

**Adopted Minutes  
Spanish Fork City Council Meeting  
November 15, 2011**

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

Staff Present: Dave Oyler, City Manager; Seth Perrins, Assistant City Manager; Junior Baker, City Attorney; Chris Thompson, Public Works Director; Kent Clark, City Recorder/Finance Director; Dave Anderson, Community Development Director; Lieutenant Carl Johnston; Angie Warner, Deputy Recorder.

Citizens Present: Brad Olson, Mary Roach Jensen, Clifton Jensen, Cris Child, George Banks, Mark Patey, William Barney Nye, Gilmer Nielsen, Dorothy Nielsen, Joyce Swanner, Terri Beckstrom, Makayla Olson, Michelle Olson, John Mendenhall, David Thomas, Gary Beckstrom, Holly Parmenter, Keaton Hatch, Shirl Stewart, Kathleen Stephens, ? Stephens, Brandon Gordon, Brad Tanner, Cary Hanks, Robert Gull, Janice Gull, Lenna Mendenhall, Elicia S. Mecham, Ray Mecham, Trudy Hudson, Kelly Devey, Jeff O Thomas, Keith James, Terry Brindley, unknown, Darin Stephens, Randy Wilkinson, Maureen Stephens, Karen Blurek, Blair Thomas, ? Thomas.

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

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

Councilman Leifson led in the pledge of allegiance.

Sara Gull from the Utah County Tobacco Prevention Program presented a plaque to McKayla Olson for 1<sup>st</sup> prize in their competition.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Cary Hanks Director of the Spanish Fork Salem Area Chamber of Commerce reminded everyone that the Winter Lights Parade is November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Scoubes commented that the Nebo Philharmonic concert was fantastic.

Councilman Dart said the Senior Citizens Center donated dolls and toys to a few local police departments.

Councilman Leifson said the Council attended a tour of the Dry Creek substation last week and it is great to see it up and going.

Mayor Andersen turned the time over to Cris Child to review the 800 West road closure.

Cris Child the Manager for the Spanish Fork/Springville Airport presented the history and information for the 800 West road closure. The extension of the runway is a safety factor required by the FAA. The landing runway area is too close to Main Street so we need to take away road at the beginning and extend the end of the runway. With this requirement we will need to close 800 West road.

Josh Wussick with Armstrong Consultants presented maps of the airport showing the proposed changes. A traffic study was done in the Spring of 2011 on 800 West and there was about 400 cars recorded per day.

Councilman Leifson made a **motion** to move into Public Hearing.  
Councilman Dart **seconded** and the motion **passed** all in favor at 6:24 pm.

### **PUBIC HEARING**

Shirl Stewart from Palmyra asked the following questions:

- Can we really make this change with a traffic study?
- 4000 South is a busy road to be driving tractors on.
- Emergency response, this road is the artery into our community.
- He met with two county commissioners this morning that do not know about this issue.
- When will the road be closed?
- Were funds ever set aside to build a new road?
- Why is it our problem?
- How does the City close a County road?

John Mendenhall said most residents of Spanish Fork are not opposed to the airport expansion or the closure of the road. But the residents feel strongly about the lack of communication. The meeting that was held in the spring was not a public hearing; it was just an information meeting. Then after the meeting you could comment in writing or recording. Residents have not heard anything since. There are a lot of rumors going around that we would like settled. Mr. Mendenhall said there are approximately 100 families in Palmyra that will be affected by this road closure. The residents are wondering if the decision has already been made. There are a few businesses in Palmyra that have large trucks that come to their facilities, if 800 West is closed, the other roads are too small and cannot handle the big trucks.

Mark Patey a pilot for Prodigy Aircraft that flies in and out of the Spanish Fork Airport regularly. Extending the runway is a benefit because it draws business. He agrees with the extension so he can continue his business at the Spanish Fork Airport.

Chris Stoddard a pilot for Mountain Country Foods said if we cut out the 700 feet at the beginning of runway it will cause us to not be able to carry as much fuel. This means more stops, reducing the efficiency of the plane. Also, it will deter a lot of aircraft traffic to Provo Airport.

Doug Ford from a business stand point this airport is for pleasure as well as an economic factor. The airport has benefits to businesses in the future.

Dave Thomas commented that he is not against the growth of the airport. But he has been led to believe that there would be a new road built, if 800 West was closed.

Councilman Davis made a **motion** to move out of Public Hearing  
Councilman Leifson **seconded** and the motion **passed** all in favor at 7:02 pm.

Cris Child said the road would be closed the earliest this coming summer. Regarding funding, 95% of anything that is built at the airport comes from federal funding which mostly comes from

taxes on airline tickets. The funds are broke up between airports based on need. This runway extension project will be in the \$3 to \$4 million dollar range. Mr. Child said that every deposition taken at the last meeting was put in the final report that went to the FAA. Mr. Child addressed that the large trucks having difficulty on the smaller roads, in the report it recommends altering and fixing the roads for access.

Mr. Wussick said regarding the timeframe for notices and rules that these are federal requirements and we have followed their requirements step by step.

Junior Baker said the City has from Utah County a letter that says that a portion of the 800 West road was turned over to Spanish Fork City.

Councilman Davis asked if the City followed the rules for the notice of the road closure.

Mr. Baker said the City gave more notice than what was required.

Mayor Andersen said discussions have taken place regarding a new road or not and the report has revealed that it does not justify building a new road.

Councilman Leifson clarified that this has not been done in closed door meetings, we are trying to take the information and make the best decision we can based on the facts.

Mayor Andersen asked if the public would take a look at each individual situation and see what value it has. He thanked the citizens for coming and presenting their concerns.

Councilman Davis suggested we table this item for approximately one month until the December 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Councilman Leifson made a **motion** to **table** this item until the December 20th council meeting. Councilman Davis **seconded** and the motion passed all in favor.

Mayor Andersen presented petitions from residents for the records.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- a. Minutes of Spanish Fork City Council Meeting – November 1, 2011
- b. Lynn Swenson Farm Lease Agreement
- c. Williams Farm Lease Agreement
- d. Crab Creek Trunkline Mapleton Lateral Crossing, Easement Encroachment Agreement Ratification
- e. Crab Creek Trunkline, Easement Encroachment and License Agreement Ratification
- f. Easement Agreement with Staker Parson Companies
- g. Wetland Mitigation Agreement with Jerry Grover
- h. Hangar Ground Lease Increase

Councilman Nielson made a **motion** to **approve** the consent items.

Councilman Leifson **seconded** and the motion **passed** all in favor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Canvass of Election**

Kent Clark presented the final totals for the elections. There was a 13% turnout. The canvass of

the election is for the council to review the information and approve.

Councilman Davis made a **motion** to **approve** the Election Results of 2011.  
Councilman Nielson **seconded** and the motion **passed** all in favor.

Councilman Dart made a **motion** to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss Legal and Property Sale/Purchase/Lease.

Councilman Scoubes **seconded** and the motion **passed** all in favor at 7:40 pm.

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ADOPTED: December 6, 2011

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Angie Warner, Deputy Recorder