

RIVERTON CITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting
Held November 3, 2020
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, Tim Hancock, Mike Bailey, Rebecca Schatza, Kyle Larson and Cory Rota. Council Member Larson led the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Gard conducted the invocation.

Roll call was conducted. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Hancock to excuse Council Member Borders from tonight's meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Gard declared a quorum of the Council.

City Staff present: City Administrator Tony Tolstedt, Public Works Director Kyle Butterfield, Police Captain Wes Romero, Finance Director Mia Harris, Community Development Director Eric P. Carr, and Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Megan Sims.

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

Communication from the Floor/Response to Citizen's Comments – None.

Consent Agenda – Deputy City Clerk/Administrative Assistant Megan Sims read the consent agenda items by title only: Approval of the Minutes – October 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting; Approval of the Minutes – November 3, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting; and Approval of the Finance Committee Recommendations – November 3, 2020 claims to be paid in the amount of \$1,190,618.22, manual check in the amount of \$12.46 and payroll & liabilities for 10/23/20 and 10/27/20 in the amount of \$449,177.56 for a total of \$1,639,808.24. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing & Consideration of Fireworks Permit Application: Holiday Festival – Deputy City Clerk/Administrative Assistant Megan Sims reported on the fireworks permit application submitted by R Recreation for a firework show to be held at Tonkin Stadium on December 18, 2020 from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Council Member Rota moved, seconded by Council Member Schatza to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. Beverly Frank and Tina Jarrard approached the Council regarding fireworks, in general, and asked if any changes have been made to the current ordinance. There being no others to address the Council, Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Larson to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to approve the fireworks permit application for R Recreation as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 20-007, 3rd & Final Reading: Visionary Communications, Inc Franchise Agreement – Deputy City Clerk/Administrative Assistant Megan Sims read Ordinance No. 20-007 by title only. This ordinance establishes franchise agreements with Visionary Communications, Inc. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to adopt Ordinance No. 20-007 on third and final reading. Roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 20-009, 3rd & Final Reading: Contact Communications, Inc Franchise Agreement – Deputy City Clerk/Administrative Assistant Megan Sims read Ordinance No. 20-009 by title only. This ordinance establishes franchise agreements with and Contact Communications, Inc. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Rota to adopt Ordinance No. 20-009 on third and final reading. Roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 20-008, 3rd & Final Reading: RMC 10.04 Right of Way Closures – Deputy City Clerk/Administrative Assistant Megan Sims read Ordinance No. 20-008 by title only. This ordinance amends Riverton Municipal Code chapter 10.04. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Hancock to adopt Ordinance No. 20-008 on third and final reading. Roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

EDGE Committee Appointments – City Administrator Tony Tolstedt reported of twenty-one (21) expression of interest forms received to serve on the EDGE Committee. Per Resolution No. 1422, the committee consists of seven (7) members with two (2) alternates. The seven (7) individuals proposed are: Mary Axthelm, Brett Watson, Janet Winslow, Vivian Watkins, Leonard Kosirog, Julie Buller, and Marissa Selvig. The proposed alternates are: Jeremy Hughes, and Lindsey Cox. Council Member Larson moved, seconded by Council Member Rota to accept the Mayoral appointments to the EDGE Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Concurrence of Fremont County Commissioners Support of Pari-Mutuel Wagering – City Administrator Tony Tolstedt presented the Council with a resolution approved by the Fremont County Commissioners for the allowance of pari-mutuel wagering at 1409 W Main St in Riverton. Pursuant to State Statue, pari-mutuel wagering is allowed in City limits, but approved through the County. The County is requesting concurrence from the Council. Council

Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Bailey to support the Fremont County Commissioners decision regarding pari-mutuel wagering at 1409 W Main St. Motion passed unanimously.

Quarterly Fiscal Health Report – Finance Director Mia Harris presented a report to the Council reflecting the City’s fiscal health for the 1st quarter of the fiscal year. Mrs. Harris reported on the revenues versus expenditures in the general fund and enterprise funds. Also reviewed were the airport funds. No action was taken.

Council Committee Reports & Council Members’ Roundtable – Council Member Schatza commented on the Chamber Halloween event and its successes and reminded the Community of the supplies in need at the PAWS Animal Shelter; Council Member Hancock reported on the Fremont County School District #25 Recreation Board meeting he attended and commented on the fireworks comment previously given; Council Member Rota also reported on the FCSD #25 Recreation Board he attended and reminded the public to lock your cars due to the high amount of car theft happening lately; Council Member Bailey reported on the Airport Board Meeting he attended, reported on the FORCC meeting and projects, and also commented on the Chamber Halloween Event; and Council Member Larson, as well, commented on the FORCC projects.

City Administrator’s Report – City Administrator Tony Tolstedt reminded of upcoming meetings: FORCC, EDGE, and Airport Board; commented on and thanked everyone who volunteers as well as the County Elections office for their diligent and successful work on election day; and presented a picture of a repurposed recycling trailer that will now be used for traffic control materials. Mr. Tolstedt thanked Operations Division Manager Brian Eggleston and Equipment Operator Josh Hernandez for their wiliness to help make processes work more efficiently.

Mayor’s Comments – Mayor Gard commented on and thanked everyone in regards to the Gannett Drive project; thanked the Elections Office for their organization to help ease voting; reported of the emergency management meeting he attended; commented on the RCEDA meeting; thanked all the individuals who submitted expression of interest forms for the EDGE Committee; and briefly discussed the current fireworks ordinance.

Executive Session - Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Rota to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel at 8:12 pm. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Gard invited in City Administrator Tony Tolstedt and Deputy City Clerk/Administrative Assistant Megan Sims. Council Member Schatza moved, seconded by Council Member Rota to reconvene into regular session at 9:03 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn – There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Hancock moved, seconded by Council Member Schatza to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 9:04 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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