

City of Rigby
Council Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2020

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. The pledge of allegiance was given by Kirk Olsen and the prayer given by Doug Burke.

The mayor asked the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Burke	Present
Councilman Datwyler	Present
Councilman Davis	Present
Councilwoman Weight	Present
Councilwoman Hillman	Present
Councilman Olsen	Present

Also present: Mitch Bradley Public Works Director, Chief Tower, and Attorney Dunn

Clerk's Report:

The clerk came forward and gave a brief overview of the financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2019. He indicated the expenses were falling in line with the percentage year to date expectations but revenues were below expectations due to accruing receipts from Oct and Nov. Due to the short timing of the statements and given the prior history there was nothing out of line. He noted the journal entries were again recurring for interest earnings and accounting for the internal service fund charges.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Datwyler noted a second to a motion was missing (clerk will correct). Councilman Datwyler moved to approve minutes with the correction of the second seconded by Councilwoman Hillman.

The mayor called for a voice poll: all in favor none opposed.

Review and approval of bills:

Councilman Datwyler moved to approve the bills seconded by Councilman Burke.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman Burke	Yes
Councilman Datwyler	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilwoman Hillman	Yes
Councilman Olsen	Yes

Recognition of retiring councilmembers:

The mayor presented Councilman Kirk Olsen and Councilwoman Hillman with a plaque of appreciation for their service on the council.

Swearing in New Council:

The mayor asked newly elected council members: Aliza King and Roarke Burke and reelected Councilmen Doug Burke and Blake Davis to come forward to be sworn into office. He then administered the oath of office to them and they took their seats on the council.

Election of Council President:

The mayor indicated that a new council usually sets the dates and time for council meetings. The current time is 7:00pm and the council meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. After a brief discussion: Councilman Doug Burke moved to set the regular council meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis.

The mayor called for a voice poll: all in favor none opposed.

According to code after a general election the council needs to elect a council president to preside over the council meetings in the absence of the mayor.

Councilman Davis nominated Councilman Datwyler as the council president seconded by Councilwoman King.

The mayor called for a voice poll: all in favor none opposed.

Council responsibilities:

The mayor reviewed the various areas wherein a councilmember has responsibility. After a review of the various areas the following list was made:

Rodeo - Councilman Doug Burke	Library - Councilwoman King
Museum – Councilman Datwyler	Police – Councilman Davis
Sr Citizens – Councilwoman Weight	Planning/Zoning – Councilman Datwyler
Urban Renewal – Councilman Roarke Burke	Chamber Commerce – Councilman Davis
Airport – Councilman Doug Burke	Parks – Councilwoman Weight
Water/Sewer/Sanitation – Councilman Roarke Burke.	

Planning/Zoning – Bldg Inspection Contract:

K. Hathaway from Jefferson County came forward and handed out a letter from Commission Scott Hancock which addressed the letter the city sent the county requesting a percentage split of all city building permits between the city and county. Commissioner Hancock in his letter indicated the county was reviewing and doing a cost analysis and at the present time did not have an answer to the city's letter dated November 8, 2019. Mr. Hathaway gave a snapshot of what the county was looking at but no decision had been made.

The mayor said he had been in touch with the commissioners and it would be discussed at the commission next meeting. Item tabled pending proposal from the county.

Farnsworth Statue:

The mayor and council reviewed a draft copy of the proposed response to the Martha Hughes Cannon Statue Oversight Committee in the city's request to obtain the bronze statue of Philo T. Farnworth currently housed in the US Capitol. The council and mayor reviewed the written proposal which is due January 3, 2020 and made minor corrections in the draft copy.

Councilman Datwyler moved to send the RFP to Washington with the minor changes as reviewed seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council being that the RFP required the city to expend funds:

Councilman D. Burke	Yes
Councilman Datwyler	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman R. Burke	Yes
Councilwoman King	Yes

Judicial Confirmation – Wastewater Treatment Plant:

The mayor explained the process the city needed to do to obtain financing for the proposed upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant. The city has sent two Boise attorney's request for proposal. One attorney has responded and indicated the fee would be around \$7,000 to \$8,000. The mayor asked that being the fee would be under \$25,000 if the council would authorize him to proceed to solicit proposals.

Councilman D Burke moved to authorize the mayor to solicit RFP for legal judicial confirmation on the wastewater treatment plant and the fee to be under \$25,000. Motion seconded by Councilman Datwyler.

The mayor asked the clerk to poll the council:

Councilman D. Burke	Yes
Councilman Datwyler	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Weight	Yes
Councilman R. Burke	Yes
Councilwoman King	Yes

Administrative Services:

The city sent out requests from interested parties having background and knowledge in administrating federal grants and funding for the upgrades on the wastewater treatment plant. The city has received

two proposals. The mayor asked if anyone on the council would like to participate in an interview of the two parties. Councilman D. Burke, Datwyler and Davis indicated they would participate in the interviews along with the mayor. Schedule of dates and time to be arranged at a later date.

Councilman Datwyler moved that Councilmen D. Burke, Datwyler and Davis serve on the interview committee for the administrative service contract. Motion seconded by Councilman D. Burke.

The mayor called for a voice poll: all in favor none opposed.

Other Council Business:

- 5th West: Reggie Pinnock came forward and informed the council that he is interest in purchasing and developing the vacate land east and west of 5th West and just north of the INL bus parking lot. The land in question has a restriction as to zoning allowed due to 5th West being built not in accordance to city code. He is proposing the city upgrade the road using the local improvement district wherein all four of the property owners participate in the cost of the road. Mitch Bradley indicated based on his estimate the cost to bring the road into compliance would cost around \$340 to \$360,000. The city owns a portion of the road just west of the subwater pond. The mayor explained that the road would have to make a bend to match up with 5th West on the south of Hwy 48. ITD is in favor of the change and "may" consider locating a stop light at the intersection if the road is relocated. More discussion is needed and a private contractor may be able to do the project at a cost lower than the city which Mr. Pinnock will explore.
- Ririe Use of Ball Diamonds: Councilwoman Weight said she has been contacted about the possibility of Ririe using the city's ball diamonds. Council discussed having Ririe contact the Rigby Youth Committee and coordinate their schedule with them who currently schedules the ball diamonds.

Public Comment:

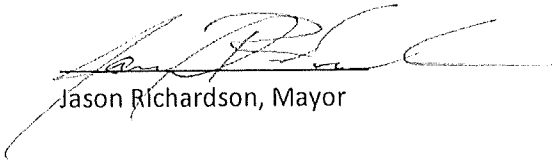
- Robert Devine came forward and said he was in support of the city obtaining the Philo T. Farnsworth statue. He also informed the council that while he was at BYU – Utah physics lab they had a display where Farnsworth obtained a grant from ITT for nuclear fusion. The display was coming up for sale on the ebay web site.
- Jon Miller came forward and felt the city's response to snow removal was an over reaction. He stated a police officer went door to door and informed the residents on Aspen that they would be cited if they shoveled snow from driveway/sidewalks onto the city streets. He stated the officer was rude and impolite to the residents in his accusatory tone wherein he threaten to cite the whole street if snow was again shovel into the streets. The violation is a misdemeanor which he felt is overboard for the act. He also stated that two city employees were pointing at various homes and didn't understand what and why they were doing so.

Adjournment:

Councilman D. Burke moved to adjourn seconded by Councilwoman Weight.

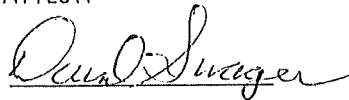
The mayor called for a voice poll: all in favor none opposed.
Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm.

CITY OF RIGBY



Jason Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Swager, Clerk