

RIVERTON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting
Held December 3, 2019
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Riverton City Council was held on the above date and time, duly convened by Mayor Richard P. Gard at 7:00 p.m. City Council Members present were Karla Borders, Mike Bailey, Rebecca Schatza, and Kyle Larson. Both Tim Hancock and Cory Rota attended the meeting telephonically. Council Member Borders led the pledge of allegiance and Council Member Bailey conducted the invocation.

Roll call was conducted. Mayor Gard declared a quorum of the Council.

City Staff present: City Administrator Tony Tolstedt, City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson, Public Works Director Kyle Butterfield, Chief of Police Eric Murphy, Finance Director Mia Harris, Community Development Director Eric P. Carr and Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Megan Sims.

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

Communication from the Floor/Response to Citizen's Comments – Chesie Lee, co-founder of the Riverton Peace Mission, Larry Wallace, and Dustin Headley all approached the Council separately and requested Council's support of the Coroner's desired inquest, which was in response to the Fremont County Attorney's official statement that was released on November 29, 2019, regarding the death of Anderson Antelope.

Consent Agenda – City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson read the consent agenda items by title only: Approval of the Minutes – November 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting; Approval of the Minutes – November 19, 2019 Executive Session; Approval of the Minutes – December 3, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting; and Approval of the Finance Committee Recommendations – December 3, 2019 claims to be paid in the amount of \$162,074.77, manual checks in the amount of \$43,809.79, and payroll / liabilities for 11/22/19 in the amount of \$447,310.77, for a total of \$653,195.33. Council Member Bailey moved, seconded by Council Member Schatza to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing & Consideration of Retail Liquor License Transfer of Location Application: Ricci D. Larsen Living Trust – City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson reported of a transfer of location of a retail liquor license application that was received in the City Clerk's office from Ricci D. Larsen Living Trust. The application is to transfer the location from 1615 Gannett Dr., which is non-operational to 409 E Main St., as operational and d/b/a The Topsy Tulip. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Borders to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. There being no one to speak, Council Member Bailey moved, seconded by Council Member Larson to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Larson moved, seconded by Council Member Schatza to approve liquor license transfer of location application for Ricci D. Larsen Living Trust to 409 E Main St. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 19-012, 2nd Reading: Vasco Addition De-annexation – City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson read Ordinance No. 19-013 on 2nd reading by title only. Council Member Borders moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to adopt Ordinance No. 19-012 on 2nd reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 19-013, 2nd Reading: Motorized Skateboards – City Clerk/Human Resource Director Kristin Watson read Ordinance No. 19-013 on 2nd reading by title only. Council Member Bailey moved, seconded by Council Member Schatza to adopt Ordinance No. 19-013 on 2nd reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Elimination of Curbside Recycling Program – City Administrator Tony Tolstedt presented a report, outlining recycling operations costs from FY2011 to FY2019. Mr. Tolstedt also commented on additional advertising, allowing citizens the opportunity to comment on the proposed elimination of the curbside recycling program. Members from the public approached the Council in favor of continuing with curbside recycling. After discussion within the Council, Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Rota to continue with curbside recycling program with the removal of the recycling credit. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Resolution No. 1402: Sanitation Rate Adjustment – Council Member Larson moved, seconded by Council Member Schatza to remove the consideration of Resolution No. 1402 from the table. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Larson moved, seconded by Council Member Borders to approve Resolution No. 1402. Gary Hatle and David Kellner both approached the Council in regards to the sanitation rate adjustment. Mayor Gard called a recess at 8:49 pm in order to reconnect the Council Members that were attending telephonically. The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:54 pm. Mayor Gard called for a vote on the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Hearing & Consideration of Ordinance No. 19-014, 1st Reading: Riverton Municipal Code 17.22.170 – Flags – Community Development Director Eric P. Carr presented Ordinance No. 19-014 which will address the

possibility of exempting flagpoles height restrictions that are installed in various commercial zoning districts. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Larson to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. There being no one to address the Council, Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Borders to adopt ordinance No. 19-014 on 1st reading. Council Member Bailey moved, seconded by Council Member Larson to amend the Ordinance to limit the flags in excess of the 30' to the United States of America flag and the State of Wyoming flag. Amended motion passed unanimously. Main motion also passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1403: Airport Landing Fee Adjustment – Public Works Director Kyle Butterfield presented Resolution No. 1403 which will adjust the commercial landing fee from \$0.85 per 1,000 pounds to \$1.05 per 1,000 pounds, effective February 19, 2020. Council Member Bailey moved, seconded by Council Member Borders to approve Resolution No. 1403. Motion passed unanimously.

Industrial Development Bonds – City Administrator Tony Tolstedt reported on the consideration for the City to partner with the Riverton Medical District (RMD) on the development of a joint powers agreement. Mr. Tolstedt stated City Staff has met with bond council as well as the RMD representative to further understand the process and funding mechanisms. Cort McGuffy, citizen of Riverton, approached the Council in support for the industrial development bonds. Council Member Borders moved, seconded by Council Member Larson to direct City Staff to continue to work towards the understanding of industrial development bonds with a potential resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Committee Reports & Council Members' Roundtable – Council Member Rota commented on the Leadership Fremont County meeting, the Community Engagement Committee, and the FCSD #25 Recreation Board meeting; Council Member Borders commented on the upcoming Festival of Trees on December 5th and 6th, commented on the Solutions Subcommittee meeting, and commented on the new Airport Café; Council Member Bailey thanked Public Works staff on their diligent efforts regarding snow removal; Council Member Schatza commented on the Community Engagement Committee meeting, reminded the community of the upcoming Holiday Festival; and Council Member Larson commented on the FCSD #25 Recreation Board meeting he attended.

City Administrator's Report – City Administrator Tony Tolstedt informed the community of the cancellation of the FORCC meeting for December; thanked the Public Works staff for the snow removal; reminded Council and City Staff of an upcoming lunch and learn with CWC on November 5th; commented on and thanked the Utility Billing Department for implementing a new texting program for notification of past due bills.

Mayor's Comments – Mayor Richard P. Gard thanked Tony, Mayor Highsmith, and Mayor Powell for the efforts regarding the Moneta Divide project; commented on the requested flagpole; commented on the North Federal Boulevard project; thanked City crews for the snow removal efforts; and commented on the FCAG meeting he attended. Mayor Gard also thanked Fremont County Prosecuting Attorney Pat Leburn for his willingness to work with the City of Riverton.

Adjourn – There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gard adjourned the Regular Council meeting at 9:48 p.m. There was no objection from the Council.

CITY OF RIVERTON, WYOMING

Richard P. Gard
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin S. Watson
City Clerk/Human Resource Director

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