

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, September 19, 2012
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Kris Heineman, Deputy Recorder
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director

Excused: Mayor Russ Wall

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

17:59:28 Chairman Rechtenbach conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:00 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present. Chairman Rechtenbach called for questions on the Administrative Report for the Community Development Department.

Council Member Dama Barbour asked about businesses that provide home care for adults. She also inquired about cleaning services that will be provided. Community Development Director Mark McGrath stated that it is his understanding that there are restrictions in the Home

Occupation Ordinance that regulate parking areas for home businesses. Council Member Barbour also asked about the new smoke shop business. Mr. McGrath stated that the referenced business submitted its application prior to the State law going into effect. Council Member Barbour asked about the canal being vacated in the Ivory Highlands area. Mr. McGrath stated that this is an old canal that has been vacated previously. Questions were addressed regarding a plat that has been submitted.

2. Review Agenda

18:03:21 The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. It was noted that Mayor Wall is excused and there will be no Mayor's Report presented during the regular Council Meeting.

Discussion was held regarding recent issues, frustrations, and concerns surrounding animal services. City Administrator John Inch Morgan referenced recent improvements and efforts that are being made, but acknowledged that there are still some existing issues with the phone system for Animal Services. Mr. Morgan gave clarification on the contractual agreement with West Valley Animal Services. He noted that Animal Services has formed a citizen's advisory group and is working closely with them to resolve some of the concerns raised, i.e. weekend phone coverage. He cited the suggestion of possibly utilizing volunteers to help with phones.

18:12:23 Mr. Morgan described the recent bidding process for public works services and storm drain cleaning. He explained that the two contracts are separate because they come from two different budget sources. He noted that Salt Lake County may be looking to withdraw from all municipal services. Mr. Morgan stated that he compiled a Request for Proposal (RFP) in conjunction with Cottonwood Heights and Holladay City. He added that the City has been subcontracting partial services out to other companies. He noted that the City is looking for a total solution, especially in regard to snow plow services. Mr. Morgan commented on the price range from bidders.

18:14:28 Mr. Morgan cited construction costs for upgrading Labrum Park. He relayed that the existing equipment and pavilions in the park do not meet current safety standards and need to be replaced. Mr. Morgan described surplus assets being removed from the park and the demolition of the pavilions. He noted that some residents in the area are interested in purchasing the surplus equipment and that bids will be solicited. Mr. Morgan clarified that both pavilions in the park will be demolished. He summarized the construction and equipment needs for the park.

18:16:51 Mr. Morgan gave explanation for Resolution 12-36, indicating intent to reduce taxes for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. He commented on the straw poll taken by the City Council during the budget process. Council Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach cited the comparisons sent out to residents using a 50% tax decrease. He clarified that the proposed reduction is meant to offset the increase made by the Unified Fire District. It was confirmed that a City mailer will be sent

out next week to better clarify numbers and intent. Council Member Larry Johnson voiced his surprise at the short notice given to discuss the Fire District issue. He suggested that residents were caught off guard. Chairman Rechtenbach stated that the Fire District option was brought forward to the Council earlier in the year. He reminded Council Members that alternative budget proposals were sought from the Council and none were received; so, at that point, the decision to move forward with annexation into the Fire District was made.

18:24:42 City Attorney John Brems gave clarification on the recommendation the Council made in regard to increasing the election filing fees for individuals, with a decreased cost for those submitting a nomination petition.

It was noted that discussion regarding the City Council meeting schedule for November and December will be the last agenda item addressed during the regular meeting.

3. Adjourn

18:25:15 The Briefing Session was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Council Member Kristie Overson

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John Brems, City Attorney
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
Tracy Wyant, Police Precinct Chief
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Assistant
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Kris Heineman, Deputy Recorder

Excused: Mayor Russ Wall

Others Present: Ken Cook, Janice Auger Rasmussen, Jennifer Schwendimann, Dave Ballou, Kelly Davis, Jay Ziolkowski, Randy Spears, Rob Carter, Rhetta McIff, Detective Jennifer Gober, Lt. Randy Thomas, Officer Jonathan Bushnell, Alan Anderson, Rob Novasio

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:33:56 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge of Allegiance – *Council Member Overson*

Council Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Reverence – *Council Member Overson (Opening Ceremonies For October 3, 2012 to be arranged by Youth Council)*

Council Member Kristie Overson offered the Reverence.

1.3 Citizen Comments

18:35:48 Council Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

18:37:51 Former Taylorsville City Council Member Ken Cook reported on recent difficulties he experienced in trying to reach West Valley City Animal Services regarding a loose dog. He cited no coverage on weekends and lack of referral sources. Mr. Cook asked the Council to question why there is no staffing for emergency calls on the weekend.

18:39:28 Former Taylorsville Mayor Janice Auger Rasmussen relayed that she supports a larger unified fire department and is not speaking against joining the Unified Fire District. She stated that she is opposed, however, to the Council asking citizens to support the move without providing clear information regarding costs for services. Ms. Rasmussen suggested that the fire services should be specifically and thoroughly discussed with residents before a decision is made. She noted that she has more questions than answers at this time. She commented that the Council and Administration owe more transparency to residents who will be paying for the fire services.

18:41:34 Randy Spears spoke against joining the Fire District. He asked if residents' taxes would double next year because of a new fire station. He requested a copy of the callout logs

from the fire department for the previous year. Mr. Spears noted that he has lived in the Taylorsville-Bennion area for over 37 years.

18:44:21 Rob Novasio observed that there are petitions being circulated throughout the City. He questioned whether residents are being represented. He requested that the City Council listen to the comments residents are making. Mr. Novasio suggested asking for a one-time fee and keeping fire services in Taylorsville.

18:48:31 Robert Carter mirrored the comments of Mr. Novasio concerning the Fire District. He relayed that he has been canvassing his neighborhood. He suggested contracting with other cities for fire services. He added that he would like to see the Fire District issue presented on a ballot.

18:50:35 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Rechtenbach closed the citizen comment period.

18:50:49 Chairman Rechtenbach invited those in attendance to remain for discussion later in the meeting regarding annexation into the Fire District. He noted that the City has prepared a mailer with more detailed information to be sent out very soon. He commented that the flyer will contain side-by-side comparisons, actual numbers, and contact information for elected officials and the City Administrator. Chairman Rechtenbach stated that the City's taxes would be decreased by 50%, with the net result on an average home of \$197,000 to be about \$105 per year, or \$9 per month. Chairman Rechtenbach encouraged citizens to thoroughly read the mailer. He observed that the City Council has given this issue a great amount of consideration and the decision has not been made lightly.

1.4 Mayor's Report

No Mayor's Report was given, as Mayor Russ Wall was excused from this meeting.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Presentation of July and August *Police Officers of the Month* - Chief Tracy Wyant

18:54:18 Unified Police Department (UPD) Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant turned the time over to UPD Lt. Randy Thomas who recognized Officer Richardson and Officer Bushnell as Police

Officers of the Month for July and August, 2012. Lt. Thomas excused Officer Grant Richardson, who was unable to attend this meeting. Lt. Thomas gave a brief account of an incident generating special recognition of these officers. He noted that the most dangerous police call is a "Suicidal Male Call." He commended the officers for their actions and noted that a gentleman's life was saved due to the efforts of these two fine officers. Chairman Rechtenbach congratulated the police officers and thanked them for their service to the Taylorsville Community.

Chief Tracy Wyant also presented Detective Jennifer Gober an award for Police Officer of the Month. He commented that Detective Gober does a great job and has been with the local police department for many years. Chief Wyant gave a brief explanation of a recent incident involving Detective Gober. He noted that since the incident, Detective Gober has taken a personal interest in the family involved and has helped to better their lives. Chief Wyant thanked Detective Gober for her tenacity and also her willingness to get involved and stay committed to the family in order to ensure a positive outcome.

3.2 ChamberWest Report - Alan Anderson

19:03:05 Alan Anderson, President of ChamberWest, reported on recent Chamber activities. He noted that there are almost 100 Chamber members in Taylorsville. Mr. Anderson mentioned that ChamberWest is Salt Lake County's largest independently-funded chamber of commerce. He commented that there is a Taylorsville Chamber-specific website for interested businesses at www.taylorsvillechamber.org. He added that there are many benefits offered by local businesses to members of the Chamber of Commerce, i.e. receiving 85% off advertising costs through Media One for first time businesses, etc. Mr. Anderson added that 2011 was one of the best financial years in recent history for ChamberWest. He noted that local businesses are reporting growth in their operations. He commented on recent joint ventures with Taylorsville Economic Development Director Don Adams. He also announced that the Utah State Chamber of Commerce recently awarded ChamberWest the "Best Member Benefit" award. Mr. Anderson explained that all money raised by ChamberWest is used to benefit Utah businesses. He cited a strong government action committee that is involved with delegation in Washington D.C. with regard to businesses. Mr. Anderson discussed the "Hire One More Program" and cited the "Parade of Taylorsville Businesses" event held in November. He noted that the purpose of this event is to bring awareness of local businesses to the community.

19:09:17 Council Member Dama Barbour observed that local ribbon cuttings are well-handled by ChamberWest. She thanked Mr. Anderson for his hard work and his efforts in welcoming new businesses. Mr. Anderson relayed that ChamberWest will perform ribbon-cutting ceremonies for any new business and stated that Costco always provides a cake to commemorate the celebration. He noted that Taylorsville Youth Ambassadors, Council Members, and the Mayor have all been very supportive of ribbon cutting events.

3.3 Quarterly Report, Animal Services - *Kelly Davis*

19:10:21 Kelly Davis, of West Valley Animal Services, reported on animal services provided in Taylorsville during the previous quarter. He referenced the report provided in Council packets. Chairman Rechtenbach stated that he would like Mr. Davis to respond to the comments previously made by Ken Cook regarding a loose dog near the highway. Mr. Davis agreed to address that issue at the end of his presentation. He relayed that he has six officers working throughout Taylorsville and West Valley City. He explained that calls are priority based. Mr. Cook stated that he would like information on resources for animal placement after hours. Mr. Davis acknowledged that there is a staff shortage concern.

Mr. Davis noted that there has been an increase in adoptions, particularly for felines with Taylorsville residents. He cited a decrease in euthanasia services over the last year and added that the number of animals euthanized has gone down from 116 to only two over the past year. Mr. Davis referenced the primary goal of reunification of owners with their animals. Mr. Davis mentioned an increase in the number of pet licenses being issued.

Council Member Dama Barbour asked for clarification regarding stray cats being released back into neighborhoods. Mr. Davis described a new program that has recently been instigated to provide reunification of animals with owners and also to address stray animal concerns.

19:18:34 Mr. Davis discussed field operation complaints. He noted that the highest volume of calls received are for stray animals. Council Chairman Rechtenbach asked for numbers on resolved complaints. Mr. Davis explained that overall complaint numbers are provided, but the resolution of calls is not specified. Council Member Kristie Overson asked for clarification on the definition of Field Operations. Mr. Davis clarified that this is defined as officers out on calls. He stated that the response time goal of 20 minutes is occurring 88% of the time. Mr. Davis stated that there are two officers assigned to the Taylorsville area. He gave a brief description of some of the actions taken.

19:20:33 Council Member Larry Johnson asked about the handling of complaints concerning barking dogs and whether those complaints can remain anonymous. Mr. Davis stated that they can remain anonymous unless legal resolution is needed. He cited types of calls and related outcomes. Council Member Overson asked for a daily breakdown on response calls. Mr. Davis stated that he will provide that information in the future. He noted that officers are deployed based on call information received.

19:26:22 Mr. Davis discussed activities at Millrace Park. Council Member Johnson inquired about incidents with fighting dogs and asked how malicious dogs are handled. Mr. Davis confirmed that aggressive dogs are not allowed at the park and are removed if necessary. He

stated that residents who frequent the park regularly “police” the area and contact animal services to respond if needed.

19:27:36 Mr. Davis described elements of the “Best Friends” partnership that has been implemented. He cited different programs within the partnership and described the “Community Cat/Tag and Release Program.” He explained that feral cats are picked up by Best Friends personnel, taken to a vet for sterilization and ear-tipping, and then released back into neighborhoods. He commented that the purpose of this program is to control the population of cats. Mr. Davis noted that this program decreases the number of cats brought back into the shelter. He also commented that the program is new and there is still a lot of work to be done. He added that the community needs further education to help make this program successful. He summarized that the goal is to help decrease the feral cat population within neighborhoods. He cited adoption programs utilized to decrease the number of cats euthanized.

19:38:17 Mr. Davis acknowledged benefits of the Best Friends Program and cited educational events that have been held to license animals at discounted prices and reduce stray animal populations. Chairman Rechtenbach requested that a member of the Best Friends organization be present at the next quarterly report to answer questions. Mr. Davis stated that he would make those arrangements.

19:42:15 Mr. Davis clarified that West Valley Animal Services primarily deals with domestic animals, but any form of wildlife can be handled. He noted that wild animals are primarily the responsibility of the Department of Wildlife Resources.

Chairman Rechtenbach asked Mr. Davis to address the concerns raised by Mr. Cook regarding his recent calls about a loose dog. Mr. Davis stated that he is familiar with the situation and explained that the referenced call was determined not to be an emergency. He observed that calls are handled on a priority basis. Mr. Cook stated that he did not want an officer to take the animal, but was simply seeking resources and information for alternative shelters. Mr. Davis acknowledged a staffing problem, in that there are sometimes not sufficient employees available on weekends for callouts. Mr. Cook suggested that many calls are made on weekends and holidays and asked if the schedule could be changed to accommodate those times. Mr. Davis stated that this would be a decision made by the Taylorsville City Council to restructure the type of contract services desired.

19:48:21 Chairman Rechtenbach suggested that this issue be taken to a Citizen Advisory Committee for consideration and recommendations. Mr. Davis observed that this is possibly a contractual issue and may call for clarification on services required. He also stated that he would be happy to work with a citizen’s advisory group.

19:50:36 Council Member Kristie Overson expressed her concerns over customer service information being provided after-hours and with frustrating phone system issues. She asked whether consideration has been given to using volunteers in the shelter in order to cover phones, etc. Mr. Davis agreed that volunteers can be helpful and noted that the phone system has very recently been improved.

19:53:37 Council Member Larry Johnson suggested that the hours of the shelter should be changed in order for it to be open on Saturdays and Sundays. Mr. Davis reported that experience indicates Sundays are historically slow callout days. Council Member Dama Barbour expressed concern over animal services personnel telling residents to take a loose animal back to the area where it was picked up. Mr. Davis stated that his staff has not been trained to give that response. City Administrator John Inch Morgan stated that he will hold a meeting with Mr. Davis in order to come up with suitable options.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – RCCM 09-05-12

19:56:32 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Barbour-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 ***Resolution No. 12-34 - Approving Amendment and Renewal No. 9 of an Interlocal Agreement with Salt Lake County for Public Works Services in the Amount of \$1,280,000.00 - John Inch Morgan***

19:57:13 City Administrator John Inch Morgan presented the subject resolution to approve the renewal of an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County for Public Works Services in the amount of \$1.28 million. Mr. Morgan noted that services are being provided at maintenance levels and are also utilized for snow removal. He noted that there is budget flexibility to move funds to other road maintenance areas if the funds are not needed for snow removal.

20:01:21 Mr. Morgan cited a pavement management plan to identify road maintenance priorities. He also noted that projects are rotated throughout the City as needed. Mr. Morgan commented that assessments are required to assure that funds are being used properly. Council Member Overson stated that, after reviewing the information, she feels the bid is competitive. She relayed her appreciation for efforts made to get the best service for money expended. Mr. Morgan gave explanation on the \$250,000 used for storm drain cleanup.

20:06:13 Council Member Johnson asked if the \$20,000 allocated for weed control this year has been used. He requested that funds be used to clean up 5400 South. John Inch Morgan clarified that the weeds have been cut and sprayed along 5400 South. Chairman Rechtenbach acknowledged some improvement, but said that there is still additional work to be done. He noted that the intersection at 6200 South and Redwood Road was cleaned up recently.

20:09:03 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 12-34 Approving Amendment and Renewal No. 9 of an Interlocal Agreement with Salt Lake County for Public Works Services in the Amount of \$1,280,000.00. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Barbour-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6.2 Resolution No. 12-35 - Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County Public Works Services for 2012-2013 Storm Drain Cleaning in the Amount of \$250,000.00 - John Inch Morgan

City Administrator John Inch Morgan presented the subject resolution to approve an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County Public Works Services for 2012-2013 Storm Drain Cleaning in the amount of \$250,000.00.

20:05:21 Mr. Morgan stated that the storm drain cleaning service is needed twice per year to ensure that drains are operating properly. He relayed that he has researched the possibility of contracting with other cities, but they are not equipped to serve additional cities. He stated that street sweeping services are not part of this contract. He clarified that Taylorsville purchased the street sweeper to clear Taylorsville streets and also contracts with Holladay and Cottonwood Heights.

20:09:44 Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 12-35 Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County Public Works Services for 2012-2013 Storm Drain Cleaning in the Amount of \$250,000.00. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes,

Johnson-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Barbour-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6.3 Ordinance No. 12-24 - Declaring Certain Assets of the City of Taylorsville as Surplus to the Needs of the City, Establishing a Minimum Bid, and Directing the City Administrator to Determine the Method for Disposal that Yields a Fair Economic Return to the City - *John Inch Morgan*

20:12:07 City Administrator John Inch Morgan presented the subject ordinance to declare certain assets of the City of Taylorsville as surplus to the needs of the City. He noted that these assets are located in the T. John Labrum Park. He cited the 1950/1960-era playground equipment that does not meet national safety standards and needs replaced and upgraded. He relayed that there have been requests from citizens to acquire the equipment. Mr. Morgan explained that he has asked interested parties to submit a demolition plan for removing the equipment, footings, foundations, etc. He commented that there is the possibility that a citizen may ask to remove the property at no charge to the City in lieu of payment. Mr. Morgan noted that the pavilions on the property would require removal by a demolition company, and the City would be charged for that service.

20:13:37 Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 12-24 - Declaring Certain Assets of the City of Taylorsville as Surplus to the Needs of the City, Establishing a Minimum Bid, and Directing the City Administrator to Determine the Method for Disposal that Yields a Fair Economic Return to the City. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Barbour-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6.4 Discussion on Salt Lake Valley Fire Service District Options

Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion regarding options related to the annexation of Taylorsville into the Salt Lake Valley Service Area (Fire District). John Inch Morgan clarified that the budget being referenced is the 2012 budget. He explained that, in an effort to provide full disclosure to citizens on what the total tax impact would be when decision was made to annex into the Fire District, the Council discussed possible reduction amounts to City tax. He noted that, by a straw poll of the Council, it was decided that the tax rate would be reduced by 50% to partially offset the tax assessed by the Fire District. Mr. Morgan indicated that a resolution has been proposed to reflect that intent. Chairman Rechtenbach reminded the Council that this resolution is not binding and does not need to be adhered to at a later date. He explained that the proposed resolution is a declaration of the Council's intent.

20:16:42 Council Member Larry Johnson stated that he does not support the tax reduction as it results in too much of an increase to residents. He asked for clarification regarding joining the Fire District. Chairman Rechtenbach noted that there would be a \$1.9 million budget shortfall if the City does not join the Fire District and money would need to be found to make up the shortfall. Chairman Rechtenbach observed that, regardless of whether the City joins the Fire District, a tax increase is likely going to be needed.

Council Member Larry Johnson stated his concern that the burden of a tax increase would be higher for businesses. Chairman Rechtenbach asked Economic Development Director Don Adams about the impact the tax increase would have on new businesses. Mr. Adams stated that it is common for businesses to look at the tax rate stack, i.e. all of the special assessment districts and taxing entities throughout the County. He stated that Taylorsville's tax stack compares favorably to other communities, even with an increase from the Fire District. Mr. Adams gave the example of a business that invests tens of millions of dollars into its facility. He relayed that the additional amount that the business pays for fire services to protect their investment is worth the cost and they are, therefore, willing to pay. He suggested that, when comparing neighboring cities' tax stack, Taylorsville is at least half the amount of surrounding cities. Mr. Adams summarized that, from an economic development perspective, the tax increase does not have a negative impact on recruiting efforts. He mentioned that Alan Anderson, of ChamberWest, has been out discussing the tax issue with local businesses and reports that he has not heard any negative responses.

Chairman Rechtenbach clarified that Mr. Adams is speaking from the perspective of a large national tenant which does not necessarily reflect that of a small business already located in the City. Mr. Adams acknowledged that the increase will be felt, but indicated that there are still cost advantages to having a business in Taylorsville compared to being in a surrounding city. He stated that the potential increase will not drive businesses away.

Council Member Dama Barbour said that her concern is to assure services are provided for citizens in relation to emergency response times.

20:27:48 Council Member Johnson stated that he does not believe there is a need for improved fire services. He added that he has lived in Taylorsville for 50 years and has received no complaints regarding fire services. He observed that a huge tax increase cannot be taken back. He commented that bonds can be paid for, but taxes will never be reduced.

20:28:37 Chairman Rechtenbach invited UFA Bureau Chief Jay Ziolkowski to address some concerns.

20:29:01 Chief Ziolkowski acknowledged it is true that bonding will not be a permanent issue, but suggested that staffing a fire department is a lifetime commitment that needs to be addressed.

20:44:29 Chairman Rechtenbach asked whether there is a need for a third fire station in Taylorsville. He cited the possibility of a cost savings if the Fire District were to build a “super fire station” that would be the equivalent of 1.5 fire stations.

Chief Ziolkowski stated that there were over 4000 calls to the City of Taylorsville from October 2011 to October 2012, resulting in a 15% overall call volume for the Unified Fire Authority’s (UFA) jurisdiction. He relayed that in 2008, he worked with Mr. Adams in petitioning for a grant to build a third fire station and, at that time, there were over 4300 calls for the year. Chief Ziolkowski gave statistics as to the handling of those calls and stated that many were responded to by other jurisdictions. He acknowledged that there is debate for both sides of the issue; however, statistics show that Taylorsville is lagging in fire service. He noted that the previous day, Taylorsville Station #117 received 14 calls, five of which were outsourced due to the station being unable to cover the calls. He stated that, in his personal opinion, there is a need for additional staffing in Taylorsville.

Chief Ziolkowski discussed the possibility of a “mega station” and having dual units respond from the same station. He indicated that such an option could reduce the cost for a new station and also cover improvement costs. He recommended taking the suggestion to the Fire District Board for further consideration.

Council Member Johnson observed that UFA does a great job and reiterated that he has not heard any complaints from residents. He expressed his opinion that the money requested at this time is not necessary and would negatively impact a lot of residents. Chairman Rechtenbach questioned whether there would be a better time for raising taxes and commented that the time value of money also needs to be factored into the decision.

Council Member Kristie Overson asked if Fire Station #117 could accommodate added personnel without having to add capital improvements. Mr. Ziolkowski confirmed that it could. He cited the need to add one more person to the station in order to split other stations more equitably. He noted that the improvements needed are electrical, plumbing and foundation-related.

Chairman Rechtenbach noted that if the City delays in becoming a member of the District, the funding currently available for building a new fire station will be given to another city and funds will then need to be raised at a later date before another station can be added to the City. He observed that the City does not have proper manpower for fire services because the City has had to work within a budget considered to be tolerable. Chief Ziolkowski gave clarification in regard to building the new station and remodeling Station #117. He reminded the Council that plans are already in place and immediate funding is available at this time through the Fire District.

Council Member Johnson cited the potential for surplus buildings that may not be needed by the Fire District at a later date. John Inch Morgan gave clarification on a reversion clause for buildings and commented that the property would revert back to the City from the Fire District if it is deemed unwanted.

Chief Ziolkowski observed that an added benefit of joining the Fire District is participating in the relationship the District has with Kennecott and their assessed evaluation; this relationship has made costs stay lower.

20:48:07 Mr. Morgan stated that it is unfortunate that citizens believe if the City does not join the Fire District, there will be no tax increase. He stressed that this is not the case. He cited options for how the second half of funding fire services could be done. He observed that to duplicate the same level of services being offered by the Fire District would require a 42% tax increase next year.

Council Member Johnson asked about the petition process and its eventual outcome. Mr. Morgan explained that a ballot initiative cannot be prepared in time for this November's election and would likely go to a vote in November, 2013. He reiterated that the City would have to come up with \$1.9 million by January, 2013 to cover the shortfall in the budget for fire services. He confirmed that, in order to provide the same level of fire service, a tax increase would be necessary next year.

Council Member Dama Barbour stated that she is fine with the petition process, but wants citizens to fully understand both options. She observed that public safety is a priority and must be paid for in some way.

Council Member Ernest Burgess asked for clarification regarding the tax increase. Mr. Morgan noted that the rate is based on the current tax rate and, if the City wants to duplicate the level of service currently being provided, the cost would be \$6 million for the total fire cost. He explained that the District's increased cost is \$600,000 from the current cost of \$3.8 million. He clarified that the impact would be about the same if the City were to continue to operate on a contract basis; however, in that case there would not be a tax yield to make capital improvements and an additional 42% would be needed to pay for fire services.

20:53:53 Council Member Johnson said he believes that if the budget were opened, money could be found to pay for fire services. He commented that outsourcing services to other entities means there is the possibility that the City Council will no longer be needed to make decisions for the City. He raised concern that this would result in insufficient representation. Chairman Rechtenbach observed that there are representatives from other cities on the Fire District Board, as well, and they share concerns for their cities that are similar to those of Taylorsville.

**6.4.1 Resolution No. 12-36 - Indicating Intent to Reduce Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013 and Ending June 30, 2014
- John Inch Morgan**

20:55:59 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 12-36 Indicating Intent to Reduce Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013 and Ending June 30, 2014 by 50%. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Johnson-no, Rechtenbach-yes, Barbour-yes, and Burgess-no. **All City Council members voted and the motion passed with a 3 to 2 vote.**

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Ordinance No. 12-25 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.36.030 (Elections) of the Taylorsville Code of Ordinances - John Brems

20:57:50 City Attorney John Brems presented the subject ordinance to amend Chapter 2.36.030 of the Taylorsville Code in regard to candidate filing fees for municipal elections. Mr. Brems stated that the filing fee for a candidate will be increased to \$100 for individuals, but will be reduced to \$50 for candidates submitting a nomination petition with 25 signatures.

20:57:59 Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No.12-25 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.36.030 (Elections) of the Taylorsville Code of Ordinances. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Barbour-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7.2 Discussion Regarding Council Meeting Schedules for November and December

20:58:39 Discussion was held regarding the schedule for Council Meetings during the months of November and December. The consensus of the Council was to hold two regular meetings on November 7th and November 14th and to eliminate the Work Session Meeting during November. It was also decided to hold December meetings on December 5th, 12th and 19th, as regularly scheduled.

21:01:04 Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to eliminate the Work Session Meeting on November 14, 2012 and hold regular City Council Meetings on November 7 and November 14, 2012. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. **A roll call vote was taken, with all voting in favor.**

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

Council Member Kristie Overson inquired about the status of discussion on Community Councils. It was clarified that the matter was referred to the Ordinance Review Committee. Council Member Johnson stated that recommendations should be made in the next few weeks.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

21:04:18

- 9.1 RDA Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 19, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting - Tuesday, September 25, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.3 City Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, October 3, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Meeting - Wednesday, October 3, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.
- 9.5 Planning Commission Meeting - Tuesday, October 9, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.6 City Council Work Session - Wednesday, October 10, 2102 - 6:00 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

21:04:21

- 10.1 *Neighborhood Cleanup Dumpsters* – This year the dumpsters in Taylorsville will be delivered between September 21, 2012 and October 23, 2012. Residents will receive a postcard a few weeks before informing them the exact days the dumpster will be in their neighborhood. Any bulk waste is welcome in the dumpsters. For more information on these services, please contact Sanitation at 385-468-6325 or their website at: www.sanitation.slco.org
- 10.2 *Multi-Agency Mock Disaster & CERT Training* - September 22, 2012, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CERT members and anyone interested may attend (Those interested in being victims in the moulage need to be there at 8:00 a.m.) - Mountainville Academy, 195 S Main St. Alpine, Utah. There is no cost, but you must sign-up to participate. Sign up at <http://www.lehicert.org/training/signup> Please also notify Taylorsville Emergency Response Coordinator Lisa Schwartz at lschwartz@taylorsvilleut.gov
- 10.3 *Pet Fest - A Pet Health and Wellness Fair* - Saturday, September 29, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - West Valley City/Taylorsville Animal Shelter, 4522 West 3500 South, West Valley City. Visit www.wvc-ut.gov/petfest for more information.

21:05:31 Council Member Larry Johnson noted that the Unified Police Department was recently criticized by a citizen during a public meeting; however, he would like to commend UPD Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant for a job well-done.

11. ADJOURNMENT

21:06:28 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Barbour-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.


Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 10-17-12

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