

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Richmond City Council was held at the Park Community Center located at 90 South 100 West, Richmond, Utah on Thursday, June 15, 2023. The meeting began at 6:30 P.M.; Mayor Paul Erickson was in the chair. The opening remarks were made by Lyle Bair.

The following Council Members were in attendance: Tucker Thatcher, Lyle Bair, Kelly Crafts, Terrie Wierenga and Amber Ervin.

City Administrator Jeremy Kimpton, City Engineer Weston Bellon, City Treasurer HollyJo Karren and City Recorder Justin Lewis were also in attendance.

VISITORS: Glendon Simper, Eric Anderson, Anna Reager, Bill Reager, Sherrie Davis, Katelyn Davis, Larry Dunkley, Lee Anderson, Ryan Busenbark, Chase Morris

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 18, 2023.

A motion to approve the May 18, 2023 city council meeting minutes was made by Tucker, seconded by Amber and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

KATELYN DAVIS: I am the youth council mayor. We are grateful to be involved in so many activities this year. I think so many more kids are more social now than they were before. We learned a lot at the Hamburger Stand. We had thirty kids qualify for our Lagoon trip by serving more than ten hours. We are having trouble getting adult transportation for this activity.

SHERRIE DAVIS: We haven't set a date yet but want to do it before school starts.

MAYOR: Please let us know how we can help.

AMBER: How many volunteers do you need?

SHERRIE: We need at least six drivers where we have thirty kids who can go. We can get a discounted day pass for those who cannot attend.

KELLY: Can the adults who drive the kids down stay for the day?

SHERRIE: We are fine with that.

AMBER: One option might be to drive to Ogden and catch the train or possibly use the Salt Lake Express.

SHERRIE: The Salt Lake Express told us it would cost \$3,000.

KELLY: I am willing to help.

KATELYN: We did better at the Hamburger Stand this year. We had a set schedule. We were more organized this year.

MAYOR: On Friday, September 15th we are meeting to discuss Black & White Days 2024. I would hope someone from the youth council could attend. We want to discuss the process and who is responsible for what next year. Our goal is to make the event better each year. I have been asked if the parade can be extended two blocks. We had a great turnout this year. I want to continue to see the activities on Saturday grow.

AMBER: I worked with them at the Hamburger Stand. The communication was good.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE BUSINESS LICENSE REQUEST BY TNT FIREWORKS, INC. TO SELL FIREWORKS AT THE LEE'S MARKETPLACE BUILDING LOCATION AT 150 NORTH 200 WEST.

ERIC ANDERSON: I work with TNT Fireworks. We used to be known as Beehive Fireworks or Freedom Fireworks. We serve as a wholesale supplier of fireworks to grocery stores. We service 250 box stores in Utah. Across the nation we are in over 40,000 stores. We have been in operation since 1920. We are family owned. The fifth generation now owns the company. I have worked for them since 1996. We are a supplier to Lee's Marketplace.

We apply for all of the required licenses and permits. We are involved and want to be part of the community. We want to support our partners. I am here tonight to represent Lee's Marketplace.

MAYOR: You are the supplier. Are the employees in the tent selling fireworks employees of Lee's?

ERIC: We are a supplier to Lee's. The fireworks are actually in the store on their shelves and go across their cash register. There is not a tent out front. Typically, tents are run by the nonprofit groups we supply. They do it themselves but that is not what we are doing here. We are just doing inside sales here.

TERRIE: Do you have a letter from the fire department stating you meet the fire code? Who is responsible for making sure this complies?

ERIC: I don't have a letter but we can meet any requirements you might have.

TERRIE: We want to make sure fire code requirements are met. The Smithfield City Fire Department takes care of our fire code requirements. I just need to know they are meeting our safety requirements.

ERIC: Typically, all of the building requirements are met through the building code. We will talk with them and make sure we meet their requirements. We are licensed in Smithfield and work with their fire department there.

TERRIE: I would consider a conditional approval based on this being dealt with.

JEREMY: We can hold their license until they get approval from the fire department.

ERIC: They need to know we have fireworks there. We will give them the details they need which is why we do the licensing. Different cities have different rules.

TERRIE: I have seen your displays previously.

ERIC: The fire department will help dictate where in the store the product can be. The building has a sprinkling system. We will communicate with them and do what is needed. The store is still not open yet.

TUCKER: The fire marshal will have to do a final inspection before they can open and they can incorporate this request into that.

A motion to approve the request by Lee's Marketplace and TNT Fireworks to sell fireworks inside the Lee's Marketplace store located at 150 North 200 West conditional upon approval of the Smithfield City Fire Department was made by Tucker, seconded by Terrie and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE REQUEST BY RYAN BUSENBARK FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE JOHNSON COVE SUBDIVISION, AN (11) LOT/UNIT SUBDIVISION LOCATED WEST OF APPROXIMATELY 250 SOUTH 300 EAST. ZONED RMD (RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY).

RYAN BUSENBARK: This is round two on this request. We previously received preliminary plat approval and then engineering started to review the request. They found a slope issue. Weston informed us we had an issue taking the road back to 300 East. The road drops off about fourteen feet which is not doable from a development standpoint. The road has to be flipped and turn west rather than east.

AMBER: We appreciate you taking our recommendation of making Lot 1 bigger to get the home further away from the retention pond. The length of the new road is too long for a cul-de-sac?

RYAN: Yes.

AMBER: As proposed, without a cul-de-sac, we will have a dead-end road because there is an existing home to the west so the road will never be extended west long term.

RYAN: We are about 100 feet longer than what is allowed for a cul-de-sac.

AMBER: We could have more issues with a dead-end road.

RYAN: It makes sense to do a cul-de-sac but it is not allowed.

AMBER: Can we put a barrier or barricade at the end of the dead-end road?

RYAN: That can be done but it won't stop people from parking there.

LYLE: My concern is our snowplow trucks.

AMBER: The plan, as drawn, meets our code.

TERRIE: Remind me why a cul-de-sac cannot go there?

JEREMY: A cul-de-sac is not allowed if the road is over 300 feet long. They would have to seek a variance through the appeal authority. I think it would be hard to get a variance approved in this case.

RYAN: Which is why we are not doing a cul-de-sac.

TERRIE: I know we would always prefer two egresses.

AMBER: The code does not require two in this case.

MAYOR: If a variance is applied for it will most likely be shot down in this case.

AMBER: The planning commission reviewed the request and recommended approval.

MAYOR: Jeremy what are your thoughts?

JEREMY: They are meeting the code. Cul-de-sacs are tough for our trucks. This is a challenging piece because of the slope. We have been working with them to try and find the best option. None of us love the design but it meets the code from a staff perspective.

TUCKER: What is the maximum number of homes for one access?

JEREMY: Fire code is thirty.

LYLE: What is the 300-foot requirement?

JEREMY: A cul-de-sac is not allowed if a road is over 300 feet long.

TUCKER: This road exceeds that limit by about 100 feet.

LYLE: This request meets our code even though the road will never go through.

MAYOR: Our snowplow trucks can turn around at the end of the road?

JEREMY: Yes. It is almost like a hammerhead turnaround.

LYLE: Do you have any snowplowing concerns?

JEREMY: Cul-de-sacs are the worst to plow. I don't have any snowplowing concerns. Ryan filed and submitted an application and it meets our code. He has been great to work with. We have tried to come up with solutions that will work for all involved. The staff is fine with the plan as presented.

TUCKER: It will be a nice quiet neighborhood where it is not a thru street.

AMBER: I am okay as it is proposed as well. Ryan has met the requirements of the code. It is a nice piece of land.

WESTON: I have reviewed our code and the request fits our standards as presented.

A motion to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Johnson Cove Subdivision, an (11) lot/unit subdivision was made by Lyle, seconded by Amber and the motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Ervin

No Vote: Wierenga

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 23-09, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHMOND CITY MANUAL OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, CHAPTER 5.0 "CULINARY WATER SYSTEM DESIGN", SECTION 5.01 "GENERAL", CHAPTER 2.0 "STREET DESIGN", SECTION 2.01 "GENERAL", CHAPTER 8.0 "STORM DRAINAGE DESIGN", SECTION 8.08 "DETENTION/RETENTION FACILITIES" AND CHAPTER "SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO THE "MANUAL OF STANDARD PLANS"."

WESTON: In section 5.01 General we are adding "along with concrete thrust blocks" which is pretty standard verbiage. A thrust block is for double protection. This has been done in the past but not in our code.

TUCKER: It would be insane to not include a thrust block.

WESTON: In 2.01 General we are requesting to get rid of the 48-foot right-of-way and replace it with a 51-foot right-of-way. The issue with 48 feet is the park strip is only 1 ½ feet wide and it is hard to have a street sign in the park strip that does not overhang onto the sidewalk or road. Driveway approaches are also affected on a 48-foot right-of-way. We are adding a street light drawing. There has not been one in the code in the past. We are including a standardized light. The light matches what is on the highway. This is the type of light we are asking developers to install. They have had to ask us for this information in the past, now we can refer them to the code and it will give them a picture and the specifications for the light.

MAYOR: Where are these lights being installed?

JEREMY: In all new subdivisions.

WESTON: We are requesting to add a drawing for a 99-foot right-of-way which is basically the same as the 66-foot right-of-way drawing. We won't require any 99-foot right-of-ways in the future but this drawing will match what we already have.

JEREMY: This sets the standard detail of what is required.

WESTON: We are requesting some changes to 8.08 Detention/Retention Facilities. We are modifying (J) (8) and adding items 9 and 10 as well. It talks about how we handle retention ponds. As currently stated, it says the city will own the pond but that is not how we have been operating for a long time. We have been including the retention pond

as part of one of the lots. The property owner is responsible for the pond. No infrastructure can be installed in the pond. The volume of the pond cannot be reduced. The pond must be landscaped and maintained. We are modifying the code to match how we are operating.

MAYOR: So, we are changing our code to match what we are already doing.

LYLE: What happened with the White Pine Subdivision pond?

WESTON: I am not sure I was not working with J-U-B at that time.

TUCKER: I know some of the larger developments have an HOA (Homeowners Association) which has the pond as a separate parcel do we need the code to state that?

WESTON: We are already covered there. It would be similar to a park an HOA owns but in this case the HOA would be the owner of the pond.

AMBER: The request was heard by the planning commission. There was a lot of discussion. There were some concerns discussed. I have talked to many residents about this. We have looked at the ponds in town. One of them is not so great right now and it is next to one owned by the city that looks great. This is a housekeeping Ordinance which needs to be done. We also need to address our standards. We need a better structure in place to help protect everyone. If someone does not maintain the pond it can make things bad.

MAYOR: We can adopt this ordinance and make changes as needed.

AMBER: We are taking what we are doing and making it official. Then we will address the standards in a separate ordinance.

TERRIE: The White Pine Park is the only one I am aware we have taken ownership of. There have been many since which were approved and are private.

JUSTIN: We agreed to take ownership of the White Pine Park because the city wanted to make it a park/pond and install some playground equipment there.

AMBER: There are some notable concerns and we are going to address them.

JEREMY: We understand we have a problem with one retention pond.

MAYOR: Have we talked to the owner?

JEREMY: Yes. It will be good to have the language on the plat moving forward. It will be clearly stated. We are learning a lot from the problem pond. They will clean it up. It is not their primary residence. We are also working with the developer on the issue. All of the other ponds are being properly taken care of. It is not fair to focus only on the problem pond.

TERRIE: We also have a nuisance ordinance which is an option to remedy the situation if needed.

JUSTIN: There are two very clear sections in the nuisance code regarding how to deal with this.

TERRIE: It is good to put this on the plat and make it clear.

TUCKER: The piping in the pond is owned and maintained by the city?

JEREMY: Yes.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-09, an Ordinance amending the Richmond City Manual of Design & Construction Standards, Chapter 5.0 "Culinary Water System Design", Section 5.01 "General", Chapter 2.0 "Street Design", Section 2.01 "General", Chapter 8.0 "Storm Drainage Design", Section 8.08 "Detention/Retention Facilities" and Chapter "Summary of Amendments to the "Manual of Standard Plans"" was made by Terrie, seconded by Tucker and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A CIB (COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD) APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR UPDATED SEWER AND WATER MASTER PLANS.

WESTON: The last time the water and sewer master plans were updated was in 2012. The recommended projects in the water fund have been done. These new plans will give us guidance for the future. They will show deficiencies in the system such as areas where the pipe needs to be upsized. The CIB requires a public hearing before the application can be submitted.

A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Terrie, seconded by Lyle and the vote was unanimous.

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Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin
No Vote: None

The public hearing opened at 7:18 P.M.

There were not any comments or questions.

A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Amber, seconded by Kelly and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin
No Vote: None

The public hearing closed at 7:18 P.M.

MAYOR: We will now submit the application. Justin is now helping to oversee all grants and applications for the city. I appreciate him taking on this responsibility.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ORDINANCE 2023-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHMOND CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 3-000 "MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT", CHAPTER 3-500 "ADMINISTRATION", PART 3-551 "PAYMENT PERIODS".

JUSTIN: The proposed Ordinance would update our code to state the wages of the city council and mayor will be approved via Resolution. The current code states the stipend paid to the council is \$200 per month and the mayor is \$500 per month. The next item on the agenda, if this Ordinance is adopted, is to set the wages for the council and mayor. I don't recall the last time the council or mayor got a raise.

TERRIE: When I started on the city council many years ago the city council was paid \$50 per month.

A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Lyle, seconded by Tucker and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin
No Vote: None

The public hearing opened at 7:21 P.M.

There were not any comments or questions.

A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Terrie, seconded by Lyle and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin
No Vote: None

The public hearing closed at 7:21 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2023-07.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-07, an Ordinance amending the Richmond City Municipal Code, Title 3-000 "Municipal Government", Chapter 3-500 "Administration", Part 3-551 "Payment Periods" was made by Lyle, seconded by Amber and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin
No Vote: None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING RESOLUTION 2023-04, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY AS REQUIRED IN RICHMOND CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PART 3-551 “PAYMENT PERIODS”.

JUSTIN: This Resolution would set the wage of the mayor at \$550 per month and the wage of the council at \$220 per month.

A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Terrie, seconded by Kelly and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin
No Vote: None

The public hearing opened at 7:23 P.M.

There were not any comments or questions.

A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Tucker seconded by Lyle and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin
No Vote: None

The public hearing closed at 7:23 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2023-04.

MAYOR: I think the council members should be paid more.

TUCKER: I am fine as proposed.

AMBER: I agree.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2023-04, a Resolution establishing the salary of the elected officials of the city as required in Richmond City Municipal Code Part 3-551 “Payment Periods” was made by Terrie, seconded by Amber and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin
No Vote: None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET WHICH IS THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 AND THE NEW FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET WHICH IS THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

JUSTIN: We adopted several budget amendments last month and are proposing more this month as we come to the end of the fiscal year. I will highlight some of the bigger items and can review them in detail if you have any questions. General Fund revenue is increasing for sales tax revenue, franchise tax revenue, Black & White Days activities and sponsorship payments as well as donations received for The Park Bench. Expense increases in the Administration Department are for the youth council and attorney. The Building Department is increasing for utilities and The Park Bench expenses. Public Safety is increasing for travel and training and the amount of fine revenue paid to the state. The more fine revenue we collect the more we pay to the state. Streets is increasing as we are seeing a slight increase in the amount of Class “C” Road Funds we receive. Parks is increasing for Black & White Days expenses. The Fire Department is increasing for utility expense. The library is increasing for office expenses. Water Enterprise Fund revenue is increasing for impact fees and the monthly utility fee. Expenses are increasing for attorney fees, insurance and benefits. Sewer Enterprise Fund revenue is increasing for impact fees. Expenses are increasing for sampling. Capital Projects Fund revenue is increasing for interest earned. In regard to the new budget. We have been able to include a three percent cost of living increase for the employees. We removed

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the election expense. We included a \$2,500 donation from Rocky Mountain Power for some building work for The Park Bench. We have included the two RAPZ Tax projects we are working on and hope to complete them this fall. A new pavilion on the north end of the park and a new restroom facility in the middle of the park.

MAYOR: How was sales tax revenue last month?

JUSTIN: It was one of the highest amounts we have ever received.

A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Lyle, seconded by Amber and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

The public hearing opened at 7:29 P.M.

There were not any comments or questions.

A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Terrie, seconded by Lyle and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

The public hearing closed at 7:29 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET.

A motion to adopt amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget was made by Amber, seconded by Lyle and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET.

A motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget was made by Terrie, seconded by Kelly and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin

No Vote: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

MAYOR: I have seen some recent weddings at our city park. The only reason I think that is happening is because of how beautiful the park is.

JEREMY: Bryan is very serious about how he takes care of the parks.

MAYOR: What is the port-a-potty at the park for?

HOLLY: A food truck is renting space from us on the station corner.

MAYOR: Are we starting to use the hotbox yet? I had a resident contact me asking if we could correct the shoulder of a road where runoff water did some damage.

JEREMY: Yes, we can. I am aware of issues on 200 North and 300 East.

AMBER: I see the sidewalks were getting backfilled today. The participants at The Park Bench did not realize how many kids utilize the park. They were surprised to see how many are there playing on a regular basis.

JEREMY: I just got back from an AWWA (American Water Works Association) training seminar. We are going to start our chip seal work next month. I want to get the hotbox fired up and potholes filled before the chip seal work is completed in July.

TUCKER: Is all of 250 East at the south end of town our responsibility?

JEREMY: As far as I am aware. I am talking to the county about this. They have a new roads director. I was originally told the road was 50% ours and 50% county. I think it is all ours. It needs to be graded for drainage purposes but the property owner will not be happy about that. The road is bad all the way from the veterinary clinic going south to 800 South. I had wondered about filling in the potholes and chip sealing that road but until the drainage issue is fixed it won't do us any good.

TUCKER: Put some one-inch rock in the holes and that should help.

JEREMY: We need to address the side of the road. The shoulder needs to be fixed and some drainage work done. We are stepping up our inspections as a staff. We are focusing on the shoulder and the swale. We get a lot of pushback on this. It must be done to city standards. They do get filled in long term, unfortunately. Poor drainage ruins roads. We will work with the county on this. I am working with the new roads director.

<p>MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW WITH DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS AS NECESSARY. MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATE</p>
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JUSTIN: The election signup period ended on June 7th. We have three city council seats up for election and only received two declarations. Joel Draxler and Bryce Wood submitted applications. We still have one seat to fill. In December, we will put out an advertisement seeking applicants. At the January council meeting we will hold short interviews and the council will select a candidate to fill the position. The position will be for a two-year term. We are saving \$9,000 dollars but it is sad more people are not willing to serve. Over the last year we have been working on getting agreements in place or cleaned up. Over the next few months, we are putting together an agreement between the city and the cemetery district. We have had a verbal agreement with the cemetery district for a couple of decades. It needs to be put in writing so when we are all gone both parties know what is expected of each other. The district has been very good to work with and the district appreciates what the city does on behalf of the district. This will be a work in progress over the next several months. Garbage service providers will change in July. Logan City will cease to operate in the city and Econo Waste Inc. will do the service for us. Logan City will be picking up the blue recycle cans on Friday, June 23rd. The collection day will stay on Friday.

LYLE: Will people need to put their cans out any differently than in the past?

JUSTIN: No, they will still put them out on Friday on the same side of the road they are currently doing. The actual time the can is dumped may vary from what is happening now as the driver might use a different route, etc. Please ask the residents to be patient as we work through this transition. We had a very good sales tax month and collected \$56,253. The fifth of six allocations of Class "C" Road Funds was received in the amount of \$30,681. Through the end of May we collected \$16,680 in revenue for Black & White Days activities such as the races and horse pulls. Black & White Days sponsorship payments totaled \$16,575 through the end of May. Through the end of May we spent \$34,616 on Black & White Days but the final amount will be higher as the remaining bills are paid in June. We collected some impact fees in May. So far, this fiscal year we have collected \$117,877 in water impact fees and \$62,265 in sewer impact fees. The last item I have to discuss is the property tax rate. If we don't make any changes, we will receive \$309,716. If we hold the same rate as last year, we will receive \$320,098 which is an increase of \$10,382. A home valued at \$458,000 will see a yearly increase of \$9.07.

MAYOR: If we don't do a small amount now, we will have to do more later.

TERRIE: What is the percentage increase?

JUSTIN: 3.34%.

LYLE: Last year we didn't do anything because of the substantial increase in property values. With growth and the needs of the city I think we should hold the rate this year.

AMBER: I think baby steps are good. It will have an impact but it will be minor. I would rather do some now than have to double the amount down the road.

KELLY: I agree. Smaller increases are better.

TUCKER: I support holding the rate. We have done that pattern in the past. We did not do it last year because of the extreme increase in values.

MAYOR: Property values are not going down. Banks thought there would be a decrease in values but it is not happening. Costs are still increasing.

AMBER: Our needs are increasing as the number of people in the city grows.

TERRIE: I struggle we have to go through with this entire process when we want to keep in place what we already had in place last year.

The consensus of the city council was to hold the property tax hearing in August.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR REPORTS

TUCKER: I don't have any additional items.

LYLE: I don't have anything additional.

KELLY: It is hard to believe it has already been a month since Black & White Days.

MAYOR: I met with Craig Harris last Friday about Black & White Days.

KELLY: Things went really well this year other than an ice cream issue we had.

TERRIE: The irrigation company is now invoicing everyone via email. They are taking credit card payments as well for invoices under \$1,000. Notices went out on June 1st. By June 8th they had already received nearly \$12,000. The new system is much more efficient and timely than doing mailings. The hydro system is doing well. Hyrum does owe them for four months worth of electricity purchases.

TUCKER: Hyrum pays the irrigation company directly?

TERRIE: Yes. They plan to hire an assistant watermaster. The current watermaster will be leaving on a church mission next year. The state legislature is mandating small transit districts do not have large boards. The chairman, despite some pushback, is proposing a nine-member board. There would be four members from Logan City, one from North Logan and Hyde Park combined, one from Lewiston, Richmond and Smithfield combined, Providence and River Heights combined, Cache County and Millville combined, and Nibley and Hyrum combined. Eventually a resolution will come before the city council for adoption. I am done on the board at the end of the year when my council term expires. We missed our next due date on the Trails Master plan. I am not sure when it will get finished up. We have to be patient where Carly is doing it for us free of charge.

AMBER: There are six applicants for the open spots on the planning commission. We will do interviews next week. I think there will be a dynamic shift as we move forward. Some of those who applied were in attendance at the June planning commission meeting. I think some of the applicants have a different thought process than the current commissioners.

KELLY: How many are you replacing?

AMBER: Sharik Peck is leaving us now. Jessica Dunyon's term expires later this year. Reesa Sparrow's schedule has changed. We might be considering as many as three.

JUSTIN: Whomever is proposed will be on the July agenda for approval by the council.

AMBER: We still have around 100 visitors to the food pantry each month and distribute around 650 items. We purchased two new freezers when the commercial freezer broke again. The old freezer also failed during Black & White Days and a lot of ice cream was ruined. Cordell Johnson donated a bumper pool table to The Park Bench. The veterans will love it. It will be set up soon. I had a resident ask if the council and mayor support the program. I told them to simply look around them. There is a new parking lot, new freezers and a countless list of many other items. I appreciate people asking questions.

MAYOR: Weston, Jeremy, Justin and I toured Pepperidge Farms last week. We saw how they make cookies and goldfish. We saw the original goldfish line which was installed in 1974. The new line they are installing is just for goldfish production. They are bringing in around 2,500 loads of fill dirt for their new addition. We saw their sewer system. One barrel of chemical is over three years old.

WESTON: The one chemical we want them to get rid of, if possible, was made in 2018 so you can see they don't use a lot of it.

MAYOR: They also toured our MBR Plant. I attended the Smithfield City council meeting last night. They reviewed and unanimously passed a Resolution supporting working with us and the county on putting two full-time firefighters in our Fire Station during the weekday hours. We will get a copy of the Resolution and share it with all of you.

JUSTIN: The Resolution basically states there is an interest in working together. The nuts and bolts of the agreement will come at a later time.

TERRIE: I am glad to see attitudes have changed as this would have never been possible in the past.

MAYOR: I talked to the mayors of Nibley and Hyrum. They both said this type of system works. We won't go back to a volunteer system. It is not what we do. It is why we pay Smithfield what we pay them. I want Fire Chief Peterson to feel good about this. They are going to try and hire full-time Smithfield City employees to fill these shifts on their days off. The employees would be part-time and work under 30 hours per week.

JUSTIN: On a side note, the old goldfish line produces 1,800 pounds per hour. The new goldfish line will produce 6,000 pounds per hour.

MAYOR: After the goldfish are made, they have too much moisture in them and it is basically microwaved out. The new expansion will add 100 new jobs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION STRATEGY SESSION TO DISCUSS A PROJECT PROPOSAL. UTAH CODE ANNOTATED 52-4-205 (1) (D).

A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the executive session was made by Terrie, seconded by Lyle and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin
No Vote: None

The executive session opened at 8:09 P.M.

Those in attendance: Mayor Erickson, Tucker Thatcher, Lyle Bair, Kelly Crafts, Terrie Wierenga, Amber Ervin, Jeremy Kimpton, Justin Lewis, Weston Bellon and HollyJo Karren.

A motion to close the executive session and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Terrie, seconded by Kelly and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin
No Vote: None

The executive session closed at 8:36 P.M.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR: I forgot to mention earlier the Lee's Marketplace grand opening will be on Wednesday, June 21st at 10:00 A.M. Tucker will speak on behalf of the city. I will be out of town that day.

AMBER: This will really help The Park Bench as we won't have to drive to Smithfield.

MAYOR: I hope it is great for the community. Our next meeting will be on July 20th.

TERRIE: I am out of town.

KELLY: I am not available either.

MAYOR: Let's reschedule to Tuesday, July 25th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Terrie, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Bair, Crafts, Wierenga, Ervin
No Vote: None

Adjournment at 8:39 P.M.

RICHMOND CITY CORPORATION

Paul J. Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Justin B. Lewis, City Recorder