

**Adopted Minutes
Spanish Fork City Council Meeting
May 16, 2006**

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Joe L Thomas, and Councilmembers Matthew D. Barber, G. Wayne Andersen, Steve M. Leifson, Chris C. Wadsworth, Councilmember Seth V. Sorensen was excused.

Staff Members Present: David Oyler, City Manager; Dave Anderson, City Planner; Richard Heap, Public Works Director; Junior Baker, City Attorney; Dee Rosenbaum, Public Safety Director; Carl Johnston, Lieutenant; Seth Perrins, Assistant City Manager; Jillane Franjesevic, Accountant; Kent Clark, Recorder; Marlo Smith, Engineering Secretary; Kimberly Robinson, Deputy Recorder

Citizens Present: Lana Creer, Penny Murotake, Louise Abbott, Leon Abbott, Walt Stewart, Ruth Stewart, Richard Banks, James Measom, Shirley Wilson, Carol Wilson, Tad Abbott, Jamie Hathaway, Thad Jensen, Jerry Dunn, Steve Wilson, Carolyn Burningham, Leah Gornell, Troy Eichler, Michael Davis, Kim Pierce, Janet Pierce, Chrissy Ames, Kelli Wignall, Brent Wignall, Kimberly Dewey, Gary Stone, Phillip Whitehead

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE, OPENING CEREMONY, RECOGNITIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas.

Pledge

The pledge of allegiance was lead by Mr. Banks.

New Employee Introduction

Mr. Perrins introduced the new employees. Jillane Franjesevic is the new Accountant and Kimberly Robinson is the new Deputy Recorder.

Employee of the 1st Quarter 2006

Mr. Perrins introduced the winner of employee of the 1st quarter for 2006, Marlo Smith. The Mayor and Council presented the award and greeted her on her accomplishment.

Brent Wignall Returning Soldier from Iraq

Mayor Thomas welcomed and introduced the returning soldier from Iraq, Brent Wignall.

Mr. Wignall thanked the city for the emotional and financial support received from the City. He explained Spanish Fork City waives \$100 off the City bill for soldiers that are deployed. He expressed how helpful that is in having the burden lifted while they are

away. He said Spanish Fork City was one of the more generous cities in the State. Mr. Wignall also thanked the Fire, EMT, and Police for the welcome home, and the volunteers that came and supported him.

He felt it was a huge honor to come down Main Street in such a manner and to have support with the flags. It was very impressive and he hopes they are trying to do that with any soldier that comes home.

He was a member of the Charlie Battery out of St. George they left on activation January 21, 2005, and they were in Iraq, June of 2005. They served under three main missions for defense, security patrol, and artillery, they were on rotation.

They were able to do a lot of good things, they adopted schools and people sent supplies books and desks, the service battery built benches and desks. They received huge support from the community so much they had to tell them they couldn't take anymore supplies.

He was injured on March 31, 2006 during a mission they dropped an artillery round and it smashed his foot. They opted to send him stateside and that's why he was able to come home prior to the others. He arrived in Georgia May 5th and then headed for home.

Mr. Wignall again expressed his gratitude and said he was extremely honored to be honored this night. He is proud to be able to represent Southern Utah's Golden Boys.

Councilman Andersen stated that the Council needs to recognize his service and a standing applause was given.

Mayor Thomas said the Council truly appreciates all those that have served the country.

Mayor Thomas recognized the people from the American legion. Mr. Jensen a state commander headed up the presentation.

Mr. Jensen thanked the Council and stated he represents the veterans. There are over 164,000 veterans in Utah, 9,500 of those are National Guard. Utah has deployed 80 % of the guard which is the highest percent in the nation. Mr. Jensen is part of the honor guard, the largest honor guard in Utah, they represent Spanish Fork, Payson, Springville, and Benjamin.

Mr. Wignall and his wife were presented with the purple heart award with a yellow ribbon. Mr. Jensen presented the award, he then explained that the yellow ribbon meant they were injured in a combat zone. They appreciate Mr. Wignall and his wife.

Mr. Banks a Chaplan oversaw the pinning of the lapel by Mr. Jensen.

Mr. Jensen then turned the time over to Mr. Dunn to proceed with the line up for when soldiers come home.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kim Pierce

Mr. Pierce lives within the proposed Mapleton Bench Annexation area and wants to know what he can do to keep the quality of life they currently have in that area. He is

requesting that the zoning be kept R-5, and wants to know what he has to do to stop the annexation at a higher density or at least make sure his concerns are considered in the process.

Mr. Anderson said the annexation is currently under review. The properties are proposed to be zoned R-1-12. There will be a public hearing on June 6, 2006. He also noted this annexation is still in the protest period. The R-1-12 is consistent with the general plan for that area. They anticipate bringing staffs recommendation to the Council at the meeting on June 6, 2006.

Mr. Pierce doesn't want the annexation to happen without his concerns being addressed.

Mr. Anderson explained the process of the protest period.

Councilman Andersen asked if the Planning Commission had already held a Public Hearing.

Mr. Baker clarified a Public Hearing was held at the last Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Pierce asked why no notification for Planning Commission meeting was mailed out.

Mr. Baker clarified that state law does not require mailings just the regular posting notice.

Councilman Wadsworth said anyone can reach the City Council at council@spanishfork.org

Phillip Whitehead

Mr. Whitehead lives by 2550 East Canyon Road, he is concerned about the light on Highway 6 and if it is on schedule to be built.

Mr. Heap stated it is on schedule and will start June 1st. There is major construction so it will take a while but it is estimated to be done by the end of the summer. The north side will remain closed for another year.

Mr. Whitehead asked if there are any plans for an underground sensor so people won't have to wait so long at the light.

Mr. Heap stated it will have to be an automated light because of the highway and the railroad. The light will be coordinated.

Mr. Whitehead stated his concern was the other light on canyon road and Highway 6.

Mr. Heap stated it was temporary at this point.

Janet Pierce

Ms. Pierce asked if the construction and development standards include a requirement for front yards to be completed, or that a trash pick up or street sweep be a condition.

Mr. Anderson stated he will get her a copy of the standards to review.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes of the Spanish Fork City Council Meeting – March 21, 2006

Councilman Andersen made a **motion** to accept the minutes of March 21, 2006, with the changes. Councilman Wadsworth **seconded** and the motion **passed** all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strawberry Days Royalty

The event itinerary was given by the Strawberry Days Royalty and everyone was invited to attend.

The Royalty then presented the Council with a strawberry cheesecake.

Information about the events can be found on their website at

www.plgrove.org/straw.html.

Mayor Thomas requested a link to Strawberry Days be added to our website.

Amherst Meadows Preliminary Plat

Mr. Anderson explained this property had also been reviewed as the Stone zone change request. It is proposed to be zoned R-1-8 and it does fit the standard subdivision requirements in the R-1-8 zone.

Staff recommended approval subject to the following conditions:

1. That it meet the construction and development standards
2. The ditch on the North side should be shown as piped on the plat
3. The redlines from the electric department be addressed
4. A temporary turnaround be constructed
5. The masonry wall on 2300 East be built.

Councilman Wadsworth asked for clarification on which lots were smaller.

Ms. Dewey explained lots 10, 11, 12, and 13 were 98,000 square feet. The R-1-8 zone allowed them to build on the proposed lot sizes. She also explained that the subdivision to the south was a PUD and that enabled some of the lots to be smaller than the lots in this proposal.

Councilman Barber asked if in the trails plan the sidewalk is required to be larger on 2300 east.

Mr. Heap said it would be a 6 ft sidewalk.

Councilman Wadsworth asked if the 6 ft sidewalk runs along the subdivision.

Mr. Heap said the sidewalk was planned to be along the subdivision and it will make the planter smaller but it should follow the plan.

Councilman Barber appreciated the layout format put in the packets.

Mr. Anderson stated Mr. Oyler and Mr. Perrins created it.

Councilman Barber made a **motion** to approve the Amherst Meadows Preliminary Plat subject to the five conditions as stated. Councilman Leifson **seconded** and the motion **passed** all in favor.

Resolution 06-08 and 06-09

Mr. Oyler explained the resolutions dealing with the North Airport, and Front Mountain Economic Development areas. He explained certain infrastructure will be outside the boundaries of the EDA such as sewer, roads, etc. This resolution outlines the basic utilities that will go outside the proposed EDA. It authorizes the utilities outside the boundaries to be used.

Mayor Thomas clarified the two companies that were currently involved in these services Spectrum Aeronotical and Vitacost.

Councilman Barber made a **motion** to approve Resolution 06-08 a resolution determining that certain infrastructure and improvements to be publicly owned and located outside the North Airport Economic Development project area, are of benefit to the project area. And 06-09 a resolution determining that certain infrastructure, and improvements to be publicly owned and located outside the Front Mountain Economic Development project area, are of benefit to the project area.

Councilman Wadsworth **seconded** and the motion **passed** by a roll call vote all in favor.

Aircard Service

Mr. Rosenbaum explained that in the past few years the challenges they have received have been growth and technology advancement. In 1998 they obtained a grant to put computers in their patrol vehicles which allowed them to access information right away. The aircards must be in the computers to access the information. There has been much advancement to make the service more useful.

Mr. Rosenbaum stated Mr. Johnston had researched the information and will give a presentation regarding his findings. He reminded the Council if this is implemented it will impact the next years budget, it was submitted in the preliminary budget for next year. They are here tonight to make the Council aware of the advancements and cost impacts.

Mr. Johnston presented the aircard research.

Cost comparison between Wireless Communication Companies

Companies	Cingular	Sprint	T-mobile	Verizon
State Contract #	MA525	MA1150	AR367	MA1146
Monthly Fee for 25 aircards	\$49.99 \$1,249.75	\$49.99 \$1,249.75	\$29.99 \$749.75	\$59.99 \$1,499.75
Month to Month Contract	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Activation fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
Cost of the air cards	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
Cost of the GPS units for 25 aircards	\$80 \$2,000	Free Free	Not Available Not Available Available	Not Available Not Available Available
Free dollar credit for 25 aircards	Not Available Not Available	\$100 \$2,500	Not Available Not Available Available	Not Available Not Available Available

The wireless Internet speed tests were performed in Officer Shepherd's patrol car on 03/27/06 with the car parked in a single location behind the police station.

The Ericsson Card on T-mobile's system performed as follows:

Download speed test from Speakeasy.net: 42 kbps

Upload speed test from Speakeasy.net: 16 kbps

The Sprint Card performed as follows:

Download speed test from Speakeasy.net: 160 kbps (3.8 times faster than T-mobile)

Upload speed test from Speakeasy.net: 46 kbps (2.8 times faster than T-mobile)

Sprint also utilizes a speed boost feature that they tested. The testing they did with the speed boost turned on pushed the upload & download speeds even higher.

The Sprint Card on the Sprint Cell Network operates at approximately twice the radio transmitting power as that of the T-mobile cards.

Information:

There are **two elements** that determine how successful the patrol cars are able to communicate over the internet.

The First element is the (radio) cell coverage area. In other words, how much of the area that the officers patrol is covered by the wireless cell system.

The Sprint (radio) Cell coverage area of Spanish Fork City and surrounding areas was as good if not a little better than that of the T-mobile network. Generally radio coverage is good in and around the city limits.

The Second element is signal strength. A weak signal can make it difficult for radios to speak or listen to each other. We do have some weak signal area that the officers drive. There are many factors that have an effect on signal strength.

In our low signal areas the T-mobile card will usually drop out, and lose wireless connectivity. In the same low signal areas, communication with the Sprint Card was more reliable and possible than with tests using the T-mobile system. Even in areas where we saw only one or no signal bars we were still able to refresh a web page, although it was slow, it did still work. This is probably due in part to the greater transmitting power of the Sprint Card.

Reasons to switch:

1. Officer Safety.
2. Quicker speeds for return of data of all types.
3. Better coverage in our city.
4. Free air cards worth \$2500.00.
5. Two months of free service \$2500.00.
6. Free GPS unit worth \$4225.00. This will allow dispatchers to dispatch the closest officer to the call. This will be a great supervisor tool to monitor the officers activities.
7. Eliminate some billing problems that we have experienced with T-Mobile
8. Stay current with technology and not use out dated air cards.
9. Time line to receive free GPS units will go away at the end of the month.
10. Stronger signal air card from 8 watts to 16 watts.

Reasons to stay with current service:

1. Lower cost for monthly fee.

The Cingular service is willing to put a GPS antenna in the patrol vehicles to allow for tracking throughout the city. Sprint is offering GPS for free if we sign up. Sprint is also offering a free dollar of credit. The Sprint service is 3.8 times faster then the T-mobile service.

Mr. Johnston explained that the timing is important. The new cards will compress data at a faster speed. With a stronger signal even though weak they can still operate and not lose service and have to reboot the system. He also explained if you were a dispatcher and could see the location of the patrol vehicles you can dispatch the closest vehicle to better serve the community. This offer is only good for a certain amount of time and they need to get the approval to move forward on this project. There will be a significant change to the budget for the next year.

They currently have an understanding of where the cards work and what they need the new service to provide. The change will be approximately \$450 a month for the next budget year, when the offer changes we might not be able to get the free GPS cards.

Mr. Rosenbaum explained Mr. Johnston had taken a camera to show the screen at dispatch and how the system worked.

Mr. Johnston stated his concerns with the current service. They are having to argue constantly over billing issues, and how they correct the problems, they also overbill. He stressed that the Council take into account the time spent fixing the problems. The current cards lose connection 10-12 times an hour and have to re-boot. They have assessed late fees due to billing problems, and they currently have a problem being charged for the current cards they are no longer using.

Mayor Thomas suggested waiting for the new T-mobile cards and they will potentially save money.

Mr. Johnston stated the time will still be wasted on billing, and dropped services.

Mr. Johnston stated in his research they feel the cost benefit is there to make the switch. They may pay a little more a month but it will be for the better service.

Mayor Thomas stated he does not like the urgency of this proposal.

Councilman Wadsworth asked what happens when they do a query.

Mr. Johnston stated they would do a multiple inquiry, who owns the vehicle, if it is stolen, etc.

Councilman Wadsworth feels that it is simple text being used and it shouldn't take much load time for what they need.

Councilman Andersen asked if when T-mobile introduces their new card would they offer the GPS capability.

Mr. Johnston stated T-mobile is not planning on offering the GPS. He then explained the video showing the locations of the vehicles within the city using the GPS service.

Councilman Wadsworth asked if the City had received a grant to help pay for the Spillman system.

Mr. Rosenbaum stated a grant was received in the amount of \$140,000 for the initial system.

Councilman Wadsworth asked if there will be opportunities to get the grant again.

Mr. Rosenbaum explained it was one time homeland security grant. No grants are currently available at this time for this service. There will be more homeland security money that comes to our area in the future but the funds will potentially go towards new projects.

Councilman Wadsworth asked when the City received funds from the last grant.

Mr. Rosenbaum stated he thought they received the funds in July or August of last year.

Councilman Wadsworth asked if they would be able to pursue the grants and homeland security money.

Mr. Rosenbaum explained there is a committee that votes to assign the funds. The other challenge is the month by month year by year fee. So far the grant money has gone to the one time purchase items, and then the Cities have to maintain them after that.

Mayor Thomas asked if there was a reason for the urgency.

Mr. Johnston explained because Sprint has a proposal available at this time that includes all the services needed.

Mayor Thomas asked if there had been services missed in the past and it ended up causing a problem.

Mr. Johnston stated that every time the service drops they have to use other means of communication and that does cause problems. He added T-mobile has been saying for a year they will have a new high speed card and they have yet to present it.

Mr. Rosenbaum stated they realize that incentives are sales pitches and it will cost the city approximately \$5,500 more a year for this upgraded system.

Mr. Johnston said they do not have GPS on the current system but the new system will have the GPS capability.

Councilman Barber asked if there would be any problems if the City were to switch back to the T-mobile service.

Mr. Johnston said he did not think there would be a problem changing services.

Councilman Leifson made a **motion** to accept the proposal made by the police department for the aircard service. Councilman Andersen **seconded** and the motion **passed** by a roll call vote. Councilman Wadsworth voted Nay.

Councilman Wadsworth explained his Nay vote. He came from a telecommunications background, and feels there are quotas the sales representatives must meet, and there will always be incentives coming up in the future. He feels if the department has something that works why change it. If all they need are simple data pulls, he would feel more comfortable with what they are currently paying and they can wait and see what promotions will come in the fall. He feels grants could become available in the future as well.

He thanked Mr. Rosenbaum and Mr. Johnston for their hard work.

The Staker Parsons discussion was postponed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Baker said that because of the required training on land use Mr. Neil Lindburg who represents Provo City Council is willing to come and do some training on land use. He will be available on Wednesdays.

Councilman Wadsworth stated the last training was great and thinks another training would be valuable.

Mayor Thomas asked if Salem City would be interested in the training.

Mr. Baker stated Salem is also interested in the training.

The Council suggested June 14th for the training meeting.

Mr. Baker will speak to Mr. Lindburg set a date for the training.

Councilman Wadsworth asked the training from the last time be made available.

Mr. Baker stated URMMA was impressed by the last training and asked to use it for their training. The meeting time will be around the normal time as the meeting and go as long as the Council would like.

Mayor Thomas requested that Salem City Council be invited to attend the training.

ADJOURN TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Councilman Barber made a **motion** to open the RDA meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilman Wadsworth **seconded** and the motion **passed** by a roll call vote all in favor.

Councilman Barber made a **motion** to adjourn the RDA meeting back to the City Council meeting at 7:35 p.m. Councilman Leifson **seconded** and the motion passed by a roll call vote all in favor.

ADJOURN

Councilman Barber made a **motion** to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing land use, and legal issues at 7:36 p.m. Councilman Wadsworth **seconded** and the motion **passed** all in favor.

Kimberly Robinson, Deputy Recorder

APPROVED: June 6, 2006