

RIVERTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting
Held April 1, 2014
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Riverton City Council was held on the above date and time, duly convened by Mayor Ronald O. Warpness at 7:00 p.m. City Council Members present were Rich Gard, Martin Cannan, Mary Ellen Christensen, Jonathan Faubion, and Kyle Larson. Council Member Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Warpness declared a quorum of the Council.

City Staff present were Acting City Administrator/City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services Courtney V. Bohlender, Acting Chief of Police Eric Murphy, Interim Public Services Director Dawn Willhelm, Community Development Director Sandy Luers, and Administrative Secretary Kristin Watson.

Council Member Gard moved, seconded by Council Member Christensen to excuse Council Member Smith from the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda – Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Communication from the Floor – None.

Consent Agenda – Administrative Secretary Kristin Watson read the consent agenda items by title only: Approval of the Minutes – March 18, 2014 Regular Council Meeting; Approval of the Minutes – March 31, 2014 Finance Committee Meeting; Approval of the Finance Committee Recommendations – March 31, 2014; Ordinance No. 14-005, Second Reading – Repealing Chapters 5.16 Special Investigator Licenses, 5.20 Taxicab/Limousine Licenses, and 5.24 Tree Trimming Licenses of the Riverton Municipal Court; Ordinance No. 14-006, Second Reading – Rezone Lot 2, Brentwood Addition. Finance Committee recommended approval of the bills to be paid in the amount of \$158,161.71, manual checks in the amount of \$6,362.03, payroll/liabilities for 3/21/14 in the amount of \$221,416.21, for a total of \$385,939.85. Council Member Christensen moved, seconded by Council Member Faubion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation to former Councilman John “Lars” Baker; former Public Services Director Bill Urbigkit; and Lands Division Manager Paul Throckmartin – Mayor Ronald O. Warpness presented a pocket watch to former Councilman John “Lars” Baker, thanking him for his years of service on the Council. Mr. Baker served on the Council from August 29, 2006 through December 17, 2013. Interim Public Services Director Dawn Willhelm presented a pocket watch to Lands Division Manager Paul Throckmartin thanking him for the past 37 years and 8 months of service. Mr. Throckmartin thanked the City Council and City Staff for being such a great organization to work for. Mayor Ronald O. Warpness presented a pocket watch in honor of Bill Urbigkit to his daughter and niece, Nicci Urbigkit and Dani Cooper. Mr. Urbigkit was employed at the City from December 10, 1990 through February 28, 2014. Mr. Urbigkit will be greatly missed and was a great asset to the organization.

Mayor’s Proclamation – National Services Recognition Day, April 1, 2014 – Council Member Mary Ellen Christensen read the Mayor’s Proclamation, recognizing April 1, 2014 as National Services Recognition Day. Mayor Warpness signed the proclamation.

Public Hearing & Consideration of Liquor License Transfer from Back Bar, Inc. to Creole Cowboy, LLC DBA Miss Ginny’s Roost - Riverton – Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Christensen to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. There being no one to speak, Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Christensen to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Christensen moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to approve the transfer of Liquor License from Back Bar, Inc. to Creole Cowboy, LLC DBA Miss Ginny’s Roost – Riverton. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – Proposed Master Plan Discussion for Honor Farm Property – Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. Phil Christopherson and George Piplica with IDEA, Inc., and the Council spoke regarding the proposed master plan for the Honor Farm property. There being no others to speak, Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. There was not any action taken at this time, just an open meeting for public input on the proposed future of the Honor Farm Property.

FORCC Committee Recommendation – Miscellaneous Concrete Project Bid Award – Council Member Gard moved, seconded by Council Member Christensen to approve the FORCC Committee Recommendation to award the bid to the low-bidder, Major Equipment in the amount of \$944,083.00. After some discussion, motion passed with Council Member Faubion abstaining from the vote.

Consideration of Airport Task Force – Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to approve the formation of the Mayor’s Airport Task Force. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions for WAM – Acting City Administrator Courtney V. Bohlender gave a brief description of five resolutions submitted for approval to send to WAM. After some discussion, it was determined to vote on all five resolutions separately. Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to approve Resolution No. 1291 – Malt Beverage Tax. After some discussion, motion passed with Council Member Christensen voting nay. Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to approve Resolution No. 1292 – Local Option Sales Tax. Motion passed with Council Member Christensen voting nay. Council Member Gard moved, seconded by Council Member Faubion to approve Resolution No. 1293 – Recreation Dollars More Equitable. After some discussion, motion passed with Council Member Christensen voting nay. Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Christensen to approve Resolution No. 1295 – Unemployment. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Gard moved, seconded by Council Member Larson to approve Resolution No. 1296 – Liquor License Local Control. After some discussion from the Council and members of the public, Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to amend to resolution by removing the language “at their discretion” and inserting the language “based on well established criteria and recommendation from local law enforcement”. After some discussion, motion passed with Council Member Christensen voting nay. Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to table this item. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1294 – 2014 Council Goals – Administrative Secretary Kristin Watson read Resolution No. 1294 by title only. Council Member Gard moved, seconded by Council Member Faubion to approve Resolution No. 1294. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Committee Reports & Council Members’ Roundtable – Council Members Faubion, Christensen, Cannan, and Gard reported on the PAWS BBQ, Wind River Citizens Equality Committee, VOA, FORCC Committee, Airport Board, and Recreation Board, respectively.

City Administrator’s Report – Acting City Administrator Courtney V. Bohlender reminded the Council and public that there will be a Council Work Session on 4/8/14 and will be discussing the Farmer’s Market, Fiscal Health Report, and acting on Resolution No. 1296 – Liquor License Local Authority. Ms. Bohlender also commented on Bill Urbigkit and Paul Throckmartin, stating that they will be dearly missed.

Mayor’s Comments – Mayor Warpness reported on the Tribal meeting that he attended, and the 20-year celebration for Wyoming.com.

Adjourn – There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Gard moved, seconded by Council Member Faubion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:31 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

CITY OF RIVERTON, WYOMING

Ronald O. Warpness
Mayor

ATTEST:

Courtney V. Bohlender
City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services

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