

RIVERTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting
Held April 2, 2013
6:30 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 6:30 p.m. City Council Members present were Jonathan Faubion, Rich Gard (telephonically), Eric Heiser, Mary Ellen Christensen, and John “Lars” Baker. Council Member Faubion led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Warpness declared a quorum of the Council.

City Staff present were City Administrator Steven M. Weaver, City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services Courtney V. Bohlender, Chief of Police Mike Broadhead, Public Services Director William Urbigit, and Community Development Director Sandy Luers.

Council Member Jonathan Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Christensen to excuse Council Member Todd Smith from tonight’s meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda - Council Member Baker moved, seconded by Council Member Heiser to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Christensen to convene into executive session at 6:33p.m. for the purpose of potential litigation. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Faubion to reconvene into regular session at 6:42 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Christensen to adopt the addendum to the Lease/Purchase Option Agreement with Child Development Services (CDS). Motion passed unanimously.

Communication from the Floor – Approximately four individuals were present to address the Council regarding the possibility of a recreation center. They indicated that concerns recently voiced regarding city park targeted specific groups with activities (i.e. skateboarding). They would like to see other programs offered. Council informed the individuals present of previous unsuccessful attempts through ballot propositions to build a recreation center. The group in attendance was encouraged to explore other funding opportunities.

Consent Agenda – City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services read the consent agenda items by title only: Approval of the Minutes – March 19, 2013 Regular Council Meeting; Approval of the Minutes – April 1, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting; Approval of the Finance Committee Recommendations – April 1, 2013; Approval of delinquent fines of deceased defendants for the Municipal Court; Catering Permit Application: The Lapeyre – April 12, 2013, Annual Chamber Banquet @ Reach Foundation, 5pm – 12am. Finance Committee recommended approval of the bills to be paid in the amount of \$260,145.43, payroll/liabilities for 3/22/13 in the amount of \$404,175.88, for a total of \$664,321.31. Council Member Baker moved, seconded by Council Member Faubion to approve the items read. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Urbigit explained the over expended line item for the DCI building project - \$8600 was for the tower and \$4000 for High Plains Power. The line item is currently at \$411,000 with more work needing to be completed.

National Service Proclamation – Mayor Warpness read the National Service Proclamation recognizing April 9, 2013 as National Service Recognition Day and encouraging residents to thank those who serve and make a positive impact on our city. Council Member Baker moved, seconded by Council Member Heiser to adopt the Mayor’s Proclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1273 – WAM Support for Malt Beverage Tax – City Administrator Weaver reported this is a resolution to go before the Wyoming Association of Municipalities supporting efforts to raise the tax on malt beverages to the National Average of .28 (cents) per gallon with the funds (if passed) being dedicated towards alcohol abuse programs statewide. Council Member Baker moved, seconded by Council Member Heiser to approve Resolution No. 1273. Motion passed with Council Member Christensen voting nay.

Public Hearing and Consideration of Utility Rates – Resolution No. 1274, 1275 and 1276 –

Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Faubion to open the public hearing regarding an increase in water, sewer and sanitation utility rates. Motion passed unanimously. There being no one present to address the council regarding utility rates, Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Baker to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Heiser moved to adopt Resolution No. 1274, 1275 and 1276 as presented which would increase water rates four percent (4%), sewer rates two percent (2%) and sanitation rates two percent (2%). Motion was seconded by Council Member Faubion. Council Member Faubion made a motion to amend Resolution No. 1274 and 1275 to read as five percent (5%) for water rates and three percent (3%) for sewer rates, seconded by Council Member Gard. The amended motion failed with Council Member (s) Faubion and Gard voting aye and Mayor Warpness, Council Member (s) Christensen, Heiser and Baker voting nay. The main motion to adopt Resolution No. 1274, 1275, and 1276 passed with Council Member (s) Faubion, Gard, Baker, Heiser and Christensen voting aye and Mayor Warpness voting nay.

Council Committee Reports & Council Members’ Roundtable – Council Members Baker, Christensen and Faubion reported on the Recreation Board, thanked employees at the recycling/tub grinder operations for the good job they do, and the successful PAWS cupcake event, respectively. Council Member Faubion also announced the birth of their daughter Cadence Rhys Faubion.

Mayor’s Comments – Mayor Warpness commented on the event held at Reach, with the Governor present, welcoming home veterans.

Adjourn – There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Christensen to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

CITY OF RIVERTON, WYOMING

Ronald O. Warpness
Mayor

ATTEST:

Courtney V. Bohlender
City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services

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