed. Councilmember Shepherd mentioned her concern about this item, as did Mr. Rosenbaum.

A fifteen minute break began at 8:30.

### **Public Safety**

Mr. Rosenbaum reviewed the items in his report, beginning with personnel issues.

### ***Emergency Preparedness***

Mr. Rosenbaum introduced the program of the DMAC trailer which the city will receive on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Don Thomas, emergency preparedness officer completed the paperwork necessary to obtain the trailer, valued at \$100,000.00. The city's trailer is sponsored by the NRA and will be parked behind the public safety building.

The CERT program was discussed, including the number of people trained and the items included in training.

### ***800 mhz Radio System***

Over the next two years, the city will make a transition to a 800 mhz radio system. Some of the radios the department is currently using will be able to be used by other departments. The system is very expensive, but the benefits are worth the cost, especially for safety with officers. The reason we need to go to the new system, is that the current radios wave bands are being cut down by the FCC, so coverage will not be available for emergency systems because the area covered will be minimal. Currently, communication cannot take place between officers in some areas in town. The new system will allow officers to know the different calls at each address, including information on weapons, etc. As an example, a Pleasant Grove officer was in our local office in the basement and was able to clearly talk to his dispatcher in Pleasant Grove. The current

equipment will have to be completely replaced. There will be a maintenance service agreement.

### ***Vehicle Laptop Computers***

A grant of \$45,000 was received for officers to have computers in twelve vehicles, which allows one in all of the marked vehicles. The computers are rugged and are good computers. The officers don't have to call the dispatcher on the radio for plate checks, etc. They can do it in the vehicle themselves. Currently, officers may have to wait several minutes to get information on the vehicle/individual.

### ***Vehicle Cameras***

We have currently eight vehicle cameras at this point. They have been invaluable. Attorney Baker will use the footage from the cameras in court to assist him with cases.

### ***Pedestrian Crossings***

It is not likely that we will be able to put the crosswalk cans back into the street. Several sting operations have been held in the last few months in an attempt to get people to stop. They use a method which they feel is fair and it is done only in daylight hours. The mayor asked if people who jaywalk receive citations. Mr. Rosenbaum said the only jaywalking tickets they have issued are when kids make the vehicles who have a right-of-way stop for them. The mayor wondered if we should start ticketing young people who do not abide by the law and cross in crosswalks. Councilmember Shepherd asked if written warnings could be provided. Mr. Rosenbaum said that verbal warnings have been given out. UDOT has asked that the cans which were placed in the middle of the street be taken out because it was a liability for the state. City Planner Comstock mentioned that mid-street barriers could be placed in the middle of the road. The option is probably not possible on Main Street, but it is something to be considered. Councilmember Kelepolo suggested a letter might be sent through the district.

Councilmember Swenson asked about gang members moving into town. Over the past couple of years, 27 people are noted as living in town now, or at one time or another. Dee knows of approximately twelve authentic gang members who live in town.

### ***Major Crimes Task Force***

The major crimes task force is busy taking down meth labs. They are extremely busy and extremely effective.

### ***Dare Program***

The Dare Program is in full swing. Councilmembers will be notified of the graduation which will be held next month.

### ***Disabled Vehicles***

The officers have been directed to give tickets. Some officers are more apt to ticket this item than are others. Generally speaking, the people will take care of the item. Many of the cars that are handled are from complaints from neighbors. The mayor repeated his feelings that if the city has a law, it should be enforced. If it cannot be enforced, it should be eliminated.

### ***Parking on the Sidewalks***

Officers are instructed to issue citations. Citizens walking on sidewalks should not be forced onto the street.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.