

REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Weber City met in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The meeting was held in the assembly room of the Weber City Town Hall. Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance. Justin Addington led the council in prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor: Vacant
 Interim Mayor: Greg Smith
 Town Attorney: Michael Carrico
 Council Members: Eileen Deckard, Justin Addington, Casey Kinkead, Teresa Tilson

ABSENT: Steve Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to accept the February 16, 2021 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Teresa Tilson, the motion was seconded by Eileen Deckard; the motion passed with 4 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

Motion to accept the February 2021 Financial Reports was made by Eileen Deckard; the motion was seconded by Casey Kinkead; the motion passed with 4 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

Public Presentations: None

Boundary Adjustment /Ordinance Committee: None

Financial Committee: Eileen Deckard advised working on the budget nothing else to report.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Bruce Cross addressed the board, stating the Fire Department had 9 calls last month 4 of those calls were brush fires.

Fire Chief Bruce Cross questioned the town council if the town is willing to donate the existing fire department building over to the fire department? Stating by doing this the fire department could show the building as an asset during the purchase of the property known as the old Food City location. Fire Chief Cross advised the current owner of the property is going to handle the financing and the terms are being finalized now. Grant funding could be available to the fire department if they had the building as an asset.

Interim Mayor Greg Smith stated to Fire Chief Cross that before the town could make a formal decision regarding the donation of the existing fire department building, he would need a letter of such request from the Fire Department Board. Mr. Cross advised he would get the letter to the town before the next meeting.

Casey Kinkead questioned the Fire Chief as to the cost of the project, the response from Fire Chief Bruce Cross is that he anticipates the cost of 1.2 Million and to complete the project within a 3-year period; and he had just gotten the set of plans this past week. Teresa Tilson asked the Fire Chief to please bring the copy of the plans to the next meeting.

Casey Kinkead asked about the stability of the existing concrete pad in the building. Fire Chief Cross advised the floors are 6” thick and the concrete pad in the existing fire department is 4” thick with no issues. The plan is to have one drive through bay that would allow for a decontamination area of the truck as well as all gear, stating that the town Police Department would also be allowed to use this if needed.

Fire Chief Cross advised it is his goal to remain a nonprofit but possibly end up in the future having 3 full time fire fighters on staff as it is difficult to get volunteers in recent years. He stated that the Town and the County need to step up and help out.

Casey Kinkead asked Fire Chief Cross about the Town joining the venture. Fire Chief Cross replied that he has to move forward; he can’t wait as he needs to get off the hill and his plan is to only renovate one

half of the new building so there would be additional room and he feels the building has unlimited options.

Legal Affairs. Mike Carrico stated the May Election had been revised to November 2021; other than that, everything he needed to discuss would be in closed session.

Maintenance Committee: Casey Kinkead advised the repairs have been completed and it would be clearer after a heavy rain if they are fully functional.

Mayors Report: Interim Mayor Greg Smith advised the council he had several things to discuss and Mike Carrico intervened advising this would need to be discussed in closed session.

Interim Mayor Greg Smith stated that the PSA did advise that they are going to reject the option to collect trash refuse fees for the town. Further discussion to be made in closed session.

Interim Mayor Greg Smith stated the town still has a vacancy on the town council. A motion to nominate Larry Wagner to the council was made by Eileen Deckard; the motion was seconded by Justin Addington; the motion passed with 4 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

Interim Mayor Greg Smith followed up regarding the proposed street lights, stating that he is waiting to hear back from VDOT for the approval of the lighting system before a quote could be obtained; hopefully this would be ready before the next meeting.

Street Committee:

Police Department: Police Chief Matt Bishop brought up the Sunnyvale Street issue stating the problem has gotten worse. Interim Mayor Greg Smith stated he would follow up with Reagan McMurray.

Police Chief Matt Bishop stated the department has 2 open positions currently and questioned the council as to the thoughts of filling that position. Mike Carrico stated this would need to be discussed in closed session.

Mike Carrico stated this would be a good time to enter into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to enter a closed session to discuss legal and personnel issues was made by Justin Addington; the motion was seconded by Teresa Tilson; the motion passed with 4 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

A motion to go out of closed session and back into regular session was made by Teresa Tilson; the motion was seconded by Casey Kinkead; the motion passed with 4 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED SESSION

The Mayor, Council members and the Town's Attorney entered closed session. After returning from closed session, the mayor and council members hereby certify that only legal matters, for which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Mayor, and Council members. Voting "AYE" were Justin Addington, Eileen Deckard, Teresa Tilson; Casey Kincaid and none voting "NAY": 1 Absent.

Action from closed session: A motion to hire full time officer Harding with a starting pay rate of \$17.00 per hour and be placed on a 90-day probation; upon completion of satisfactory probation receive a \$1.00 per hour pay increase; to review an additional police officer position in the future, was made by Justin Addington: the motion was seconded by Casey Kinkead; the motion passed with 4 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Justin Addington; the motion was seconded by Casey Kinkead; the motion passed with 4 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

Interim Mayor

Town Secretary