

City of Taylorsville
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, January 30, 2013
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

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Attendance:

Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach

Council Members:

Council Chair Dama Barbour
Vice-Chairman Kristie Overson
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Larry Johnson

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Lisa Schwartz, Emergency Response Coordinator
Rhetta McIff, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Assistant
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief

Others: Israel Grossman, Brett McIff, Royce Larsen, Teresa Rechtenbach, Jennifer Schwendimann, John Gidney, Lynn Handy, Dan Fazzini, Scouts from Troops 589 and 99, Daryl Gudmundson, Dave Ballou, Milton Witt, Jeremy Stauffer, Brad Christopher, Matthew Dill, Tally Pond, Jacob Bailey, Angelica Manuel, Ashley Ballou

1. Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters - *Chairman Barbour*

18:29:54 Chairman Dama Barbour called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance - *Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach*

18:30:27 Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

18:32:10 Chairman Barbour recognized members of Scout Troop #589 in attendance.

**2. Interviewing Applicants for the Position of City Council Member - District #3
- *John Inch Morgan, Moderator***

18:32:27 Chairman Dama Barbour noted that applicant Rick Morley was unable to attend due to illness. She wished him a speedy recover.

18:33:45 City Administrator John Inch Morgan described procedures for the interview process. It was noted that each applicant drew a number prior to this meeting to determine the interview order. Mr. Morgan gave explanation regarding the public interview process. He cited State law which requires that the interview process be held in a public meeting or a public forum. He also noted that after each question and answer period, Council Members must deliberate their decision in public.

18:37:41 The "Question/Answer Period" was facilitated by Mr. Morgan, as follows:

Question 1: Why have you submitted your name to be considered for appointment to the Taylorsville City Council?

18:37:44 Daryl Gudmundson stated reasons that he has applied to be considered for appointment to the Taylorsville City Council, as follows: He has lived in Taylorsville for 28 years. He wants to participate in the City processes and feels a sense of responsibility and pride in Taylorsville. He said he feels he can make a difference in the City and make it stronger for the next generation.

18:38:35 Dave Ballou listed reasons that he has applied to be considered for appointment to the Taylorsville City Council, as follows: He stated that all applicants share a common thread in that they are in business for themselves. He shared his love for service and a desire to connect with people. He commented that he was born with a desire to serve and enjoys it very much. He also relayed that he enjoys meeting new people.

18:40:18 Milton Witt described reasons that he has applied to be considered for appointment to the Taylorsville City Council, as follows: He would like to help achieve the City's potential to be a destination city in which residents/visitors can feel a sense of pride and satisfaction. He has been involved in the City as a volunteer for many years and would appreciate the opportunity to direct his talents, time and passion for Taylorsville in an instructive way. His background as a corporate training manager and financial advisor gives him experience to see what is working well, what is not, and to devise methods and techniques for improving processes and outcomes. He deals with small and large budgets regularly and knows how to get great results from limited resources. Mr. Witt also noted that he and his wife have raised their six children in Taylorsville and consider it their home. He shared his vision of Taylorsville as a safe, vibrant, attractive and energetic City that its residents are proud to call home and as a place where businesses, education and government work effectively together to maximize opportunities and possibilities.

18:41:35 Tally Pond cited reasons that he has applied to be considered for appointment to the Taylorsville City Council, as follows: He built his home in Taylorsville almost 30 years ago. He has been involved and interested in the betterment of his community and has six children who have attended Taylorsville schools. He currently works in Council District 3 and his wife teaches kindergarten in that district, as well. He views the opportunity to serve on the City Council as a chance to give back to the community. He feels he has the experience and abilities to be a worthy servant for those in District 3. He firmly believes the role of government is to stay out of the way as much as possible, but also to be as efficient and effective. His experience and understanding provide the capacity to fulfill this responsibility.

18:44:37 Brad Christopherson gave reasons that he has applied to be considered for appointment to the Taylorsville City Council, as follows: He takes public service as a very serious obligation and an opportunity to give back. He has always had a fantastic desire to be involved in government and in his community. His education is something that has piqued his interest and given him an overwhelming desire to be involved in public service. He knows he would do a great job and would enjoy it. He has lived his entire life in Taylorsville City. He met his wife in Taylorsville, purchased a home in the City, and is raising his family here. He loves the local form of government and the opportunity to be an involved citizen. He stated that he is grateful for the opportunity to be involved as a citizen and looks forward to being involved even more.

18:46:07 Matthew Dill listed reasons that he has applied to be considered for appointment to the Taylorsville City Council, as follows: He has lived in Taylorsville for the last 12 years. He stated that he has been very involved with civic activities in neighboring cities and would love to give back to the city where he lives. He currently spends a lot of time volunteering in a business capacity in other cities. He would like the opportunity to serve and give back to the community that has embraced him for the past 12 years.

18:47:35 Jeremy Stauffer described reasons that he has applied to be considered for appointment to the Taylorsville City Council, as follows: He likes opportunities to stretch himself. He has been in business and worked in the community for the last 12 years. He has been a resident of Taylorsville for the last 7 years. He loves the community and looks for ways to serve more. His background and contributions through his work will carry over to help Taylorsville grow. He looks forward to working with others in the City.

Question 2: If you were appointed to the City Council, what legislative issues and priorities are you most interested in pursuing?

18:48:58 Jeremy Stauffer described legislative issues and priorities that he is interested in pursuing, as follows: He stated that, as an interim in the seat, there are not a lot of things that he would jump in and change. He looks at this as an opportunity to come in and say: "What would I be good at?" and "What areas would I like to focus on?" Some of the areas he finds intriguing from the ten year strategic plan are budgeting and community awareness. He sees many different opportunities for bringing jobs into the City. He feels it is important to bring more businesses into the Taylorsville area. He would like to look for ways to increase jobs in Taylorsville. He is interested in looking at Taylorsville transportation methods. Economic development is a priority for him. He referenced opportunities for Council Members to find ways to help the community grow.

18:51:05 Matt Dill reviewed legislative issues and priorities that he is interested in pursuing, as follows: He believes the most pressing issue is cohesion of the community. He stated that friends have questioned why he lives in Taylorsville and his answer is because it is 10 minutes away from everything. He has realized over the last few years that he doesn't want to be 10 minutes away from everything but, rather, wants everything to be here. He observed that it is hard to have a city that caters to all residents and still meets the financial needs of the City. He cited difficulty in maintaining both the budget and services. He would like to be involved in finding solutions and a balance that maintains the community feeling of being in a small town, while still providing excellent services.

18:52:30 Brad Christopherson listed legislative issues and priorities that he is interested in pursuing, as follows: He would be happy to serve on whatever committees the Council and Mayor prefer. He does not have any set agenda to accomplish. He believes, with his background, he would be useful in planning and zoning areas. He could be of assistance in enforcement matters. He thinks one of the most successful projects in Taylorsville to date has been the beautification project that occurred a few years ago on Redwood Road between 6200 and 5400 South. He thinks the project improved the look and feel of Taylorsville. He takes greater pride in his community because of that project. He loves landscaping that gives the City a more community feel and brings residents out to retail establishments. These are the kinds of projects he is interested in becoming more involved with.

18:53:43 Tally Pond described legislative issues and priorities that he is interested in pursuing, as follows: He stated that his priority is families and individuals in Taylorsville and anything that detracts from strengthening families and individual citizens in the community should be avoided. He observed that if there is economic stability then there is greater capacity for the community as a whole to stand strong. He cited responsibility to give back to the community in order to help lift others. He indicated that he has a couple of specific concerns, but no hard pressed issues. He has had dealings with the management of the Family Center as a small business owner and cited the potential to enhance what is already there. He referenced traffic concerns at 6200 South and Redwood Road and said all traffic issues in the City should be examined. He stated that having a working relationship with local legislators, as well as others on Capitol Hill and at the federal level, will be important in accomplishing what is vital for Taylorsville.

18:56:26 Milton Witt cited legislative issues and priorities that he is interested in pursuing, as follows: He would pursue issues that would improve Taylorsville economically, make it safer, and help improve the beauty of business and residential areas. He cited the 9 business areas of Taylorsville and the importance of garnering community input to make these areas more viable economic centers. He would establish continued business relationships with organizations such as ChamberWest, The Economic Development Corporation of Utah, Local First Utah, SCORE, Small Business Administration, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development and the Salt Lake Community College in order to assist Taylorsville in becoming a thriving economic community. He stated that, because of the City's great mid-valley location, he would pursue legislation that enhances traffic flow. He would pursue legislation that supports urban renewal and redevelopment projects for the City. He would also seek legislation that enhances police and fire protection for Taylorsville.

18:58:18 Dave Ballou stated the legislative issues and priorities that he is interested in pursuing, as follows: He stated that he is frankly not interested in pursuing anything. He has stood before the Council many times and made a fool out of himself thinking he knows something about something. He stated he does not want to do that but, rather, wants to work side by side with the Council to help accomplish goals that are already in place. He feels this is what is required in an interim position. He cited his respect for Economic Development Director Don Adams and his team for work that has been accomplished through economic development. He agreed with Mr. Christopherson regarding the beauty of the City and said there are some existing projects that he is extremely happy about. He is anxious for the "Adopt a Street" program to begin.

19:00:06 Daryl Gudmundon explained legislative issues and priorities that he is interested in pursuing, as follows: He wants to be an advocate for the City and its citizens. He feels that the top priority is economic development. He believes it is important to identify City assets, find out why so many are unutilized or under-developed and then identify ways to overcome problems and put assets back to work. He stated that, in his private business, one of the first things he teaches is that you cannot fix it if you do not know where it is broken. He suggested that once

problems are determined, solutions can be prioritized. He observed that without economic development, the City is limited in offering citizens public safety and stability. He cited the need to prioritize public safety needs.

Question 3: Please share your understanding of the separate roles of the City Council and the Mayor (administration)?

19:01:32 Tally Pond shared his understanding of the separate roles of the City Council and the Mayor, as follows: He observed that the City Council is a body that represents the desires of the citizens and sets public policy for the City. He said the Council must set visionary direction and strategic policies for the City, review and adopt a budget, issue bonds and set the plan for economic development and general well-being of the community. The Council is a legislative body of the City Government. The Mayor leads the Executive branch of City government. He is the Chief Executive Administrative officer and supervises the functions of the City and, according to State code, the Council cannot "give orders to any subordinate of the Mayor or manager, either publicly or privately, but may make suggestions and recommendations."

19:02:47 Brad Christopherson expressed his understanding of the separate roles of the City Council and the Mayor, as follows: He observed that, although the roles are different, anyone in City and local government should be similarly engaged and attentive to the needs of constituents, residents and businesses. He said that all branches of government should work together to achieve best results. He indicated that Mr. Pond covered technical differences well and, in general, the Council is responsible for legislation and the Mayor's office is in charge of administration and enforcement of legislation.

19:03:27 Matt Dill stated his understanding of the separate roles of the City Council and the Mayor, as follows: He likes to use the analogy of a corporation where the City Council is the Board of Directors and the Mayor and City Manager are the President and Chief Executive Officer. The Mayor handles the day to day operations, runs the City, and covers administrative duties. The City Council has responsibility to represent residents and their constituents, set visionary plans, and control fiscal policies of the City to make sure budgets are presented, prepared and met. It must also recommend the wants of constituents to Administration.

19:04:21 Jeremy Stauffer cited his understanding of the separate roles of the City Council and the Mayor, as follows: He is a NASCAR fan and used an analogy of teams at the Rocky Mountain Raceway to describe the differing roles of the City Council and Administration.

19:05:45 Daryl Gudmundson described his understanding of the separate roles of the City Council and the Mayor, as follows: the role of the City Council is to be the legislative body of the City. The Council enacts ordinances and holds the purse strings for City finances. The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the City who runs the administration staff and puts funds

that the Council provides to work. It is important that the Council and Mayor work hand in hand and share vision as to where the City is headed. With this shared vision and united approach, the City will become more efficient and be better qualified to represent citizens and provide for City needs.

19:06:17 Dave Ballou outlined his understanding of the separate roles of the City Council and the Mayor. He stated he believes the real job of the Council is not in a lengthy paragraph written in Utah Code, but rather to be available for the residents. He believes there needs to be an open line of communication and it needs to be two-way. It is the job of the City Council to weigh the thoughts and desires of residents, versus what they believe is right, and then make an educated decision based on those factors. He is not interested in what the Mayor does, but is interested in the Council seat and doing what he can to assist the efforts of other Council Members.

19:07:37 Milton Witt explained his understanding of the separate roles of the City Council and the Mayor. He stated that the Council makes and passes City laws and ordinances and the Mayor proposes and enforces City laws and ordinances through various City departments. He noted that the Council and the Mayor need to work together. The Council is the one making decisions and the Mayor is charged with enforcing that vision. He feels working together is the best way. Legally, the Council is the legislative branch and the Mayor is the administrative branch.

Question 4: Please share with the council your past service to the city, either as an appointed volunteer, a community project participant, or in any other capacity.

19:10:02 Milton Witt cited his past service to the community, as follows: Many years of volunteering in such capacities as graduation committee member for Taylorsville High School, Parent helper at Vista and Eisenhower Junior High, Boy Scouts of America Leader as an assistant scout master, merit badge counselor and assistant district commissioner. He has been an announcer and committee member for traffic control at the Taylorsville Dayzz Parade. He has been a football coach for Taylorsville prep teams, both flag and tackle. He has volunteered on several candidates' political campaigns for federal, state and local offices. He stated that he looks forward to serving, whether he is on the Council or not, and will continue to serve as a volunteer in the future.

19:11:29 David Ballou described his past service to the community, as follows: Currently serving as a member of the Ordinance Review Committee. He stated that this committee gives him a chance to see the backbone of what is going on in Taylorsville and allows him to give input. He stated that he has not had the opportunity to serve the City in other capacities. He believes the best service to the community is given through being involved and knowing what is occurring in the City. He commented that he is proud of the company that he and his brother run, as they have dedicated at least 5 hours of community service per week to the elderly, military veterans, and disabled. He feels the best service that can be done is to stay informed.

19:13:47 Daryl Gudmundson reviewed his past service to the community, as follows: Served a mission to Ecuador where he learned Spanish and served the people there. He saw the difference between bad government and good government, which can make the difference between prosperity and poverty. He has raised four daughters who are also community-minded, two of whom served on the Taylorsville Youth Council and are now serving in their own communities. He has been a scout leader for more than 30 years. He was the president of a parent organization for the Headstart Program. He has been a guest speaker at the University of Utah to the upper division finance students. He was told he was considered a favorite guest speaker. He has been an election judge, chairman of his voting precinct and helped on many campaigns. He has been a county delegate several times. He is CERT trained, is licensed with the foster parent program, and had a foster son. He took part in the 2700 West cleanup in his neighborhood. He has donated a pool table and big screen TV to the firehouse in Taylorsville. He cited his ability to inspire and persuade others to volunteer and the importance of turning one man's good example into an army of productivity.

19:17:16 Jeremy Stauffer outlined his past service to the community, as follows: He has never officially served at the City level. He has volunteered in the local community within religious areas. He has worked with youth in the scouting program as a scout master, which he feels is one of the most challenging tasks. He described this as an avenue to introduce boys to a life of service and teach them it is good to serve and help others without the need for compensation or reward.

19:18:26 Matt Dill relayed his past service to the community, as follows: He stated that he has not served officially on any community service committees, but supports the local scout troop and provides equipment and tools to them for fundraisers. He has been involved in annual neighborhood cleanup programs by providing equipment. He relayed that his business has a policy that does not allow equipment to be used in local communities; however, he has changed that rule to allow equipment to be used in his own neighborhood. He has helped with the tree planting efforts at City Hall, barricades for the Taylorsville Dayzz parades, chairs, tables, and storage facilities for equipment. He believes he has not done enough in the City and that is why he is interested in serving on the City Council in order to give back to the City where he lives.

19:20:07 Brad Christopherson stated his past service to the community, as follows: He currently serves on the school Community Council at Calvin Smith Elementary School. He serves as a republican delegate to the State Convention in his voting precinct. He is currently involved in his local congregation as a youth leader and in the Boy Scout program. He has served as a mentor to youth for many years. He looks forward to increasing his service opportunities.

19:21:05 Tally Pond cited his past service to the community, as follows: For the past 15-plus years he has had ecclesiastical responsibilities that have taken his time and efforts. He most recently served as a commissioner in his scouting district. He also served as a voting district

chairman, county and state delegate, and is currently a state delegate. He was recently honored to speak before the County Convention. He has had two daughters serve on Taylorsville's Youth Council.

Question 5: City Council members have the charge to represent the service delivery and quality of life issues of the residents in their respective districts. Council members approach this duty in a variety of ways. In addition to the required City Council meetings, members of the council who are well engaged often spend 25 to 36 hours per week working on city issues and consulting with citizens and staff. Please discuss your ability to dedicate sufficient time to this position of service.

19:24:21 Brad Christopherson shared his ability to devote appropriate time to serve on the City Council, as follows: He stated that he is the sole practitioner in his law firm and has complete control over his schedule. He is organized and has no doubt of his ability to be engaged on a high level and meet needed obligations with his time. He has a desire to serve, give back, better his community, and be a positive influence in Taylorsville.

19:25:30 Matt Dill relayed his ability to devote appropriate time to serve on the City Council, as follows: he owns his own business and is required to be there a certain amount of time during the day. He is always available to be contacted and can make time in the evenings to meet with people. He noted that he also has free time during the day to review any issue pertinent to the City Council.

19:26:22 Jeremy Stauffer cited his ability to devote appropriate time to serve on the City Council, as follows: he has some flexibility in his job. He works with companies across the country and is able to set schedules and times to give him the ability to place and make calls, listen to members of the community, etc. Most importantly, he has a supportive family who has agreed to this. He stated that his wife has stated her support for the time needed to serve in this capacity.

19:27:38 Daryl Gudmundson described his ability to devote appropriate time to serve on the City Council. He stated that over the last six months he has observed the City Council and has learned a lot. He relayed that he is self-employed and his investments and properties do not usually demand excessive time. His schedule is very flexible. He works out of his home, which makes him almost always available.

19:29:07 Dave Ballou discussed his ability to devote appropriate time to serve on the City Council, as follows: he is self-employed and makes his own schedule. He is an independent insurance broker and works out of his home 90% of the time. He enjoys listening to people complain and understands where they are coming from. His family supports him 100%. He has shown that anything that needs to be done for the City gets taken care of promptly. He has

demonstrated this by attending Strategic Planning Meetings, Saturday meetings, and budget hearings.

19:31:06 Milton Witt cited his ability to devote appropriate time to serve on the City Council, as follows: he is able to dedicate a sufficient number of hours because he controls his own work schedule. He is self-employed in the financial services business. Because of the flexibility in his schedule, he is available during daytime and night hours, as well as weekends. He is able to work and has the desire to be an effective Council Member.

19:31:59 Tally Pond shared his ability to devote appropriate time to serve on the City Council. He has received assurances from his partner in business that he would have the available time needed. He was encouraged strongly and has full support in taking on these responsibilities. He lives close, is convenient and can be anywhere in Taylorsville in a matter of minutes from where he works. He stated that his wife is very supportive and realizes that time spent serving others in various capacities is very important to him. He believes he can work together with Council Members and citizens to make Taylorsville a better place. He noted that his wife's wisdom is a great asset and having her as a sounding board will be an added value for him in the City. He stated his mother-in-law is also supportive.

Question 6: What is your fiscal philosophy? Under what circumstances would you consider tax increases and/or bonding?

19:34:22 Dave Ballou described his fiscal philosophy to be that of a liberal conservative libertarian. He stated he does not want to spend money if he doesn't have to, but enjoys spending money when it is for a good cause. He believes tax payer money is different. It requires full attention to detail and educated reasoning. He gave his opinion that there should never be a time when a resident looks at their tax notice and wonders where the money is going. As long as everything is transparent, well thought out and fiscally smart, he would support taxing and/or bonding.

19:35:37 Daryl Gudmundson reviewed his fiscal philosophy as a fiscal conservative. He stated that tax dollars are sacred and noted that it is not just about what the City can afford, but what it should afford. He commented that he is a pay-as-you-go kind of guy for almost all things. It is the principles he lives by in his own life. He understands that taxes are necessary to run the City, but raising taxes should be the last resort for any taxing entity. He stated that before he would increase taxes he would limit spending, get a bigger bang for the buck, use volunteers to offset costs, seek donations or federal grants, increase revenue streams, and do whatever he could until there was no alternative other than to raise taxes. He stated there are only a couple of times when it is appropriate to bond, i.e. public safety needs and when creating a revenue stream that pays for itself.

19:38:27 Jeremy Stauffer cited his fiscal philosophy and said he would make sure that the budget is maintained, as previously set forth by the Council. He stated it is difficult to decide to raise taxes or bond. He observed that if bonding were going to help generate a revenue stream, pay for itself, benefit the City, or drive more business activity to Taylorsville, it would be a benefit. He added that a tax increase or bonding is sometimes necessary, as things cost more over time.

19:39:55 Matt Dill cited his fiscal philosophy as, "If you don't have it, you can't spend it." He feels that he is a pragmatist. He believes that, as a City, it is never good policy to spend more money than you have. He added that he would like to see the City prepare budgets that are within its means. He would be in favor of a tax increase or bonding if there are no other alternatives.

19:41:38 Brad Christopherson stated his fiscal philosophy and described his personal belief that tax payer funds are sacred funds and legislators have a duty to be prudent in spending them. In order to make a decision to raise taxes or bond, or a combination of both, there would have to be a clear benefit to the residents that can be easily explainable and understood. He gave examples of increasing services that are demanded by citizens or something that is a tangible benefit much like the beautification project on Redwood Road. He stated that any tax increase or bonding would need to preserve the City's bond rating or improve it. He observed that it is important to understand that the City is in a down economy, with several years of lean budgets and limited growth. He stated there are advantages to that such as decreased costs for borrowing, construction labor is less expensive, and materials are also less expensive. He suggested that now is an opportunity to get more bang for the buck and this should be properly communicated to residents to show them the benefit they will receive versus waiting and paying more down the road.

19:43:37 Tally Pond described his fiscal philosophy to be fiscally responsible. He understands what a hard earned dollar is and how easy it can come and go. He stated that, with respect to taxes and/or bonding, if there is a clear cut need and no other way to finance, it would be considered as a last resort. He was appalled by the large tax increase that the County proposed recently and hopes spending can be brought more in line with revenue. He suggested that wise stewards over public funds prepare beforehand to lessen the impact of bumps in the road. He would want to only see bonding done when needed, when it can be prudently shown that the return would outweigh the cost, and when the ongoing value of what is funded lasts long after the bond is retired.

19:45:27 Milton Witt reviewed his fiscal philosophy to be that of a fiscal conservative. He would like to have a City government that provides the necessary municipal services with a high degree of professionalism at the lowest cost possible. If he were on the Council, he would continue to have Taylorsville recognized as a leader in the lowest tax-per-resident category in Salt Lake County, which has recently been found to be true. He stated that there are currently

good services in Taylorsville. He observed that increased taxing would be needed to provide the necessary services only after all other avenues have been exhausted. Bonding would be used sparingly if there is a significant and relatively early return on the investment.

19:46:39 Chairman Barbour thanked all applicants for participating. She stated that there will be no losers here because every applicant is a winner just by applying for this position and going through the process. She noted that this process has taken courage. She commended all of the applicants on behalf of the Council.

19:47:34 Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** that a ten minute recess be taken. Council Member Larry Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. **All present voted in favor.**

19:58:45 The Council Meeting was reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** that Council Members be polled for their top three candidates. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. **All voted in favor.**

City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle polled the Council regarding their top three candidate choices. The poll of the Council was, as follows:

Council Member Johnson listed Dave Ballou, Daryl Gudmundson, and Tally Pond.
Council Member Burgess listed Milton Witt, Daryl Gudmundson, and Brad Christopherson.
Chairman Barbour listed Tally Pond, Brad Christopherson, and Daryl Gudmundson.
Council Member Overson listed Daryl Gudmundson, Brad Christopherson, and Dave Ballou.

Ms. Cottle stated that there is a tie between two of the candidates and the poll has resulted in four top candidates. She asked if the Council would like to select the top four candidates to progress to the next round. Chairman Barbour confirmed this to be the case. Ms. Cottle listed the four candidates, as follows: Daryl Gudmundson, Brad Christopherson, Tally Pond, and Dave Ballou. Chairman Barbour invited these four individuals to participate in the next round of questions at this time.

On behalf of City Council Members and the Administration, City Administrator John Inch Morgan thanked the candidates who will not be continuing for their participation.

Question 7: Please provide an example of your greatest accomplishment or an activity of which you are most proud.

20:04:24 Daryl Gudmundson described examples of his greatest accomplishments. His greatest accomplishment centers around his family. This coming May, he and his wife will celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary. His children have grown up into responsible adults. Their lives

are filled with accomplishment, strength and goodness. They are leaders in their communities. They know right from wrong. They are generous and kind and service to others is a part of their soul. They have faced hard trials with courage and determination. They have a devotion to God, family and their community. Now, they are raising the next generation to follow these same patterns. He would like to believe that they are following the examples and standards that were set by their parents in their lives. He stated that he is proud of his service in his community and his work with youth, both with young men and young women programs. He is proud of his accomplishments in the foster parent program. He noted that he has been an ordinance worker in the Jordan River Temple for seven years and has helped families with their financial well-being. He also took care of his great uncle the last six years of his life and has learned a lot about the needs of the aged. One of the things he has tried to do in his area is to include the Hispanic community. For the last three decades, he and a group of others have sung Christmas carols in Spanish to the Spanish community in his area. He feels it has made a difference to them and their community.

20:07:08 Dave Ballou cited examples of his greatest accomplishments. He stated that his greatest accomplishment has been his family. He is fortunate to have three daughters. He added that his greatest accomplishment was sending his oldest daughter home when she was born. He praised his wife and said he is very lucky to have his family. He listed his mustache as an accomplishment that he was proud of and said he was very sad to shave. He commented that he has caught 22 species of fish in Utah on a fly rod and is also very proud of that accomplishment. He mentioned that he is extremely proud of the letters of recommendation he has received for this appointment from former Taylorsville Mayor Russ and Taylorsville residents Aimee Newton and Dale Kehl.

20:09:49 Tally Pond relayed examples of his greatest accomplishments. He relayed that he is fortunate to have a great wife and six children. He stated that building a small insurance company from the ground up was one of the hardest things he has ever done, but was one of the most rewarding. He noted that it became a multi-company organization that provides benefits for the state of Utah, governmental entities, school districts and large and small businesses. He indicated that he looks forward to further opportunity for more accomplishments.

20:11:07 Brad Christopherson relayed examples of his greatest accomplishments. He said he is extremely blessed to have a wonderful wife and three children. He also cited a personal accomplishment of running a marathon in 2005. He concluded that, on a professional level, he completed his law degree, passed the bar exam, and has been practicing on his own for the past four years.

Question 8: Please share your experience with legislative matters.

20:12:35 Dave Ballou shared his experience with legislative matters. He stated that he does not have legislative experience, except sitting with Representative Jim Dunnigan at Capital Hill during last year's legislative session. He enjoyed watching and learning about the process. He has participated in multiple management meetings and has made decisions for his company and other insurance companies that he has represented over the years. He has had a lot of experience preparing and maintaining a viable budget for a successful business since 1999. He added that they may not be the legislative issues Council is looking for, but he feels they are applicable and he has a lot of experience with them.

20:13:56 Tally Pond reviewed his experience with legislative matters. He gave a family history by stating that his great grandfather was elected to the Utah Territorial Legislature in 1882 and was elected by the 107 delegates as chairman of the Utah Constitutional Convention in 1895. His grandfather was also a legislator in Idaho and his father took him to his first mass meeting when he was 18. He was involved in helping launch the political career of several prominent members of the Utah State Legislature. He stated that he comes from a rich heritage that has worked to get things done in the halls of government. He has worked with legislators on different issues over the years, with the most prominent being while he was running the insurance company for the Western Petroleum Marketers Association. He dealt with legislators, not only in Utah, but in several western states to help them understand the plight of small businesses. He has also dealt with Utah legislators regarding issues involving the Utah Health Insurance Association. He has a good friend in Washington D.C. who was a former member of Senator Garn's staff and is now an influential lobbyist for issues that affect Utah and its local governments.

20:15:31 Brad Christopherson cited his experience with legislative matters. He stated that in 2004, on behalf of the Attorney General's Office, he spent a legislative session working to understand impacts and unintended consequences of proposed legislation. As part of that, he had to identify and evaluate bills that would come into conflict with potential constitutionality issues. He has been given a taste of what it is to lobby, educate and inform. He added that he has had opportunity, on a limited basis, to do some local government work. He has had limited representation for Mid-Valley Improvement District and others through a colleague. He noted that he is also legally trained and understands how to read, draft and propose legislation. He believes this would be a strength that could benefit the citizens of Taylorsville.

20:16:51 Daryl Gudmundson described his experience with legislative matters. He stated that being a legislator is about writing good laws which can be very difficult. He added that it is important to understand issues and make sound decisions that are in accordance with principles and laws. He stated that he does not have all the answers, but he does have a very analytical mind, is good at solving problems, and is a hard worker. He has been a participant in many

conventions and has been a chairman in his voting precinct. He has always done his civic duty and voted in every election from the age of 18. He suggested that the other part of legislating is creating relationships with and getting support from those with power and influence. He commented that initially he did not seek this seat, but has been encouraged and supported by many City officials to apply. He has the support of many of his neighbors who started this process by first asking him to be their voice to the City Council. He also has relationships with and has been endorsed by County Council Member David Wilde, who is the County representative for Taylorsville, and County Council Member Richard Snelgrove, who is the only Republican at Large member. He has knocked on doors with Michael Waddoups and Wayne Harper, and helped pass out signs and literature for Chavez, Hatch, etc. He has worked personally with Mike Winder, the Mayor of West Valley City, and helped him with his campaign. These kinds of long term relationships are what Council members need to be an advocate for Taylorsville.

Question 9: How willing are you to receive and implement constructive feedback from your constituents and others you work with?

20:19:03 Brad Christopherson relayed his willingness to receive and implement constructive feedback. He stated that it is important for any member of local government to have an open ear, to engage with citizens, neighbors and people you represent, and to interact with other leaders in other local entities. He observed that a person would be remiss to not take positive or constructive feedback to heart in order to become a better representative and bring more value to the City. He cited the importance of being able to implement constructive feedback, even when it is negative. He suggested that a thick skin must be developed. He stated that being open to constructive feedback is an important part of local government.

20:20:43 Tally Pond cited his willingness to receive and implement constructive feedback. He stated that when it comes to getting something accomplished, he has been able to take council from others and construct a fine tune approach to most any problem or challenge. He noted that he does not have all the answers, nor does anyone else, but he has found that working together is the best way to accomplish anything of great importance. He added that he has sat in council with many in meetings and had to rely on input from others to conceptualize a proper course. He is able to glean from others' ideas and input and come up with what he believes to be the best direction. He knows that working with others and receiving their input is the best way to solve problems. He has learned to incorporate this concept in his work and in other parts of his life. He is willing to listen and use information that has been gathered for the best possible solution.

20:22:03 Dave Ballou described his willingness to receive and implement constructive feedback. He thanked the Council, the Mayor, and the public for giving him this opportunity and vote of confidence. He stated that he is never wrong; however, the problem is that he is always wrong. He said if he does not know about an issue, he cannot fix it. He likes to know about problems

and he likes to fix them. He takes criticism and mistakes, turns them around, and makes them positive. He enjoys learning from those mistakes.

20:23:22 Daryl Gudmundson stated his willingness to receive and implement constructive feedback. He stated that over the last six months he has watched Council Members face the public and change decisions, and he has been impressed. He has also had an opportunity to talk with city engineers and planners. He commented that there is a reason they do what they do and know what they know. He stated that they have set an example. The purpose in being a Council Member is to represent constituents, putting forth the best ideas, principles, and solutions and identifying problems, needs and insights. He noted that he does not have all the answers; and as a result, he welcomes feedback and ideas from City officials, his constituents, and others. He will seek such input and discussion on all sides of the issues.

20:24:41 Mr. Morgan thanked all the applicants for their participation in the interview process. He added that the applicants' preparation shows that they care about the City. He then informed Chairman Barbour that all of the published questions have been asked and answered.

20:25:04 Chairman Barbour thanked Mr. Morgan for facilitating the interview process. She also thanked Youth Council Member Angelica Manuel for her assistance with timekeeping.

3. Appointment of an Individual to Fill the Vacant Position of City Council Member - District #3 of the City of Taylorsville - *Chairman Barbour*

20:26:26 Council Member Larry Johnson gave clarification regarding the appointment to fill the unexpired term of Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach. He then **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance 13-06, with the insertion of the name of Dave Ballou. Clarification was given by City Attorney John Brems on the fact that the appointment is to fill the vacant term until the election in November. **The motion died for lack of a second.**

20:28:22 Council Member Ernest Burgess **MOVED** to take a short recess at this time. **The motion died for lack of a second.**

Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 13-06, Appointing Bradley W. Christopherson to Fill the Term of City Council Member for District #3 until the election in November. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Johnson-no, Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, and Overson-yes. **All City Council members voted. The motion passed with a three-to-one vote.**

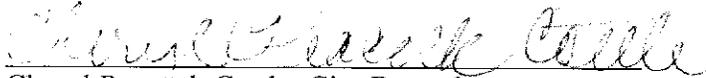
City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle gave clarification on the adoption of Ordinance 13-06, which will include the insertion of Brad Christopherson's name as the newly appointed Council Member.

4. Other Matters

There were no other matters for consideration.

5. Adjournment

Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chair Barbour called for discussion. There being none, she called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Burgess-yes, Overson-yes, and Barbour-yes. All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 03-06-13

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