



MINUTES

February 3, 2014

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Taylorville City Offices, Room 202

PRESENT: Kristie Overson - City Council District 2, Bob Bruinshultz, Jolene Dearden, Ryan Hille, Marjorie Jensen, Edith Lopez, Michael Neff, Michael Stott, Dean Shriver, Ryan Swensen

Ryan Swensen, Vice-Chair, conducted the meeting and gave a warm welcome to all committee members.

MOTION: Marjorie Jensen

SECOND: Jolene Dearden

To have a reverence presentation given before each Community Council 2A meeting and for Dean Schriver to find a volunteer for each meeting.

CARRIED: Unanimous

Dean Schriver gave a reverence presentation and talked about the lack of gratitude and the way the world is moving away from God. He quoted several scriptures from the Bible. Dean ask for a volunteer for next months meeting – **Kristie Overson** responded she would take that assignment.

Ryan Swensen reported that the Council has a budget of \$500 to be used on operating expenses and that the Executive Committee had discussed the possibility of purchasing lawn signs and fliers. Other ideas were discussed such as fridge magnets and business cards. The following motion resulted:

MOTION: Jolene Dearden

SECOND: Dean Schriver

To order 10 lawn signs with information regarding Taylorville City Community Council 2A and three different fliers, 400 copies total – to inform citizens of activities in the community.

DISCUSSION:

CARRIED: Unanimous

Kristie Overson suggested the Council look into renting a booth at the Taylorsville Dayzz Celebration June 26, 27 and 28, 2014, and possibly include other community councils. She reported that **Kris Heinman** is the liaison and could be contacted for information. **Ryan Swensen** will call Kris and check on the details and also other Community Council members.

Michael Stott suggested that we build an e-mail list which would be valuable in disbursing information.

Ryan Swensen reported that the neighborhood clean-up program is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2014, 8:00 a.m. to noon. He asked council members to be thinking of ideas for this project.

Jolene Dearden reported that the Council has been asked to head a service project during the year. Jolene suggested doing an open house for the public at the new Harvigsen School, 1510 West 5400 South (by Taylorsville High School). **Ryan Swensen** will check with Granite School District to see if that might be a possibility.

Ryan Swensen asked about the possibility of having UTA guest, **Jaren Stanton**, come to our Council meeting to discuss their strategic plan. This proposal was discussed and it was decided that he could come and give his presentation after Council meeting business and members may stay or not. Jolene will contact **Jaren** and arrange for the March or April meeting.

Michael Stott gave a presentation on Public Safety Ideas which include the following:

- **Have Presentations at Meetings/Events:** Invite Police, Fire, Emergency Management, etc, to present on what can be done on individual/household and neighborhood levels to reduce crime, prevent fires, access emergency medical response, prepare for emergencies, etc. Participate in “National Night Out,” a nation-wide public safety event, held the first Tuesday of August.

- **Report Suspicious Activity and Crime Trends:** “Be the eyes and ears of the police” in the community and call Police Dispatch (801-743-7000) to report suspicious activity. Get the word out to keep an eye on the neighborhood. Identify crime trends using www.crimereports.com and police reports. Contact police administrators to tackle troubling trends such as home and vehicle burglary, vehicle theft, vandalism, fraud, gang activity, etc.

- **Identify Hot Spots and Weak Spots:** Identify locations where crime is higher (commercial centers, problem properties, etc.) and locations where safety is of particular concern (parking lots, parks, Jordan River Parkway, etc.) and focus resources on them. Work with the public

and private sectors on collaboratively implementing solutions. Encourage the city and developers to design with CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design).

- **Improve Lighting**: Encourage the community to report to the City any street lights that are out by calling the number on the light pole. Encourage community members to light their property with compact fluorescent bulbs as an economical way to deter crime. Identify unlit areas in the community that feel unsafe and work with property owners and the City to light them.
- **Establish Neighborhood Watch**: Neighborhood Watch can be set up in several ways ranging from basic training and a commitment to look out for each other, to taking turns driving around the neighborhood. Make Neighborhood Watch a regular agenda item.
- **Take Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)**: Coordinate with the City's CERT Program to get community members trained and use the community council to promote and support CERT. Identify who is CERT-trained and encourage CERT meetings and drills. Ask CERT members to also participate in Neighborhood Watch as a regular ongoing method of coordination.
- **Review School Safety Issues**: Work with the School District and individual schools to review safety issues such as crosswalks, "stranger danger," bullying, etc. Invite school administrators to present at your meeting. Partner with the PTA and School Community Councils.

It was decided to have a Police Officer come to our next meeting to review the crime within our boundaries. **Jolene Dearden** will call **Rhetta Mciff** and see if that can be arranged. She also suggested that we each bring a community member with us. **Jolene** will check to see if the Council Chambers are available.

Bob Bruinshultz brought a neighborhood packet which is given to new neighbors in his neighborhood and reiterated the positive influence it has had in his neighborhood. The Council was very interested in the information in the packet and **Jolene Dearden** will make copies for everyone for the March meeting.

Appreciation was expressed to **Edith Lopez** for furnishing the yummy refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

***Next meeting: Monday, March 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**