

**Adopted Minutes
Spanish Fork City Council Meeting
March 3, 2009**

Elected Officials Present: Councilmember's Rod Dart, Richard M. Davis, G. Wayne Andersen, Jens P. Nielson, and Steven Leifson. Mayor Joe L Thomas was absent.

Staff Present: Dave Oyler, City Manager; Seth Perrins, Assistant City Manager; Junior Baker, City Attorney; Dave Anderson, City Planner; Richard Heap, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Bart Morrill, and Marlo Smith, Engineering Secretary.

Citizens Present: Chris Smith, Nicholas Brian, Justin Thies, Benjamin Moyer, Brian Wickham, Cody, Arlynn, Schyler Ellsworth, Travis Wilkins, Jessie Wilkins, Jen Allen, Derek Keller, Kason Keller, Austin Keller, Tyler Shepherd, Lee Mackay, Joseph Mackay, Pat Parkinson, Tyler Wangsgard, Lana Creer-Harris.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE, OPENING CEREMONY, RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Pro Tem Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Kason Keller.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Dart reported that Saturday was cultural arts day. He had the opportunity to view a showcase of talent for the arts council adult education program. Which they displayed visual arts, performing arts. The program is quite successful. He stated that last year the programs had 85 students and this year there were 145 students.

Councilmember Dart said the library celebrated Library Lovers Month. The party included a puppet show, a story, an illustrator, and popcorn. There were approximately 150 children with there parent.

Councilmember Dart was by the golf course and said it was very busy. He said that if you can't find anything to do in Spanish Fork then you are not looking very hard.

Councilmember Dart complimented the Recreation Department on having the ball fields ready for the High School Baseball Team. He commented on how great the fields looked.

Councilmember Leifson encouraged all citizens as the weather is getting better to get out and spruce up their yards. He would like everyone to beautify the City.

Councilmember Davis said next week the youth council will participate with other cities in a competition. Last year Spanish Fork won and he is hoping for that again this year. He said Rochelle Barber is the advisor but has to quit. They are looking for a replacement.

Councilmember Neilson had no comments.

Councilmember Andersen updated everyone on the transportation issues on the north end of town around the Main Street and I-15 interchange. He said it has been a challenge to get people in high places to recognize the problem. He met with Daryl Cook who is the executive director for Mountainland Association of Governments. This group has some influence on projects that are identified as critical. He showed Mr. Cook the data as to the number of vehicles. Mr. Cook has recently put the North Main Interchange on the priority list that was then ratified by all Mayors and the Coalition of Governments. This list was then discussed in Washington D.C. The group was trying to promote a short list of projects that are critical for our area. This project is on that list that could qualify for the transportation funding bill. Councilmember Andersen said this issue will be discussed and appropriated.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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Councilmember Leifson made a **motion** to approve the consent items. Councilmember Nielson **seconded** and the moved was **passed** unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

North Park Bidding Process

Mr. Heap said that we have received the plans for the North Park from the landscape architect. While looking at the plans we are trying to find the best way to bid out the project. The rough grading and some utility work that needs to be done can be bid out next week. This will allow the project to start but also allow for the remaining park project bidding to be finalized. After we receive bids on the park we will analyze prices and decide if we need to do something different.

Councilmember Davis asked if there is a time line available for contractors on the completion.

Mr. Heap said the excavating and utility work can be a deadline. The park itself is very sophisticated and complicated. We don't want to cut back the project time short. We want to give ample time to complete the project properly.

Councilmember Davis said he has been thinking hard since the meeting yesterday. He feels it may be feasible to hire a project manager and break the park down into different

sections to allow local contractors the chance to bid on the project. He thinks this will cut percentages off the top by not having a general contractor who would then add a percentage for his subcontractors as well. If the City would hire a construction manager and the staff broke the project into sections the city could save \$500,000.

Mr. Heap said the general contractors he has talked with aren't adding a percentage onto subcontractors. He doesn't think that the savings would be there.

Discussion took place regarding the option of a project manager and the bidding process.

Discussion took place regarding the length of bidding out individual projects.

Councilmember Davis said he feels this is a good opportunity for local contractors. Those that may obtain the bid will feel good about being able to put their name on the project.

Councilmember Leifson said this project could go either way with having a general contractor or a project manager. He feels it would give more opportunity to bid because the larger general contractors will pick out who they want. He likes the idea of giving everyone the opportunity to bid on this project. He thinks it is a unique experience for local contractors. He also likes that it will give more opportunities especially due to the economic time.

Mr. Heap said if more time is needed in dividing out the park bid it will delay other bids such as sewer lining and utility replacement.

Discussion took place regarding the amount of money that may be saved by hiring a project manager versus a general contractor.

Councilmember Andersen said if the money savings isn't there he still feels the fact of giving local contractors the opportunity to bid it the better option.

Councilmember Andersen asked the council if they feel comfortable in recommending to staff to bid the project out in separate bids. The council concurred.

Board Appointments

Mr. Perrins said this item was placed on the agenda but there is no action needed. The municipal code allows in the personnel committee two of the members be held by employees elected by their peers. We called for nominations and received several. A vote was taken and Bart Morrill was elected by the Public Works Department and the Parks and Recreation Department to be their representative. The committee meets irregularly regarding benefits and other personnel matters.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Dart made a motion to adjourn the March 3, 2009 Spanish Fork City Council Meeting. Councilmember Leifson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ADOPTED: April 7, 2009

Marlo Smith, Engineering Secretary