

**TREMONTON CITY  
CANDIDATE ORIENTATION  
August 6, 2009**

Attendees:

David Deakin, City Councilmember/Incumbent for Councilmember  
Roger Fridal, City Councilmember/Candidate for Mayor  
Lyle Holmgren, City Councilmember/Incumbent for Councilmember  
Jeff Reese, City Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem  
Max Weese, Mayor  
Shawn Warnke, City Manager  
Darlene S. Hess, Recorder  
Blaine Mauchley, Candidate for Mayor  
Diana Doutre, Candidate for Councilmember  
Gerald Smith, Candidate for Councilmember  
Paul Fulgham, Public Works Director  
David Nance, Police Chief  
Steve Bench, Zoning Administrator  
Kevin Christensen, Judge  
Steven Batis, Fire Chief  
Cathy Newman, Food Pantry Director  
Marion Layne, Senior Center Director

Mayor Weese called the Tremonton City Corporation Candidate Orientation Meeting held on August 6, 2009 at 102 South Tremont Street, Tremonton City, Utah to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Mayor Weese excused Councilmember Wood from the meeting. Those in attendance were: Mayor Weese, Councilmembers Reese, Holmgren, Fridal, and Deakin; Department Heads/Executive Staff: Cathy Newman, Marion Layne, Steve Bench, Kevin Christensen, David Nance, Steven Batis, Paul Fulgham, and Darlene Hess; 2009 Election Candidates for Mayor: Blaine Mauchley and Roger Fridal; 2009 Election Candidates for Councilmember: David Deakin, Diana Doutre, Lyle Holmgren and Gerald Smith.

1. Welcome

Mayor Weese expressed appreciation for the candidates running for election in 2009. He informed the group that one person had withdrawn her name as a candidate; therefore, a Primary Election will not be necessary.

A. Introduction of City Council

Mayor Weese introduced members of the City Council who were in attendance.

B. Introduction of Candidates and time for Candidates to ask any questions they have about the City.

Mayor Weese suggested that the Candidates wait until the question and answer period to speak. By waiting until after the Department Heads/Executive Staff report

about their departments, the candidates may have additional questions to ask candidates about their department. Mayor Weese suggested that the candidates write their questions down and ask them all at one time.

Mayor Weese expressed his appreciation for the staff and told the audience that he is leaving today for vacation and needs to be excused from the meeting. Jeff Reese, Mayor Pro Tem, will be taking over for him.

2. Election information and Provisional Ballots - Darlene Hess

Darlene Hess, City Recorder, informed the candidates that MariKae Levitt withdrew her candidacy for City Councilmember on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Due to the fact that we are not holding a Primary Election, we are asking that signs be taken down until September 18<sup>th</sup>. She apologized for the inconvenience caused; however, this was something we could not anticipate.

Recorder Hess asked all candidates to be ethical during the campaign and follow the law. She reminded candidates that Utah Election Law prohibits any electioneering activity within 150 feet of the building where an election poll is located. This includes stickers, buttons and shirts with candidates names. She reviewed the criminal, provisions, procedures and remedies relating to elections. Code reviewed:

20A-11-1103 - False Statements in relation to candidates forbidden

20A-11-1101 - Illegal to publish political materials in certain publications under certain conditions

20A-11-1102 - Paid advertisements permitted

Recorder Hess reviewed information and criteria on Poll Watchers. She informed the candidates that they are entitled to appoint poll watchers as follows: One to observe the casting of ballots, one to observe the counting of ballots, and another to act as an inspecting poll watcher to inspect the condition and observe the securing of ballot packages. If candidates decide to use poll watchers, each person is to be designated and their selection made known to the poll workers.

The new Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program per Utah State Code 20A-7-208 was reviewed with candidates. Recorder Hess told candidates that if they want their personal information placed on this website, they have to submit a statement of qualifications, not exceeding 200 words in length, by 5:00 p.m. on August 20<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the information was included in the packets they received previously.

Tremonton City Code on political campaign signs was reviewed. A copy of the following code was made available to each candidate:

Signs or posters announcing the candidates seeking public political office and/or political issues, and data pertinent thereto up to an area of 32 sq. feet. These signs shall be confined to private property and located no closer than 200 feet to a polling place. Such signs must be removed within 7 days after the election.

Recorder Hess told the candidates that with the new requirement for all voters to show identification (ID) at the polls, we are anticipating that we will have a lot more Provisional Ballots voted in this election. An election cannot be determined until all the provisional ballots have been validated by the County Clerk. If a race is close, we may not be able to determine the winner on Election Day. Recorder Hess then reviewed grounds for a challenge and examples of why a provisional ballot will be required.

3. Overview of Department/Staff responsibility:

Mayor Weese explained to the candidates that each Department Head or Executive Staff Member will take three minutes to give an overview of their department. Overviews were given in the following order:

Executive Staff:

Kim Griffiths - Librarian - excused from the meeting  
Sharri Oylar - Treasurer - excused from the meeting  
Cathy Newman - Food Pantry Director  
Marion Layne - Senior Center Director  
Steve Bench - Building/Zoning Administrator  
Kevin Christensen - Judge  
Marc Christensen - Director of Parks and Recreation - excused from the meeting  
David Nance - Police Chief  
Steven Batis - Fire Chief  
Darlene Hess - City Recorder  
Paul Fulgham - Public Works  
Shawn Warnke - City Manager

Manager Warnke gave an overview of the Library, Treasurer's Department, Parks and Recreation, City Attorney Dustin Ericson of Ericson and City Engineer Chris Breinholt in their absence.

4. Election Night Activities

Recorder Hess informed the candidates that Election Night activities will begin as soon as the Election Judges have time to prepare the material and shut down the electronic voting equipment after the close of the election. Candidates family and friends are invited to join them here to wait for the results of the election to come in.

Mayor Weese left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

5. Question and answer period -

Mayor Pro Tem Reese told the candidates that the City has an excellent staff of fantastic people. He then told the candidates that this is time for them to ask questions and speak to the staff. Mayor Pro Tem Reese turned the time over to the candidates for this portion of the meeting. He asked them to go in alphabetic order by office starting with the Mayor

candidates.

Roger Fridal told the group that Tremonton City is a wonderful City to live in. He has lived here the majority of his life. The City is facing challenges of which he does not have the answers for; however, the City has a group of great individuals whom he has extreme confidence in from Public Works throughout the whole City. They can solve any problems that may arise. Mr. Fridal told those present that he did not have a lot of questions for the group as he has been working with them for a while. Mr. Fridal told the group that his assignment on the Council is to oversee the Food Pantry and the Treatment Plant. He is a dairymen at heart and can deal with waste.

Blaine Mauchley informed the staff that he came to Tremonton twenty-two years ago and is happy to be here. Tremonton is a friendly place with approximately 6400 people. He served ten years on the Council and was here when Steve Bench came from Box Elder County. Mr. Mauchley expressed his pleasure at having had the opportunity to visit with most of the City staff. His comments about the visits are as follows:

- ▶ The Senior Center is a great place. It is important that the City provide this type of service and the staff are compassionate with the patrons.
- ▶ The Food Pantry is beautiful inside and provides an important service.
- ▶ Paul at Public Works has vision.
- ▶ I am impressed with the Police Department.

Mr. Mauchley told the group that he agrees with Mr. Fridal. This business is run well! Mr. Mauchley asked the question of the staff: What do you think is the most crucial problem that we deal with in the next two years? Common concern is the economy.

David Deakin - incumbent expressed his appreciation to the City and the employees. He told the group that he could not see a lot of change. He was grateful to be a candidate and grateful for the people. He told those present that Tremonton City will be in good hands. Mr. Deakin told the group that he is delighted at the prospect and opportunity to run for Councilmember again. With Shawn Warnke as the new City Manager, he looks forward to what Tremonton City will be in a decade.

Diana Doure told the group that she was impressed with the things that the staff does. She wished that everyone in Tremonton had the opportunity to hear what goes on. She expressed appreciation for what the staff has done for her and her family. Ms. Doure told the staff that she is a fourth generation to live here in Tremonton. She graduated from Bear River High School and is the mother of five children. She has fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. She has spend many years in PTA, Scouts and as a Women's Civic League Member. She worked at LaZBoy in accounting and as a Loan Officer at Box Elder Credit Union. Her mother and father, who were in attendance at this meeting, have given many years of service to the community with their business.

Lyle Holmgren - incumbent told the group that he had the opportunity to go with his son to Jordan and speak to the people there. From this experience, he has gained a greater appreciation for the form of government we have here in Tremonton. He expressed his

appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community we live in. Mr. Holmgren told the staff present how much he appreciated them and how impressed he is with their service. He expressed his appreciation for the good people he works with on the City Council - for their honesty and fairness in their dealings with the citizens. He would like to continue to work in this capacity to find ways to improve Tremonton City.

Gerald Smith commented that he knew everyone here tonight. He has lived here for thirty years and would like to serve the citizens of Tremonton. Mr. Smith told the staff that he served ten years on the Planning Commission - five of which he served as Chairman. He learned a lot during his tenure, and would like to have the opportunity to serve on the Council. Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation to the City staff.

6. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Temp Reese thanked everyone for their participation this evening. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by consensus.

The undersigned duly acting and appointed recorder for Tremonton City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting held on the above referenced date.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Darlene S. Hess, RECORDER