

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Richmond City Council was held at the Park Community Center located at 90 South 100 West, Richmond, Utah on Thursday, February 17, 2022. The meeting began at 6:30 P.M.; Mayor Paul Erickson was in the chair. The opening remarks were made by Lyle Bair.

The following Council Members were in attendance: Lyle Bair, Kelly Crafts, Terrie Wierenga and Amber Ervin

Tucker Thatcher arrived during the meeting.

City Administrator Jeremy Kimpton, City Recorder Justin Lewis, and City Treasurer Christine Purser were also in attendance.

VISITORS: Ryan Rogers, Dominique Rogers, Sherrie Davis, Katelyn Davis and Kevin Richardson, Lieutenant Mikelshan Bartschi (Cache County Sheriff's Office)

DEPUTY'S REPORT

MIKELSHAN BARTSCHI: We are in the process of needing to review your contract. From a legal aspect we are only obligated to respond to felonies, fires and run the jail. We work together for community protection with a contract. We work together because of economics. We will always respond to your calls. Our mission is to serve the community. We are more effective when contracting. We contract with fourteen cities. Your contract pays for a person to be in town. We charge an hourly rate. The long-term goal has been to raise the hours of service. For July 2021 through January 2022, we have provided 969 hours to the city. The city contracts for 792 hours per year. Last year we were in the city around 2,000 hours. We are on a good path. The new contract will be presented next month. We know you need it for your new budget. It will include an increase to the hourly rate. The hourly rate has not changed for three years. I would anticipate a significant increase. Everything is increasing. The cost of personnel and all related expenses are increasing. We are honored to work with the city. We are already over our hours for the year and knew that would be the case. We are okay with that. We previously talked about increasing the number of hours 25% moving forward.

MAYOR: What trends are you seeing? What types of crime do we need to be aware of?

MIKELSHAN: Overall the valley is a good community. Mental health stresses and violent crimes are more than I have ever seen. There are more serious cases than I have seen in the past. The types of cases we are dealing with are different than in the past. Overall, we are a very safe community. We have the same issues other communities have but on a smaller scale. There is an unmet need for mental health issues.

MAYOR: We appreciate your efforts. We understand an increase is coming with the new contract.

MIKELSHAN: Sheriff Jensen is down at the legislature this week. He will bring the new contract before the council at a later date. He knows himself and the department are accountable to the council and mayor. There is an option to sign a three-year contract if that is something you want to consider.

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2022.

A motion to approve the January 11, 2022, city council meeting minutes was made by Amber, seconded by Lyle and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

Absent: Thatcher

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Council Member Tucker Thatcher arrived at the council meeting at 6:42 P.M.

KATELYN DAVIS: I have been on the youth council since eighth grade. Our leadership this year is as follows:

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Mayor – Micah Curdy
Vice Mayor – Katelyn Davis
Secretary – Lyndsee Shields
Treasurer – Collin Misrasi
Historian/PR – Madilyn Theobold
Library Board – Annie Griffiths and Collin Misrasi
Planning & Zoning Rep – Naivie Knutson and Madilyn Theobold
12th Grade Representative – Conner Cole
11th Grade Representative – Hannah Dowding
10th Grade Representative – Kinley Theobold
9th Grade Representative – Naivie Knutson
8th Grade Representative – Norah Knutson

KATELYN: We are going to attend a youth leadership conference on March 10th through the 12th. Would any of you like to attend?

MAYOR: Where is it being held at?

LYLE: Utah State University.

MAYOR: I won't be able to attend I am out of town that week.

KELLY: We can attend individual events as well.

SHERRIE DAVIS: The banquet dinner is formal dress. I need to RSVP by next week. I need to get registered by the 23rd or 24th.

MAYOR: Do you have any activities coming up?

KATELYN: We are going to do a lunch or dinner for the presidency to get to know each other.

MAYOR: You have made a very positive start for the year.

SHERRIE: Micah is wrestling at the state tournament this week so he will attend a future council meeting to introduce himself.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE REQUEST BY NORTH RIDGE DEVELOPMENT FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE RICHMOND VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, A 106 LOT/UNIT SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 550 CHERRY RIDGE LANE. ZONED PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT).
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RYAN ROGERS: There is a great need right now for affordable housing. This project would be townhomes. I have done projects similar to this in Smithfield and Tremonton. They are built like homes. Some are around 2,000 square feet in size. There will be a clubhouse, swimming pool and hot tub.

MAYOR: When will the amenities be put in?

RYAN: During Phase 2. There will be a fitness center as well. The swimming pool will be larger than the one in Smithfield. I have always wanted to do a project in Richmond.

MAYOR: When are you wanting to start this project?

RYAN: We want to start the excavation portion of the project this year. The intent would be to start building the townhomes next year.

AMBER: Any idea how many homes have fences along the north end of this project?

RYAN: Most of them do. We might work with the homeowner's if they want a fence along their backyard. I don't want to install a new fence in the back of an existing fence.

AMBER: Typically, what have you done in this regard in the past?

RYAN: If a fence is already in place, we don't install a new fence. We have worked with those who have wanted a fence if one was not already in place.

MAYOR: Our code does not require a fence to be installed. Next month we will have a discussion about the possibility of making a fence an option in these types of projects. I was contacted by a resident who wanted a fence. I told them to submit a letter with their concern and request. They never did. I appreciate your willingness to work with those who want fences.

TUCKER: I think the proposal looks good. I like the open space. The feedback we have received over the years is people want open space included. The open space meets the requirements of our code.

MAYOR: Amber what was the feeling of the planning commission?

AMBER: They talked about the concern of the lack of a fence on the north end. They reviewed the amenities. They talked about the garage sizes. There are larger garages than normal. All of the setbacks have been met as proposed.

JUSTIN: Tonight, is the preliminary plat only. The final plat will come back before the council at a later date.

JEREMY: The preliminary plat has been reviewed by engineering. There were a few items Darek asked Ryan to correct and they are already done. Darek felt there was no reason to not approve the preliminary plat from an engineering perspective.

TUCKER: Has the fire chief reviewed the request?

JEREMY: I have sent them to Chief Downs for review. Just waiting for him to respond.

MAYOR: Jeremy, Tucker and I met with the project engineer, Ryan and others to discuss the project. Our water resources over time are going to become more constrained. My only concern is the two-foot mow strip. I think we should consider getting rid of it.

TERRIE: Our recently updated changes to open space requires 25% of the landscaping to be xeriscaping. I think this area could easily be xeriscaped.

MAYOR: I think that is a wise idea.

AMBER: I agree with Terrie. I don't want to get rid of the mow strip. I think it is a good location for xeriscaping.

TERRIE: The developer can do more than 25% of the project in xeriscaping. He just cannot be under 25%.

TUCKER: I am fine either way.

JEREMY: Terrie has some valid points and I think it is a good recommendation.

A motion to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Richmond Village Subdivision, a 106 lot/unit subdivision was made by Terrie, seconded by Kelly and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LAYNE HARRIS AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE RICHMOND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION.

AMBER: Last month we made an amendment to our code where the planning commission is now five members with a voting chairperson. We also allow for the addition of an alternate. The alternate would attend all meetings and vote when another commissioner is absent. Layne is willing to serve if approved. We did an interview process two months ago where several candidates were interviewed.

MAYOR: Layne is the former mayor of Weston, Idaho.

AMBER: When a current commissioner steps down or term expires then Layne would fill that spot and we would then appoint a new alternate.

KELLY: Can someone stay an alternate if they want to?

TERRIE: There is some wiggle room in our code in that regard.

MAYOR: The expectation is the alternate will fill the vacant commissioner's spot. It is good to learn what other cities have been doing in this regard. I think it will work well for us.

A motion to approve Layne Harris an alternate commissioner on the Richmond City Planning Commission was made by Tucker, seconded by Lyle and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

DISCUSSION ON THE 2022 RAPZ TAX APPLICATION.

JUSTIN: This year we will apply for funding for a new pavilion on the north end of the park. The pavilion will be located in the area between the Star Garden and the parking lot. The pavilion will be very similar in size to the two existing pavilions. It will be approximately 1,200 square feet. There will be 15 powder coated tables. Sidewalk will be poured to connect the pavilion to parking lot to the west and the Star Garden sidewalk to the east. The estimated project cost is \$119,485. We will request \$59,000 in RAPZ Tax funding. Phase 2 of the project would be to install a new restroom facility on the north end of the park by the new pavilion. We were made aware of a T-Mobile grant for outdoor projects. We obtained bids for a new two-stall prebuilt bathroom, sidewalk apron, sidewalk connection to the pavilion and parking lot and installation of a sewer line. The total project cost is \$96,866. T-Mobile will approve up to \$50,000 on projects. They accept applications in three-month intervals. January, February and March

applications are reviewed in April or May. We should know by the end of May if the project is approved. We should know on the RAPZ Tax application by the end of May as well. There is a chance we could possibly do Phase 1 and 2 this year if the grant applications are approved. There is no guarantee either project will be approved. Phase 3 of the project would be to pave the parking lot and finish up the project.

MAYOR: Council what are your thoughts on this proposal?

LYLE: I like it and support it.

AMBER: I think this would be a great addition.

TERRIE: I support the applications. This is something we have needed for years.

MAYOR: I met with Craig Harris as he is the Chairman of the Black & White Days Cattle Committee. They have some concrete repairs they want to do under the pavilion. The minimum cost of the project is \$80,000. They want to fill in the missing sections of cement that are currently dirt with cement. I have not heard from Craig on this request. They will most likely need to look at separate funding for that project. Some community members have volunteered to help with the project. We also need to price some new doors for the pavilion building.

TUCKER: I agree. The overhead doors are in rough shape.

MAYOR: Maybe we can replace those doors this year before Black & White Days.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 0.23 ACRES OF LAND FROM THE RICHMOND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 200 EAST 500 NORTH.

MAYOR: Leslie and I own the land to the east of the cemetery. Thomas Merrill once owned this land. Thomas is the son of Mariner Merrill who was one of the founders of the city in 1858 or 1859. Thomas ended up with this land. My father sold the land to the cemetery district in the 1970's.

JUSTIN: The cemetery district has room to expand in the future which is nice as some other cities do not have this luxury.

MAYOR: How wide is the existing road?

JEREMY: Around 32 to 33 feet wide.

MAYOR: The cemetery district and the city have a good working relationship. So, everyone is aware they are totally separate entities. The city is overseen by a city council and the cemetery district is overseen by a board of directors.

JUSTIN: I met with the cemetery board. They want to be a good neighbor and work with the city. They understand the need for a full road to be installed as part of the 500 North Road expansion project. In order to put in the proper width road, the city needs to purchase 0.23 acres from the cemetery district. It has been very hard to find a price. The area in question is not buildable. We talked to realtors and appraisers and none of them would or could help us with such a small parcel purchase. The proposal is for the city to purchase the land from the district for \$15,000. This is similar in price per square foot of what the city paid the Erickson's to purchase a small section of their land for the road to the east. The intent of the cemetery district is to install a 2-rail white vinyl fence along the entire north boundary once the road is installed. The board does not want people driving off of 500 North through the cemetery grounds. The board has unanimously approved the sale if the city approves as well. The district and the city have a very good working relationship and neither side gets rich off of this project. The district knows how important the road is to the city long term and they support the project.

MAYOR: The city would agree to repair any sprinkler lines which need to be relocated or repaired as part of this project. Some excavating at the top of some of the sections of road would be required as well.

JUSTIN: If approved, the project will be paid for with Class "C" Road Funds. The next steps in the process would be to work with the Sanders and Johnson families to the west as land is needed from them as well to expand the road.

AMBER: Will the access point from the north in Phase 3 of Richmond Village align with the cemetery district property?

JEREMY: It will be very close on the west end of the property owned by the district.

RYAN ROGERS: Phase 3 will connect to the existing subdivision road to the west as well.

MAYOR: It is not necessary at this time to purchase the Sanders property. We hope to work out something long term. We will work with Ryan to make sure a full-size road is installed. We will pay for the difference above and beyond what he is required to install as part of his project.

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A motion to approve the purchase of approximately 0.23 acres of land from the Richmond Cemetery Maintenance District at a cost of \$15,000 plus sprinkler, grass and road repairs to affected areas from the road expansion project was made by Terrie, seconded by Kelly and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

MAYOR: The parcel to the west has been surveyed. About 31 feet wide of property is needed from the Sanders family. The road would go on the south side of the parcel owned by Blake and Rhonda Davis. At this time, we cannot agree on a purchase price. It is something we might revisit in the future. I hope to work out something with them long term.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW WITH DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS AS NECESSARY.

JUSTIN: The mayor has asked that I review purchases of over \$5,000 each month moving forward. As a reminder, payments to Lewiston State Bank are to our payroll clearing account and EFTPS is the IRS. We paid the county for last year's election. We budgeted \$3,500 and the final cost was \$3,021. They were really good to work with on the election. We paid Cache County for some of our police protection and dog catcher service. They billed us for July through December 2021. We have paid an invoice in the amount of \$23,802. There are over twenty furnaces in the Park Community Center. We budget to replace four per year. We got two replaced last month at a cost of \$5,633. Our payment to Logan City is for garbage, recycling and central dispatch. We paid Smithfield \$46,624 which is for fire service for January through June 2022. We collected \$1,000 in donations in January for the new bike race. So far in February we have collected another \$2,000 for the bike race.

MAYOR: The race has been renamed to the "Stampede".

JUSTIN: A local bank donated \$600 towards the light pole update project. We now have \$4,600 towards that project. The payment to Cache County consisted of \$3,072 for dog catcher service and \$20,730 for police protection. The annual contract with Smithfield City has been paid in-full for the rest of the fiscal year. So far, this fiscal year we have collected \$100,358 in water impact fees and \$55,100 in sewer impact fees. The city is growing. I don't like it when people say growth is not paying its way. We pay professionals to do impact fee studies for us. They determine the maximum amount we can charge. The council has adopted the maximum amount in previous years. Growth is helping pay its way.

TUCKER: Are the impact fees being used against the bonds?

JUSTIN: Yes. We apply all of the impact fees to the MBR Plant project and the water tank project. The annual MBR Plant payment is approximately \$177,000 and the water tank project is approximately \$232,000. Impact fees help to make these yearly payments.

MAYOR: Do you anticipate an increase to the fire contract?

JUSTIN: No. An increase was implemented this year and I have not heard any talk of an increase for the new fiscal year. The contract does call for an annual 3% increase but I don't anticipate any other changes.

MAYOR: It costs around \$70,000 a month to run the MBR Plant. Our sewer system is very positive on the environment. Shane and Jeremy do a great job running the plant. Shane is working on obtaining additional certifications. Jeremy has the highest level of certifications. We used to get a significant load dumped into our system from a commercial enterprise. They changed their process and now that doesn't happen. They don't pay us thousands of dollars per month like in the past. It was a huge factor in why we had to do the last rate increase. We will continue to review all of our revenue and expenses. I was recently at the MBR Plant when they shutdown one basin to clean it out. It is not a glamorous job but it is essential. I pay my utility bill with gratitude knowing what I get in return. There is no environmental impact from our sewer plant. We are going to have big items to deal with over the next decade in regard to roads, water and sewer. The availability of water is a big concern of mine. I know the impact our utility bill has on our residents especially those on a fixed income.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

JEREMY: I have an update on the generator project. The generators are going to cost less than we expected. We thought they were going to be around \$100,000 each. The one at the Cherry Creek Well will be about \$45,000. It will take 25 to 27 weeks to arrive. It has been ordered. We are working on getting some final details on this building then we can get a price on this one. We are excited the cost is less than we expected.

MAYOR: On the one for this building will it be able to power the refrigeration units?

JEREMY: We have factored that in. We are planning on being able to cook and prepare meals in an emergency setting. There will be different options for us to consider. The one for this building will not be as large as the one at the well. We think it will be cheaper as well. We have to get some information from the power company so we can get final specifications for this one.

MAYOR: Will the generator use propane?

JEREMY: The one at this building will be propane or natural gas. The one at the well will be diesel. The elevation and load testing factor made it so that we needed to use diesel up there.

MAYOR: Do you know the horsepower?

JEREMY: I am not sure. Propane does not have enough torque to run the well like diesel does. The load test and elevation would have required two generators at the well. One diesel generator will work there.

MAYOR: We will need to discuss fuel storage at the well generator.

JEREMY: The diesel generator could run 47 continuous hours without refueling. July is our high demand month when we would have to run the well the most. In the winter months we could manually operate it as needed and I think the fuel would last a couple of weeks. We are still doing lead and copper testing. We are running the well and testing from it. We are in need of another public works employee. We will need to review the budget numbers for next year and see if this is possible. A job description has been created. This person would work with everyone. They could get certified if needed. They would offer support to all other employees. We only have one MBR Plant operator. He needs help. He needs to do his job safely and that requires more than one person in some cases. We will have more information on this potential hire down the road.

MAYOR: When will we discuss the new budget?

JUSTIN: I could present it as early as next month but normally we discuss in April and May and then adopt in June.

JEREMY: Chris will be retiring this year. We wish she would stay longer but we are excited she will get to spend more time with her grandkids. The mayor and I have been discussing that transition. We are considering filling that position as soon as the start of May. We most likely will advertise the position in March. We will have a lot of overlap time but it would be nice to have extra help during Black & White Days as well as with the many land-use projects we have going on. Right now, I am struggling to keep everything organized where we have so many things going on. I need help with the paperwork side of things.

MAYOR: There is still a lot that is undecided. We are considering some other options for utility billing. Chris has done a great job for many years. The dynamic of what the staff is doing day to day is changing. There is a need for more resources. We will cut costs in areas where we can. We need to find a way to increase revenue. Sales tax has shown significant growth. We don't have a lot of ways to generate revenue. We need to give the staff a meaningful wage increase this year. We have seen what others are proposing and doing. Retail sales is where our sales tax revenue comes from. We want to attract new retail businesses to the city. There are some major restraints which would be put in place with HB151 which the legislature is currently considering. It would put an end to city incentives. Offering incentives would no longer be an option after July 1, 2022, if it is adopted. My concern is it constrains the entire county. Only class five and six counties would be exempt. This bill really bothers me. We want retail in our community. If a reasonable incentive would attract new businesses which hire more employees and sale products locally is something we should be allowed to offer if reasonable. I have voiced my concern to our local legislators.

TUCKER: I wonder if it will actually pass.

JEREMY: The governor supports it and there is a lot of other support behind it.

AMBER: I am surprised he would support it where he is from a small city, Fairview, Utah.

JEREMY: Some concessions have been made but I think it will pass.

MAYOR: I have not received a response from any legislator I have emailed. We are meeting with representatives of Lee's Marketplace on March 4th. If an agreement is reached with them it will have to be put in place before July 1st.

JUSTIN: I think the reason behind this bill is simple. The state is tired of cities that touch each other giving away significant revenue because they try and outbid each other for which side of the road a business will be located on.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

TERRIE: We started the Trails Master Plan project in April 2021. The survey had 301 residents and 84 nonresidents respond. A planning committee was formed. The committee consists of two from the county, Zac Covington from BRAG (Bear River Association of Governments) and myself as the city representative. We meet every other month. In August 2021, a steering committee was formed. It includes four local people who are interested in trails. We discussed all types of trails including hiking, biking and motorized use. Cache Christensen

from the planning commission is on the committee. We did an inventory and analysis of our current sidewalks, existing trails and trailheads. We created a map of where trails might go. For example, maybe we create a trail on State Street which leads all the way to High Creek or Cherry Creek. We met this past Tuesday with stakeholders (private parcel owners, public utilities and agencies). There was a presentation where feedback was offered. We are meeting with the UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) regional planner next week. We will see what they will allow and what their long-term plan is. The intent is to have an open house in the future for residents to attend and offer their input. We are hoping to have a lot of council members attend the open house and get feedback from the residents. Two proposed dates for the open house are April 12th or 13th.

JUSTIN: While we are discussing open house dates, we need to reschedule the April 21st city council meeting. The league meetings in St. George are April 20th through 22nd. Since it works for all of your schedules, we will reschedule the April 21st meeting to April 28th. How about holding the open house on Monday, April 11th?

TERRIE: Let's hold the open house on Monday, April 11th at 6:30 P.M. here in the council room. Here are some pictures to review of the new CVTD (Cache Valley Transit District) building. They are hoping to start the project this summer. The walls will be concrete tilt-ups. The lower roofed area will be the administrative offices. The rest of the building is a shop and parking area for the buses. All of the buses will be parked inside. This could increase the use of the buses by double, long term. The rear building will be a fueling depot. There will also be a separate wash bay facility. The district has their own mechanics who will operate out of this building. There is minimal yard area. There will be a separate entrance for the employees and the public. The building will be built in North Logan. The federal grant is for approximately eighteen million dollars. There is about forty million dollars set aside for this project so they won't have to bond. The original cost estimate was approximately thirty-five million dollars. The long-term intent is to go to electric buses. The system is still fare free.

MAYOR: What type of buses are they operating currently?

TERRIE: There are eight natural gas and twenty-one diesel powered buses.

TUCKER: Is the long-term plan to go to electric buses?

TERRIE: Some places are already using them. The new building will include solar power.

KELLY: We have found a race coordinator. Heather Miller has volunteered to oversee the race. She is going to form a committee to help her. She has some registration questions we need to help her with.

MAYOR: We need to include the bike race in the registration process.

TERRIE: We used a Google form in the past.

MAYOR: We got a cost to have the race timed and it would cost a minimum of \$1,500.

TERRIE: We already have tags for the runners. Tags can be used as single-use or reused.

MAYOR: I need help on the bike registration portion of this.

TERRIE: We used a Google form which could be downloaded and allowed people to pay through PayPal.

MAYOR: Is a PayPal account required?

TERRIE: No. My concern is the launching of the new website and how it would possibly conflict with this.

JUSTIN: Even if the new website is ready to go, we will wait until after Black & White Days to take it live so there will not be a conflict with any of this.

MAYOR: We will order jerseys. We have learned that participants want different jerseys on a yearly basis.

TERRIE: There is a fee to use Webscorer. We can use a city iPad to help with this.

MAYOR: The bike race will end at two locations. At the Cherry Peak Ski Resort and the Community Building.

KELLY: Can we create a QR code to pass around?

TERRIE: Yes, we did one last year.

KELLY: The billboards are ordered.

AMBER: The parade application is ready. The grand marshal has been selected and accepted.

MAYOR: We need to ask Gordon Palmer how many vehicles he is supplying for the parade.

AMBER: We are in need of pooper scoopers as well.

KELLY: Will the same image be used on the race and bike shirts?

MAYOR: Yes. Al's Sporting Goods is going to be a sponsor as well. Kelly, I will ask for a monthly update on Black & White Days until the event is complete.

AMBER: I visited the Hyrum and Cache County senior centers. I met with both directors. They have very different opinions on things. In Hyrum, people come and go as they wish. A few of the amenities are a conference room, pool table and storage room. They work with the local food pantry as well. They provide lunch. They have a monthly calendar I will share with you to review. They do activities five days a week and serve lunch twice a week. They

have their own facility. Two vans were donated to the program for them to transport the seniors. The county is different. Their director does not support us creating a senior program. They have a very loaded calendar.

MAYOR: Where are they located?

AMBER: At about 250 North 100 East in Logan. The county budget is around \$1,000,000 and the Hyrum budget is about \$130,000. The county has a dietician approved lunch menu. The program is paid for with tax dollars. The county director asked me why I am wasting my time on this. I replied because of travel and the want for something in the community. Our residents want to stay close to home. They don't like getting around strangers in most cases. In Hyrum it is requested those who eat lunch pay \$3.00. The county service is free. Meals on Wheels serves about 250 meals a day in the valley.

MAYOR: Do they come to Richmond?

AMBER: Yes. The cost is \$3.00 per day. The nice thing about Meals on Wheels is they check on the resident and pass along information to social workers as needed. The Smithfield senior center budget is about \$13,000. They meet weekly for lunch and an activity. A donation of \$3.00 is requested for the meal but very few pay it. The program is entirely run by volunteers. In Richmond, we have 566 residents in the age demographic of 55-85. There are 106 people in Cove in this demographic and 536 in Lewiston. While I was visiting the county center, three Richmond residents came to the center. There are computers for people to use and printers so documents can be printed. I have a few questions for the council. What are we trying to accomplish? What do we want to offer? All of us need to think about that. Do we want just a senior program? I think a director and assistant director will be needed during the week to help. How much would we charge if there is a meal? We could even offer some classes such as yoga. What about offering activities at night?

MAYOR: We have a commercial kitchen and space to use. Would residents support the program? What do they want out of it? I would love to see my 85-year-old mother have a place to go and have something meaningful to do. She doesn't know very many people in the city anymore because of her age. I think we can offer something which can benefit the residents where they can meet and have fun. We could even offer free seminars such as a home safety training session from our local deputies. I appreciate what Amber has done as it has taken a lot of time. We cannot compete with the county and don't want to compete with what they offer. I think we could do a couple of activities per month.

AMBER: I have a few volunteers willing to help paint a classroom so it won't feel like a classroom. We need a mission statement. We need to determine what we want to accomplish. The seniors have done a lot for all of us. I think we can provide a little bit of enjoyment for them with something as simple as a table and a deck of cards.

TUCKER: Do you think we can get volunteers to help with the program?

AMBER: I think some will help. Justin what does Smithfield do along with their lunch?

JUSTIN: After the meal they do activities such as having a local musician perform, play cards, watch a movie, play games or one of the most attended items is a toenail cutting clinic.

AMBER: The toenail cutting clinic has a cost of \$12. I think there is a need and desire for this type of program. The Smithfield program is very simple. We need appropriate activities for that age demographic. I have learned requiring a lunch fee is not well accepted. Asking for a donation for the meal is better and most will pay it. We have reviewed converting the northwest classroom in this building into a senior center room. There is handicap access in place. A projector is already there. The room just needs a fresh coat of paint.

MAYOR: Could we use RAPZ Tax funding for this type of project?

JUSTIN: I think a CDBG (Community Block Development Grant) application is more appropriate for this. RAPZ Tax funding is not for maintenance and repair. It is for new projects. CDBG funds are specifically there to help with senior projects. They are on a fixed income and a wage analysis is not needed.

AMBER: People don't like the county program because of the travel as well as all of the information the county requires from them to participate.

MAYOR: We need to get a group of people together and see what direction they want to go.

CHRIS: When did Lewiston have their senior program?

TERRIE: I think around 2010.

CHRIS: I know people would carpool to get there.

AMBER: Franklin had one in the past as well.

MAYOR: I am very hopeful something happens with this long term.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR: Next month Lyle is going to talk about the culinary water rate and drought conditions. We will also have a lead and copper in the water discussion. Logan City has announced they are going out of the garbage business to everyone they service outside of the Logan City limits. There will be some options for us to consider such as doing it ourselves or hiring a private contractor.

JUSTIN: There are a couple of different options. The option I don't like is doing it ourselves. We would have to have a minimum of two garbage trucks. One to do the work and a backup in case that truck is broken. New employees would have to be hired. A new storage area would have to be built as the trucks cannot stay outside. A different truck would be needed for dumpster dumping. A regular garbage truck can dump 1,000 garbage cans a day if they are located in a city where they are close in proximity. Another option is to use a private company like they do on the Wasatch front. Several companies like Waste Management and Republic offer this service. There is rumor the county will consider offering the service as well. From the information I have obtained so far, I think going with a private entity is the most likely option. We will discuss possibly a joint venture with our neighbors such as Smithfield. We will listen to what the county has to say. A lot more information will come to the council in the future. Logan is giving us two years to get our new service in place. The one thing we have learned is green waste service will go away. The green waste dumpsters will not be offered in the future unless it is done by the county. One garbage truck can only dump 500 green waste cans per day because of weight. The recycling program will most likely go away as well. It is not financially feasible to offer this service in the future from what we have learned so far.

TUCKER: Can we still use the new Clarkston landfill?

JUSTIN: Yes. Logan City owns the land and operates the facility through a conditional-use permit approved by the county.

MAYOR: I am concerned about not having recycling service long term. I have read the agreement between the irrigation company and the city from last year. We might have to do something similar this year with our water. There is also a drought article I have provided to all of you to read. The legislature is considering adopting a bill which will make it mandatory to meter secondary water service. Do you think it will pass?

JEREMY: Yes.

TERRIE: And there will be funding available to help with this transition but it will only be available for two years.

MAYOR: It will be a considerably higher cost to water lawns in the future. This is something we will be reviewing.

LYLE: If you have any water conservations ideas, please let me know.

TERRIE: Xeriscaping and drought tolerant landscaping is the key.

MAYOR: The land agreement with Ron Anderson is included on the Cloud for your review. We don't have a written agreement with the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers for use of the Relic Hall. That is the next agreement I intend to work on. We need something in place which works for both parties. Anyone using our buildings needs to pay to help cover the cost of maintaining the building. We have 100% subsidized these buildings for years.

AMBER: How do they get money?

MAYOR: Dues. We are the stewards of many old buildings in the city. We have a written lease with a company in the Park Community Center. We have a written lease with Bear River Head Start for the community building. The lease is very favorable to them in my opinion. We own land that farmers are farming. An agreement needs to be done there as well. We need to enter long term agreements with these groups and people only if it is favorable to us. Old buildings take a lot of money long term. We need to decide if these buildings are beneficial to the city.

A motion to adjourn was made by Amber, seconded by Terrie, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

Adjournment at 8:42 P.M.

RICHMOND CITY CORPORATION

Paul J. Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Justin B. Lewis, City Recorder