

**Adopted Minutes  
Spanish Fork City Council Meeting  
Work Session  
March 29, 2011**

Elected Officials Present: Mayor G. Wayne Andersen, Councilmembers Rod Dart, Keir A. Scoubes, Richard Davis, Steve Leifson, Jens Nielson.

Staff Present: Dave Oyler, City Manager; Junior Baker, City Attorney; Seth Perrins, Assistant City Manager; Dave Anderson, Community Development Director; Dale Robinson, Parks & Recreation Director; Kent Clark City Recorder/Finance Director; Chris Thompson, Public Works Director; Dee Rosenbaum, Public Safety Director; Angie Warner, Deputy Recorder; Shelley Hendrickson, Community Development Secretary; Chris Swenson, Building Inspector; Brent Smith, Code Enforcement Officer.

Citizens Present: Aaron Stern, Sarah Stern, Josh Stern, Erica Rogers, Marvin Wharton, Cary Robarge, Lance Wilson, Cary Hanks, Rich Harris, Lana Creer Harris, Mike Mendenhall, Blake Barney.

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE, RECOGNITION:**

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

Mayor Andersen stated that we will be discussing two items. The first discussion is the trees on Main Street and whether to plant one, two or none in the planters. We need to determine how we want our Main Street to look and what is the purpose of our Main Street. Is it a place to do business or is it a park. The second discussion is the sign problems. Are we going to enforce the code or change it? The trees on Main Street are being replaced and now you are able to see the store fronts and signs. Some questions include: Is it dangerous? Is it a benefit to the individual and does it benefit the City? Does it look nice?

Seth Perrins read a portion of the minutes from the City Council Budget Training regarding signage.

Dave Oyler presented a study that was done in the 1985 for downtown revitalization, alternatives for Spanish Fork City. The City created a committee of downtown and created the Main Street we have. The trees have grown too big for the planters, and the roots are wrapping around lines and pipes. The trees also block the business signs. The question is how the City beautifies Main Street to bring more pedestrian traffic.

Councilman Dart asked if we are going to have the same problem with the new trees.

Dale Robinson stated that the new trees will not get as big as the old ones and they will last approximately 12 years.

Councilman Scoubes read a description of what the new tree will be.

Cary Hanks with the Chamber of Commerce took a survey from the downtown businesses. Twelve do not want the trees, thirty-one like the trees, and seventeen would prefer one tree per planter.

Junior Baker reminded the Council & Staff that UDOT owns Main Street to the building store fronts.

Mayor Andersen wants to be aware of the business people and what is best for them to succeed.

Dave Oyler explained that if the City Council decides to put the trees back then the Council is going to have to address the sign issues.

Blake Barney asked if the City could not mound the mulch above the curbing because it makes a mess when the wind blows. Also, why does there have to be the big electrical boxes in the planters that stick out.

Dale Robinson said he would look into those questions.

Councilman Davis said he believes that the trees should be there to bring the attraction.

Councilman Leifson said if we are going to put the trees back then we should allow better signage.

Dale Robinson said that most of the planters on the west side will only allow one tree. Dale Robinson agrees that there needs to be some landscaping. Business owners and the public prefer landscaped frontage.

Dave Oyler reminded the City Council that the chamber survey shows that most want the trees so is there something else that the Council needs to help make a decision.

Councilman Scoubes thinks the ordinance should be more defined about signage and looking nice.

Blake Barney explained that the City should just create a simple sign solution for A-Frames.

Mike Mendenhall with the Chamber of Commerce pointed out that twenty businesses said they would improve their building front if the trees were not put back. Others said they would not improve their store front if the trees were put back.

Councilman Leifson would like to see trees in the planters whether it's one or two.

Councilman Dart agreed with Councilman Leifson.

Councilman Nielson agreed with Councilman Leifson & Councilman Dart.

Councilman Scoubes suggested that we look at each area and see what fits.

Councilman Davis feels that the trees bring a great atmosphere and they need to stay.

Mayor Andersen feels one tree per box would be adequate. He directed Dale Robinson to install the trees at least one if not two in each planter as per their discretion and see if we can level the dirt not have it mounded.

Junior Baker said we can include an A-Frame section into the ordinance for the next agenda. But the rest of the problems will take longer.

Junior Baker said we would like some direction from the council of what they want. Do you want banners, and how does the Council want "look nice" defined.

Mayor Andersen stated that the Community Development department has been confined into a box. Over the past year or so the director feels he does not have any flexibility. Mayor Andersen would like to find a way to give him some flexibility to use some of his creativity.

Discussion about zoning problem areas.

*\*\*10 minute break*

Discussion about code enforcement

Dave Oyler asked if the Council wants staff to go around and find every little thing that doesn't fall into the code.

Council agreed to take complaints as they come.

Councilman Dart asked about having a variance committee.

Junior Baker said it runs off of State law and is very hard to qualify to have a variance committee.

Junior Baker suggested that maybe the City Council would like to go over parts of the code and see what needs to be updated or changed.

Dave Oyler instructed that staff will still go by what the city ordinances say, until we can go through and make what changes that the City Council would like.

Councilman Davis made a **Motion to adjourn.**

Councilman Scoubes **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** all in favor at 9:29 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

ADOPTED: April 19, 2011

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Angie Warner, Deputy Recorder