

River Heights City Council  
Minutes of the Meeting  
May 13, 2014

Present were: Mayor James Brackner  
Council members: Doug Clausen  
Richard Okelberry  
Geoff Smith  
Dixie Wilson  
Blake Wright  
Recorder Sheila Lind  
Public Works Director Clayton Nelson  
Finance Director Clifford Grover

Others Present: Gayle Brackner, Lisa Ellis, Dwight Einzinger, Rodger Pond

The following motions were made during the meeting:

Motion #1

Councilmember Clausen moved to “adopt the minutes of the April 22, 2014 Council Meeting and the evening’s agenda, with the addition of a closed session later in the meeting.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which passed with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

Motion #2

Councilmember Clausen moved to “pay the bills as listed, with the addition of a bill to Total Tree Care in the amount of \$431.25.” Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion, which passed with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

Motion #3

Councilmember Okelberry moved to “approve the purchase of a new skid steer grader from Century Equipment in the amount of \$4,135.” Councilmember Clausen seconded the motion which carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

Motion #4

Councilmember Clausen moved to “sell the 1995 Chevy with the plow and sander for not less than \$5,000 and the 1996 Chevy for not less than \$3,500 and other miscellaneous equipment; a minimum bid to be determined by PWD Nelson. This will be postponed until after citizens are made aware on their utility bill in June of the sale of the items. The method used to sell the items will be ksl.com and the city’s website.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

47 Motion #5

48 Councilmember Wilson moved that ‘Megan Ellis be allowed to teach on one court from 8-9:30,  
49 four days/week, June 2 – July 25.’ Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried with  
50 Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

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52 Motion #6

53 Councilmember Wright moved to “go into an executive session to discuss the purchase,  
54 exchange, or lease of real property.” Councilmember Clausen seconded the motion, which carried  
55 with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.

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Proceedings of the Meeting:

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60 The River Heights City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Ervin R. Crosbie Council Chambers in  
61 the River Heights City Building on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

62 Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Brackner opened the meeting with a  
63 prayer. Councilmember Wilson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

64 Adoption of Previous Minutes and Agenda: Minutes of the April 22, 2014 Council Meeting  
65 were reviewed. Councilmember Wright requested a closed session at the end of the meeting, before  
66 adjourning.

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69 Meeting and the evening’s agenda, with the addition of a closed session later in the meeting.”  
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71 Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.**

72 Pay Bills: The bills were presented and discussed. Councilmember Smith added a bill from  
73 Total Tree Care for help on the community clean-up in the amount of \$431.25, to be paid from the  
74 Community Affairs Budget.

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78 Finance Director Report: Mayor Brackner discussed the Combined Cash Investment Report.  
79 He pointed out that the sewer fund has an excess. He suggested transferring some of it into the general  
80 fund, at some point.

81 Purchase Requisition Requests: Mayor Brackner asked for approval to spend \$4,135 for a  
82 grader that will be used on the Riverdale Road and also to build a trail on 800 South. PWD Nelson  
83 acquired three bids. They decided not to go with the cheapest because Century Equipment offers a  
84 grader with a hydraulic lift, which allows adjustments to the grade.

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88 opposed.**

88 Public Works Report and Discussion: PWD Nelson reported on the following:

- 89 • The new downstairs treasurer’s office should be done by next week. The carpet will be  
90 scheduled after that. Expenses have come in way under the \$5,000 which was budgeted.
- 91 • Rocky Mountain Power has been doing some work on 800 East. Their contractor, Newman  
92 Construction, drilled through a sewer lateral because it wasn’t marked. Lee’s Plumbing was

93 called to fix it. The city is waiting to hear if the contractor is willing to help pay on the Lee's  
94 bill. He'll update the group at the next meeting.

- 95 • He has received a bid to lay a high density mineral bond on the roads. He's been to trainings  
96 and reviewed this product in other cities. It holds up very well. Holbrook Asphalt is the only  
97 company that makes this product so another bid isn't possible. The cost to have it done is less  
98 than what the city has used in the past and it holds up better. The bid amount is \$31,506 for  
99 174,000 square feet. He discussed a number of streets, which are still in good repair, that he  
100 recommends using this seal coat on to prolong their life. He asked the council if they were okay  
101 with setting this standard. Holbrook can come do the work the second week in July. **Council**  
102 **answer?**
- 103 • He has met with Rocky Mountain Power to discuss how the city can cut their power usage and  
104 save money by going to different rates on the well pumps. If they switched to off-peak rates it  
105 would require an upgrade to the telemetry system. Currently it kicks on when the water levels  
106 go down. It needs to be able to kick on, based on off-peak times. He'll find out how much this  
107 would cost and let the council know. The rates can only be changed once per year.

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109 Administrative Report: Recorder Lind didn't have anything.

110 Public Comment: Lisa Ellis discussed tennis lessons. Her children have taught lessons over  
111 the years and would like to continue. Her daughter, Megan, teaches about 48 hours a summer; four  
112 days a week for 1 ½ hours/day. She pays the city for a business license. She asked that she be able to  
113 continue to teach and hopes the city makes a decision quickly so she can advertise for summer lessons.

114 Dwight Einzinger reported that Mayor Brackner has asked him to get involved with emergency  
115 preparedness. He has been to a program to learn about CERT. He handed out some information he's  
116 generated, after looking into the city's current situation. He proposed investing in the citizens to get  
117 CERT trained. The city could offer to reimburse them for part of their training. This could get citizens  
118 involved since councils come and go. He suggested the Council and city employees be trained, as  
119 well. The training could be done here, if they have enough sign up. He feels a core group of trained  
120 citizens would be beneficial. He would like to meet with the sheriff's emergency employees to put  
121 further information together. He is interested in emulating Millville's system. They have budgeted  
122 \$2,500. He suggested starting with manpower and then look at generators. Mayor Brackner asked Mr.  
123 Einzinger to put together some firm commitments for the Council to discuss at greater length at a  
124 future meeting.

125 Discuss Road Striping Bid on 600 East: PWD Nelson reported the bid to paint a double yellow  
126 line on 600 East from 500 South to 400 South is \$250. The Council gave approval to get it done.

127 Set Selling Prices for City Trucks: PWD Nelson has looked up truck values. The 1995 Chevy  
128 is worth \$3,150-\$6,500. This doesn't include the plow and sander. He suggested selling it as a  
129 package with the plow and sander at a minimum bid of \$5,000. The power steering went out on one of  
130 the trucks today. It might need to be fixed before it's sold. The 1996 Chevy is worth between \$2,575  
131 and \$6,000. He suggested a starting bid of \$3,000. There are some other items in the shop that could  
132 be put up for bid at the same time. Councilmember Wilson asked if the citizens could be given notice  
133 on their utility bill of these items for sale. Mr. Nelson will identify the other surplus items.

134 **Councilmember Clausen moved to "sell the 1995 Chevy with the plow and sander for not**  
135 **less than \$5,000 and the 1996 Chevy for not less than \$3,500 and other miscellaneous equipment;**  
136 **a minimum bid to be determined by PWD Nelson. This will be postponed until after citizens are**  
137 **made aware on their utility bill in June of the sale of the items. The method used to sell the items**

138 **will be ksl.com and the city’s website.” Councilmember Okelberry seconded the motion, which**  
139 **carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.**

140 PWD Nelson will give Recorder Lind the verbiage for the bill.

141 Consider Allowing the CVTD Ballot Question: Mayor Brackner reminded that the Council  
142 was asked to consider allowing River Heights residents to vote on whether they favored an increase in  
143 sales tax to support the bus system. Councilmember Wright feels citizens should be able to vote. He  
144 thinks the ballot question should include the total bus tax, not just the amount it will raise.  
145 Councilmember Wilson agrees the residents should be able to vote, but doesn’t want the Council to  
146 look in favor of the tax, by allowing it on the ballot. Mr. Wright said it won’t matter what River  
147 Heights residents decide since the businesses that will impose the tax are in Logan. If the Council  
148 doesn’t allow it on the ballot, residents may ask why they didn’t get a chance to vote on it. Ms. Wilson  
149 is worried about the number of additional tax increases that will be coming up.

150 Discussion was held on how the ballot question could be worded to clarify it is an increase on  
151 an existing tax.

152 Mayor Brackner would like it to clarify that the State would collect the tax and send it directly  
153 to the Transit District. He asked if someone would reword the ballot question and bring it to the next  
154 meeting. Councilmember Smith offered.

155 Discuss Tennis Court Lessons: Councilmember Wilson reminded that this topic came up  
156 because a non-resident wants to use the tennis courts to teach lessons. She has since found that the city  
157 already allows non-residents this use, by resolution. She was worried about the number of teachers  
158 and how it will impact the availability for others to use the courts. She would like the city to determine  
159 the number of hours and times of day that lessons can use the courts, in a way that one court is  
160 available for non-students, all the time. She is not interested in the city running a tennis program.

161 Councilmember Okelberry isn’t sure tutors or teachers need business licenses. He suggested  
162 letting people reserve the courts for a fee, which would give preference. If they don’t want to reserve  
163 it, they take their chances. Lisa Ellis said they asked permission from the Council a long time ago.

164 PWD Nelson suggested allowing lessons anytime between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm since these  
165 are the least busy time for the courts.

166 Councilmember Wilson suggested one teacher, one court, one business license.

167 Lisa Ellis thinks River Heights residents should have priority over non-residents.

168 Councilmember Wilson asked if the tennis courts should be used for profit. The Council  
169 agreed with this. She proposed 8:00-9:30, one court, one license. Non-residents would be allowed to  
170 use them as long as there was one free court. PWD Nelson said several people have complained about  
171 kid lessons during prime hours (7:00-9:30 am), because balls go everywhere.

172 Lisa Ellis said the city should encourage learning.

173 Councilmember Clausen suggested first come first serve for tennis times kicks off May 1.

174 Discussion was held on allowing lessons later in the day. Lisa Ellis said it gets really hot,  
175 especially for the teacher. Families usually prefer children’s lessons in the morning.

176 **Councilmember Wilson moved that ‘Megan Ellis be allowed to teach on one court from 8-**  
177 **9:30, four days/week, June 2 – July 25.’ Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which**  
178 **carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.**

179 Mayor and Council Reports: Councilmember Wilson said T-ball sign-ups are over. She is  
180 getting hats, shirts and trophies ordered so they can start in June.

181 Councilmember Okelberry asked everyone to email dates of things going on in the city, for him  
182 to post on the city website.

183 Councilmember Smith thanked PWD Nelson and Cameron Reed for putting the float together.  
184 Wolfords said it pulled well. It will last for 45 years since it is built well and looks good.

185 Mayor Brackner reported on a Citizen Law Session, put on by the Sheriff's Department, which  
186 he attended for over 40 hours. He felt it was very informative. He has been to more meetings to  
187 discuss the valley waste water situation. He is unsure which direction it will end up going since there  
188 are still cities looking into options outside of Logan.

189 **Councilmember Wright moved to "go into an executive session to discuss the purchase,**  
190 **exchange, or lease of real property." Councilmember Clausen seconded the motion, which**  
191 **carried with Clausen, Okelberry, Smith, Wilson and Wright in favor. No one opposed.**

192 The Council moved into an executive session at 8:10 p.m.

193 They moved back into the open meeting at 8:40 p.m. and adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Sheila Lind, Recorder

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James Brackner, Mayor