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3 Council Meeting  
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5 November 14, 2017  
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8 Present: Mayor James Brackner  
9 Council members: Doug Clausen  
10 Robert “K” Scott  
11 Geoff Smith  
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13 Recorder Sheila Lind  
14 Public Works Director Clayton Nelson  
15 Finance Director Clifford Grover  
16 Treasurer Wendy Wilker  
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18 Excused Councilmembers: Blake Wright  
19 Dixie Wilson  
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21 Others Present: Gayle Brackner, Dennis Rhoton, Rod and Lisa Ellis,  
22 Randy Thunell, Steve Bilbao  
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25 The following motions were made during the meeting:  
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27 Motion #1

28 Councilmember Clausen moved to “adopt the minutes of the October 24, 2017 Council  
29 Meeting and the evening’s agenda.” Councilmember Scott seconded the motion, which passed with  
30 Clausen, Scott and Smith in favor. Wilson and Wright were absent. No one opposed.  
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32 Motion #2

33 Councilmember Clausen moved to “pay the bills as listed.” Councilmember Scott seconded the  
34 motion, which passed with Clausen, Scott and Smith in favor. Wilson and Wright were absent. No  
35 one opposed.  
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37 Motion #3

38 Councilmember Clausen moved to “accept the Water Conservation Plan Update, dated October  
39 2017.” Councilmember Scott seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Scott and Smith in  
40 favor. Wilson and Wright were absent. No one opposed.  
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Proceedings of the Meeting:

The River Heights City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Ervin R. Crosbie Council Chambers in the River Heights City Building on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Mayor Brackner opened the meeting with a thought. Councilmember Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Previous Minutes and Agenda: Minutes of the October 24, 2017 Council Meeting, were reviewed.

**Councilmember Clausen moved to “adopt the minutes of the October 24, 2017 Council Meeting and the evening’s agenda.” Councilmember Scott seconded the motion, which passed with Clausen, Scott and Smith in favor. Wilson and Wright were absent. No one opposed.**

Pay Bills: The bills were presented and discussed. Clarification was given on the bill from Holbrook Asphalt, which was for seal coat on the roads, done in July. Dan Hogan will be billed \$9,951.98 for the Saddlerock portion.

**Councilmember Clausen moved to “pay the bills as listed.” Councilmember Scott seconded the motion, which passed with Clausen, Scott and Smith in favor. Wilson and Wright were absent. No one opposed.**

Finance Director Report: FD Grover explained the reasons he changed the Financial Summary handed out at the meeting. He needs to capitalize projects, including engineering fees that accompany them. He will provide a list of account numbers so the Council can determine which project the engineering bills should be connected with. This situation mainly occurs with roads.

Purchase Requisition: There was none.

Public Works Report and Discussion: PWD Nelson reported, they have been getting ready for winter. The park restrooms are closed. The plows are both ready to push snow.

Administrative Report: Recorder Lind asked when they would like to hold the swearing in for new officers since Councilmember Clausen is unable to attend the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Lind stated the options are December 12, Jan 2, or the 9<sup>th</sup>, without Mr. Clausen, who would come in later on his own to be sworn in. It was decided that Ms. Lind will check with the other new officers to see what works for them.

FD Grover informed, the audit report is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment: Lisa Ellis submitted copies of two petitions: One was a petition to reject the Ironwood Subdivision with its current plan of building town homes, which included 325 signatures. The second was a petition asking the City to zone all newly annexed acreage as R-15, which included 266 signatures. She expressed gratitude to Mayor Brackner for preparing the financial analysis for the funds the City would recoup from the Ironwood Development. Ms. Ellis handed out an analysis Randy Thunell did, by figuring on only single-family lots. The bottom line is a difference of \$147,000 more in property tax, over a 10 year period, for larger lots. Mayor Brackner reminded this property is not in River Heights. Ms. Ellis said they are aware of this, but just wanted to get the information to the Council. Mayor Brackner wasn’t interested in going into depth with the topic. Ms. Ellis just wanted to show that R-1-15 lots can bring in just as much money as townhomes.

Dennis Rhoton handed out a letter from a bunch of women who could not attend the meeting. His wife, Dianne, wanted him to ask if the City has talked to the Church about their property. Mayor Brackner answered the developer is communicating with the Church. Mr. Rhoton asked about the legal problems he has heard Ironwood is having in Salt Lake. Mayor Brackner was not aware of this. Mr. Rhoton informed that the Riverdale residents are working on a letter to the City about their desires for the road. They will get it to the mayor soon. Mayor Brackner said they will look over and consider the comments turned in.

93 2017 Municipal Election Canvass: Recorder Lind reviewed the election results:  
94 Mayor: Todd Rasmussen had 296 votes, Robert Gines had 110. Council: Douglas Clausen had 236  
95 votes, Elaine Thatcher had 222, Chris Milbank had 177, and Shellie Giddings had 142. There were  
96 1053 registered voters, 408 ballots were counted and 5 ballots were rejected.

97 Acceptance of the River Heights City Water Conservation Plan: PWD Nelson explained the  
98 Plan is a requirement by the State and needs to be updated every five years. If the City ever wanted to  
99 get State funding, they would want to see the information in the Plan. He found the information very  
100 interesting while going through it. Some of the graphs show how citizen's water usage dropped  
101 significantly in 2012 when the City installed new meters. Because the City was able to read the meters  
102 monthly, it increased the City's revenue a bit, and encouraged conservation. The meter reading system  
103 also detects water leaks. Citizens are informed right away when they have a leak. In the near future,  
104 the Ironwood Development could push the City into using its secondary water source in the parks, in a  
105 pressurized system. Even without the Development, the City may want to look into this. River  
106 Heights residents have a lower than average water usage in the state of Utah. Councilmember Smith  
107 explained Cache Valley is in a closed basin system, which means the water we use stays in our system,  
108 rather than going down south.

109 **Councilmember Clausen moved to "accept the Water Conservation Plan Update, dated**  
110 **October 2017." Councilmember Scott seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Scott**  
111 **and Smith in favor. Wilson and Wright were absent. No one opposed.**

112 Mayor and Council Reports: Councilmember Clausen proposed the idea that starting in  
113 January, for one year (which could be renewed), the City hire current Mayor Brackner as an assistant  
114 financial advisor for \$200/month to help prioritize capital projects, work with the budget and continue  
115 to serve on the sewer rate setting committee (which Councilmember Clausen would start attending).  
116 He checked with FD Grover, who didn't have any objections. He asked for this discussion to be on the  
117 next agenda. Councilmember Smith added he could also help the new mayor slip into his new job.

118 Mayor Brackner informed that Quentin Gardner has four radios available and has proposed  
119 giving them to the City. Recorder Lind and PWD Nelson don't feel they are necessary because they  
120 use their cell phones. He suggested putting one in each truck and one in the office. Councilmember  
121 Smith questioned the condition of the radios. PWD Nelson said they are like CB radios. Mr. Nelson  
122 feels they would only get used if there were some type of emergency.

123 Councilmember Clausen said it appears that the LDS Church is putting emphasis on emergency  
124 preparedness and suggested Councilmember Scott interface with the Church. Mr. Scott will contact  
125 Nathan Petersen to see how to do this. Councilmember Smith suggested the City purchase a water  
126 purification system. Mr. Clausen asked for this discussion to be on the next agenda.

127 Councilmember Smith reminded everyone to add the Tree Lighting Ceremony to their  
128 calendars. It will be held on November 27 at 6:00 p.m.

129 Mayor Brackner reported discussing the General Plan with Councilmember Wright. They feel  
130 it would be wise to look at it before entertaining an annexation from Ironwood. He, PWD Nelson and  
131 City Attorney Jenkins visited with Providence staff to find out how they felt about a development on  
132 this piece, which is next to their border. They would like to require the developer to put up money for  
133 the bridge, which would tie into their development. They didn't seem overanxious to annex it into  
134 their city. They are interested in working with River Heights so that neither city is overwhelmed by it.  
135 Councilmember Clausen asked if they could get a rough estimate on how much a bridge would cost.  
136 Providence is looking into this. Providence asked, if its annexed to River Heights, could the road be  
137 built to Providence standards, since they will end up with it. It was suggested that the development not  
138 get started until the full Spring Creek Parkway Road has been installed. It was noted that the property

139 owner to the south of the Chugg property is not anxious to put his half of the road in. They will meet  
140 with Providence again now that the election is over.

141 Recorder Lind informed that Ironwood had submitted an annexation petition today.  
142 Councilmember Clausen reminded that the General Plan process can be quite time consuming. Mayor  
143 Brackner said when the General Plan review is done they will examine the annexation to determine if  
144 River Heights wants it.

145 Steve Bilbao asked for clarification on who would pay for Spring Creek Parkway. Mayor  
146 Brackner said Providence wants the developer to contribute. River Heights won't be paying for it. Mr.  
147 Bilbao also asked about the process of redoing the General Plan and zoning. He commented on the  
148 radios available to the City and suggested the City get them, if they are in good shape. Cell power will  
149 go down in an emergency.

150 Councilmember Clausen suggested a discussion about purchasing radios at the next meeting.

151 Randy Thunell said a number of years ago the arts council put together a number of old photos  
152 of River Heights. He'd like to see them redisplayed again. Mayor Brackner said they will look into it.

153 The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Sheila Lind, Recorder

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James Brackner, Mayor