

River Heights City Council
Minutes of the Meeting
June 24, 2014

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6 Present were: Mayor James Brackner
7 Council members: Doug Clausen
8 Geoff Smith
9 Dixie Wilson
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11 Recorder Sheila Lind
12 Public Works Director Clayton Nelson
13 Finance Director Clifford Grover
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15 Excused Councilmembers: Blake Wright
16 Richard Okelberry
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18 Others Present: Eric Dursteler, Shanae Ames, Todd Buetler
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22 The following motions were made during the meeting:
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24 Motion #1

25 Councilmember Clausen moved to “adopt the minutes of the June 10, 2014 Council Meeting
26 and the evening’s agenda.” Council member Wilson seconded the motion, which passed with Clausen,
27 Smith and Wilson in favor. No one opposed. Okelberry and Wright were absent.
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29 Motion #2

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

35 Councilmember Clausen moved to “adopt Ordinance 4-2014, An Ordinance Providing for the
36 Compensation of Elected and Statutory Officers of River Heights City, with the change of the treasurer
37 wage being shown as \$17/hour and the recorder’s as \$22.50/hour. Item 3 will be changed to state:
38 The treasurer shall pay each elected and statutory officer on a biweekly basis by automatic deposit or
39 by . . .” Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Smith and Wilson in
40 favor. No one opposed. Okelberry and Wright were absent.
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42 Motion #4

43 Councilmember Clausen moved to “lift An Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Land Use
44 Regulation Regarding Subdivisions Temporarily Prohibiting Subdivision Approval Within the
45 municipality Under Title 11 of the River Heights City Code.” Councilmember Smith seconded the

46 motion, which carried with Clausen, Smith and Wilson in favor. No one opposed. Okelberry and
47 Wright were absent.

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50 Proceedings of the Meeting:

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52 The River Heights City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Annette Smith Assembly Hall in the
53 basement of the River Heights City Building on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

54 Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Wilson opened the meeting with
55 some words on voting. She applauded this Council for having the best interest of the residents in
56 mind. She thanked all for their efforts.

57 Adoption of Previous Minutes and Agenda: Minutes of the June 10, 2014 Council Meeting,
58 were reviewed.

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60 Meeting and the evening’s agenda.” Council member Wilson seconded the motion, which passed
61 with Clausen, Smith and Wilson in favor. No one opposed. Okelberry and Wright were absent.**

62 Pay Bills: The bills were presented and discussed.

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

66 Finance Director Report: FD Grover gave credit to Treasurer Wilker for printing out budget
67 reports for everyone. He informed that auditor Matthew Regan has submitted a proposal, which is the
68 same amount as last year. Mr. Grover has met with him and believes he will do a good job for the city
69 again. The Council agreed to accept the proposal.

70 Mayor Brackner explained that professional fees, in the planning and zoning budget, is in the
71 negative. He proposed a transfer from the general fund to cover the \$1,500 deficit. The Council
72 agreed.

73 Purchase Requisition Requests: PWD Nelson presented a request for LED lights and switches
74 for the 3 park lights that were discussed at the last meeting, in the amount of \$5,799 (\$1,933/ea.)
75 Councilmembers Clausen and Smith were in favor. Councilmember Wilson was opposed. PWD
76 Nelson explained it will cost more if they wait because they are piggy backing with another city’s
77 order, which enables them to get a better rate. At the suggestion of Councilmember Wilson, Mayor
78 Brackner called Councilmember Okelberry. Mr. Okelberry was informed of the request and then gave
79 his approval before the group, while on speaker.

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

- 81 • The cost estimate has come in for the 400 South asphalt and sidewalk replacement (between
82 600 and 700 East). He recommended putting it out for bid. They are hoping to start by the first
83 of August and are estimating the job will take four months.
- 84 • Mr. Nelson recommended advertising for the request of qualifications for the high density
85 mineral bond seal so they can get started on road repairs.
- 86 • In the last week there was a major water leak on 600 South on the new line that was replaced a
87 couple of years ago. It split about 12 feet of pipe.
- 88 • He has received a rough estimate for the old park curbing in the amount of \$2,000. This would
89 leave about \$700 of the RAPZ money, available to the city. He asked for other project ideas.
90 Councilmember Clausen said a resident asked him about getting backboards for tennis practice.

91 Councilmember Wilson would rather use the RAPZ money on a new slide for the old
92 playground. They will discuss the tennis backboard later.

93 • Mayor Brackner thanked the public works department for the work they have done on the new
94 treasurer's office. It has turned out really nice.

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

96 Public Comment: Shanae Ames was in attendance to support the bus. Her children ride it all
97 the time and she is grateful for it.

98 Public Hearing to Adopt an Ordinance Providing for the Compensation of Elected and
99 Statutory Officers of River Heights City: Mayor Brackner presented the ordinance and a few changes
100 he had from the format used last year. Councilmember Clausen remembered that someone was going
101 to survey other cities to find out what their employees earn. No one could remember who had this
102 assignment. Mr. Brackner recommended the recorder and treasurer wages be shown as an hourly
103 wage. Councilmember Wilson felt the number of hours needs to be listed, as well. The problem with
104 this is these two positions have hours that fluctuate. FD Grover explained the budget serves as a
105 control for these figures. Mr. Brackner also recommended changing some of the wording in 3, based
106 on how the payroll will be paid starting July.

107 **Councilmember Clausen moved to “adopt Ordinance 4-2014, An Ordinance Providing**
108 **for the Compensation of Elected and Statutory Officers of River Heights City, with the change of**
109 **the treasurer wage being shown as \$17/hour and the recorder's as \$22.50/hour. Item 3 will be**
110 **changed to state: *The treasurer shall pay each elected and statutory officer on a biweekly basis by***
111 ***automatic deposit or by . . .*” Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried with**
112 **Clausen, Smith and Wilson in favor. No one opposed. Okelberry and Wright were absent.**

113 Discuss a Resolution Approving Ballot Language for the Public Transit Sales Tax Issue:
114 Councilmember Smith recommended changing the word “impose” to “vote on” in the resolution
115 recommended by the CVTD.

116 Councilmember Wilson doesn't feel voting by city is the way to handle this decision. It won't
117 matter how River Heights votes, Logan City's vote will overrule. She has done some checking in
118 Logan and found that their council hasn't voted on whether to allow the ballot question. They also
119 don't favor voting by city. Todd Beutler, of the CVTD, explained that state law only allows them to
120 do a countywide ballot, which the county is not agreeable to, or approach each city that uses the
121 service, which is what they're doing.

122 Councilmember Wilson feels she is on a double edge sword: The council wants citizens to be
123 able to vote on things, but she doesn't want them to feel the council is in favor of the tax increase. She
124 is not ready to vote on this and asked for further discussion. Todd Beutler reminded they have until
125 mid-August to decide. He suggested the council make a public statement explaining that the council is
126 not in favor of the vote and encouraged them to discuss this with their city attorney.

127 Councilmember Wilson asked where the cuts would come in if it the vote didn't pass. Todd
128 Beutler said ultimately they will be cutting service, based on ridership. He reminded they have
129 analyzed a user fee and found it will cost more money to charge a fee than the amount they will collect
130 and ridership would drop by 50%.

131 Mayor Brackner suggested each council member do their own research on the issue before it's
132 discussed again. He supports having it on the ballot for citizens to vote.

133 Councilmember Wilson asked how much money the CVTD would collect if this passed. Todd
134 Beutler said they project 2.7 million, if every city in the county favors it.

135 Ms. Wilson said Logan City doesn't have this on their council agenda. They have discussed it
136 under a workshop. They won't put it on their agenda until the CVTD asks for it to be on their agenda.

137 Discussion was held on why some were against it. FD Grover pointed out that if Logan City doesn't
138 allow their citizens to vote, it won't do River Heights any good to do so. Councilmember Clausen said
139 if we don't put it on the ballot, Shanae Ames won't have an opportunity to have a say. They will
140 discuss it further at their July 22 meeting.

141 Lift an Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Land Use Regulation Regarding Subdivisions
142 Temporarily Prohibiting Subdivision Approval within the Municipality Under Title 11 of the River
143 Heights City Code: Mayor Brackner reminded that Councilmember Wright asked for this to be on the
144 agenda.

145 **Councilmember Clausen moved to “lift An Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Land**
146 **Use Regulation Regarding Subdivisions Temporarily Prohibiting Subdivision Approval Within**
147 **the municipality Under Title 11 of the River Heights City Code.” Councilmember Smith**
148 **seconded the motion, which carried with Clausen, Smith and Wilson in favor. No one opposed.**
149 **Okelberry and Wright were absent.**

150 Discuss Lowering Road Impact Fees: Councilmember Clausen reminded that subdivider Dan
151 Hogan brought this up at the last meeting. Mayor Brackner informed there are some big needs for
152 roads right now, without enough money to take care of them. He is not supportive of lowering road
153 fees. Mr. Clausen felt he made a good argument and agreed. PWD Nelson also highly recommends
154 not lowering. The group was in agreement.

155 Mayor and Council Reports: Councilmember Wilson asked how t-ball was going. PWD
156 Nelson said the season is over but they will have a make-up day on Thursday.

157 Councilmember Clausen asked to discuss building a tennis court backboard at the next meeting.

158 Councilmember Smith feels River Heights has the nicest looking park in the valley. It's well
159 used and looks good. The float has turned out well. They will hold an Apple Days meeting tonight.

160 Mayor Brackner asked about dogs in the park. PWD Nelson said there haven't been as many
161 and feels it's a better situation than the past.

162 PWD Nelson said they just got the truck back from being fixed. As soon as he gets the decals
163 off he'll take pictures and post it for sale.

164 Evans Concrete will do the work on the 600 South sidewalk (across from the school). He
165 hopes to have it done before the 1st of July.

166 Mayor Brackner reported on the Logan land sale. Attorney Jonathan Jenkins still has concerns
167 about the appraisal. He is going to do some checking and get back with Mr. Brackner by Thursday.

168 Mayor Brackner announced that the new office phone installation is underway. There will be a
169 new phone in each of the offices of recorder, mayor, treasurer and public works. The city recently
170 received notice from AT&T that there is another \$20 increase to the monthly bill, coming up. It seems
171 a good time to switch providers.

172 Mayor Brackner asked for history on the Cache Chamber of Commerce membership.
173 Councilmember Clausen said they agreed to join last year. Councilmember Hadfield used to go to the
174 meetings. He went once and felt it was boring. The dues are \$250/year. Councilmember Smith
175 suggested he could look into it and make the decision. The Council agreed.

176 Mayor Brackner discussed the Logan sewer situation. He will attend a meeting tomorrow in
177 Salt Lake City with the state. Part of their discussion will be Logan City funding update. The state
178 feels Logan is working with the other cities, so they will most likely approve their funding. Mr.
179 Brackner explained he has analyzed what Logan has been doing and finds no fault. They charge a 5%
180 administrative fee, which he agrees with. He is going to the meeting to let the state know the smaller
181 cities would like a say in what Logan is doing. PWD Nelson informed that River Heights residents are
182 paying about \$5 less per month than Logan residents right now. The monthly rate in River Heights is

183 \$19.05: \$9 for treatment and \$10.05 for maintenance. The maintenance portion probably won't need
184 to be raised. Mayor Brackner read a letter from the state, which shows they are supportive of giving
185 Logan the money and the decision making power.

186 The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Sheila Lind, Recorder

James Brackner, Mayor