



MINUTES

January 6, 2014

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Taylorville City Offices, Room 202

Present: Kristie Overson - City Council District 2, Bob Bruinshultz, Chris Cooley, Jolene Dearden, Marjorie Jensen, Michael Stott, Dean Shriver, Ryan Swensen

Jolene Dearden, Chair, gave a warm welcome to members of the committee and acknowledged Kristie Overson from the City Council, and first time members Bob Bruinshultz, and Michael Stott. Members of the committee introduced themselves.

The possibility of having a prayer or thought before each meeting was discussed. Dean Shriver accepted the assignment to arrange for a prayer or a reverence presentation before each community council meeting.

Jolene Dearden expressed appreciation to Kristie Overson for the excellent, informative gathering held for citizens of Taylorville 2A on January 2, 2014. She reported on the happenings of the meeting which included: guest speaker Jay Ziolkowski from the Unified Fire Authority who discussed plans for the new fire station which will be located near 4900 South Redwood Road. It will be a state of the art facility with two levels and a community room which will be used for community events. Guests also included Taylorville City Chief of Police Tracy Wyant. He reported that there are 40,000 dispatch calls made to the city every year which give 130 calls per month per officer to investigate. Taylorville priority response goal was 3 minutes but the actual time has been 2.33 minutes. There was a 9% overall crime reduction in the Taylorville 2A district last year. Chief Wyant reported that the Jordan River is patrolled with 11 bike officers and 4 motorcycle officers. He also encouraged citizens to be aware of happenings in their neighborhoods. Detective Scott Lloyd spoke about the importance of community involvement in deterring crime. He encouraged citizens to be sure and lock their cars and not to leave things sitting on the seats but to put them out of sight. The dispatch number for concerned citizens was given: 801-743-7000.

Kristie Overson asked if we would watch for street lights that are out in the city and report them so they can be repaired. They help to deter crime.

Ryan Swensen discussed the possibility of the city having automated phone calls to the citizens to remind them of special events or changes in services such as garbage pickup after a holiday.

Kristie Overson reported that the Taylorsville/Kearns Journal will be discontinued and the city council is currently discussing ways they might be able to get information out to the citizens. It was suggested that one way might be through the water bill.

Ryan Swensen sent an electronic survey to members of the council to see what their interests would be for the year. A paper survey was completed earlier. Ryan discussed the results of the surveys and where the most concern seemed to be. Number one on the list was that of "security and safety". This issue was discussed by the council and possible solutions which included: The CERT program (emergency preparedness), captains of neighborhoods, watching for unfamiliar people and cars in the neighborhoods, reporting streets lights out, keeping house lights on at night, always walking with a buddy and etc. Ryan Swensen will send a survey to committee members to get ideas of how to help improve "security and safety" and will be discussed at the next meeting. Kristie reported that in August the city will have a "Night Out Against Crime" which will be a good way to help educate citizens.

Economic Development was the next area of concern on the survey. It was suggested that we get Don Adams from the Economic Development Department to speak to us about construction and areas of economic interest.

Jolene reported that Taylorsville City has set a training meeting for the Executive Committee for Saturday, January 11, 2014, 12:30 p.m.

Bob Bruinshultz reported that he will bring some neighborhood packets next meeting for the committee to consider.

Kristie reported that there will be a Mayor's Town Meeting/Open House on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, City Council Chambers, Taylorsville City Hall. Citizens can meet new Mayor Larry Johnson.

Meeting adjourned at 8 :00 p.m.

*** Next meeting: Monday, February 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**