

WEST POINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
3200 West 300 North
October 5, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Minutes for the administrative session and regular West Point City Council Meeting held at the West Point City offices at 3200 West 300 North, West Point, Utah, with Mayor Erik Craythorne presiding.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Erik Craythorne, Councilman Andy Dawson, Councilman Roger Woodward, Councilman Kent Henderson, Councilman Jerry Chatterton, Councilman Gary Petersen,

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Tom Hanson, City Engineer Boyd Davis, City Planner John Anderson, City Recorder Amy Jensen,

VISITORS PRESENT: Davis County Commissioners Louenda Downs, JP Petroff, and Brett Millburn

EXCUSED: Councilmen Jerry Chatterton and Andy Dawson, and City Manager Gary Hill

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Firework Donation Display

Mr. Chatterton was unable to attend Council meeting, so this item will be rescheduled.

2. Discussion with Davis County Commissioners

Mayor Craythorne welcomed the Commissioners to the meeting. He mentioned that Councilman Dawson was out of town and Councilman Chatterton was at the hospital with his wife. Also, City Manager Gary Hill was home with his wife taking care of their new baby boy. Mayor Craythorne asked the Commissioners to start the conversation however they would like.

Commissioner Petroff said each commissioner have a different area of responsibility. In his area the County sold 21.6 million dollars worth of bonds to build a new library and an administration building just today. They were sold at 3%. He said the County is really excited about this construction. If the growth of the County stays at the same rate, which is expected, these buildings will be highly needed. Commissioner Petroff said the County has also been working on many flood projects which fortunately have been completed under budget. In West Point a line was buried along 200 S last year from 2000 W to 3000 W in hopes of keeping water from flooding homes. A storm drain is going out for bid that will be installed from 300 N to 200 S.

Mr. Hanson said UDOT, the County, and the City had just finished a project on 4500 W for a storm drain.

Commissioner Petroff also added that homeowners insurance will go down where these projects have increased flood protection.

Commissioner Brett Millburn is pleased the County has stayed conservative through the years with its budget.

Commissioner Millburn works with the health department as well, and he says the flu shot this year is ready and it has the H1N1 vaccine with it this year. The Midtown Health Clinic will be open and housed in the County Health building. This will aid low income patients.

Mr. Gary Petersen asked if the physicians are volunteers in that facility.

Commissioner Millburn said they are paid with county funding.

Commissioner Downs said Mayor Hiatt from Kaysville City called her last night to say that an Ordinance is prepared and will hopefully be adopted tonight at their Council meeting that will ban the spice drug that is being sold in local stores.

Commissioner Petroff said the city of Clinton had the same item on their agenda.

Commissioner Millburn said he hopes to see the issue in the upcoming legislation session as well. He feels there are many other things going on with the legislature, and he wants to be proactive with this.

Commissioner Petroff said a county cannot pass an Ordinance that overrules a City Policy. When Weber County passed the Ordinance it did not apply to the cities. He feels when the Health Department passes the Ordinance banning the spice drug it will have a greater effect and be enforceable.

Commissioner Downs said she has the area of economic development. She is trying to coordinate with partners in each city over economic development to discuss issues. She feels the County has had a 360 degree turnaround in the last few years with this partnership in knowledge of the land use plans. The trails are being better built and maintained. She then asked the Councilmen if they had any issues within the City that spill over into the County.

Mayor Craythorne said he feels State Highway 193 is of huge interest for West Point right now. He feels the County and State have supported the City well with its recent developments. He added that West Point development is at an all time low. Building is really slow because of the economy being down. He feels West Point has been lucky because big developments did not come in and are now sitting empty like in other Cities. And the other thing that West Point has not been caught up in is bank owned property because owners have lost the loan. Mayor Craythorne said he recently talked with Mr. Gary Wright who owns hundreds of acres of commercial land in West Point. He said he is more focused now on residential property and looking at land in and around Salt Lake City. The price is low in that area right now.

Mr. Gary Petersen said West Point feels like a little bedroom community, but our liability is in bringing jobs back to this area. There is still hope that a light industrial mixed with commercial and residential area will be built here in the near future.

Mayor Craythorne added that SR 193 is important for that reason; to bring traffic here where jobs will exist. He has seen research when a road is built, the businesses follow.

Mr. Petersen said this type of development creates a renewable community. The businesses will generate jobs that will last for years and years. Then the houses are well cared for because people stay in one place. On another subject, Mr. Petersen said when he attended a Utah Transit Authority meeting, he felt residents did not have a lot of forward thinking and he was surprised. He asked the commissioners to forward his comment to the appropriate person. People need to think about how residents will get around with new development. He also thanked the Commissioners for their time spent on infrastructure in the County, specifically the canal, the storm drains, etc.

Commissioner Petroff said when he was the Mayor of West Point he felt like the City had the best Public Works crew around as far as ability and dedication. He now knows the County also has a Public Works department just as fine.

Comm. Downs said when they go to meet with cities there are citizens who have questions about the County. She wondered if anyone in the audience had a question. She then agreed with what the Council has mentioned about discussing development with neighboring cities and also the County, and discussing the always increasing traffic that will come.

Mr. Kent Henderson said if a large company looks at building here, but they can't get their supplies in and out because of a shortage of roads, they will go somewhere else. He also wondered if when 1800 N and the West Davis Corridor are connected if the City can sell the liabilities and benefits to companies that might come in. He asked the commissioners if they knew of any groups that could assist West Point.

Comm. Downs said the Davis County Economic Office could be of some help. They could hold a meeting with the Council.

Mayor Craythorne said at the last few Council of Government meetings he has attended issues within the County have been brought up. He wondered how the situation is with more and more homeless people in the County. He also mentioned how much the visit to the Bountiful Food Bank educated him on their services and how many residents are in need.

Comm. Downs said the man who was managing the food bank became so frustrated with the lack of funding that he has resigned. There is another individual in his place, but the whole system of helping the needy is short on funds.

Comm. Petroff said another donation funded program had to close due to lack of funds.

Comm. Millburn said that even well established programs like Safe Harbor that help from everything to providing food, shelter and counseling are struggling.

Mayor Craythorne said the Council of Governments discussed the need for Cities to relook at their General Plans and see if they can find a spot for low income housing. Our Council will look into the West Point area.

Mr. Petersen asked the Commissioners what the contact information would be if a high school student wanted to volunteer for the County.

Comm. Downs said the Bountiful Food Banks needs volunteers 3 nights a week to hand out food. Patricia Green is the person to call there. She mentioned Eagle Scout projects can be geared towards helping the low income.

Comm. Petroff said after food is donated it needs to be sorted, so that would be a good service project.

Comm. Downs said the Family Connection Center needs help with the nursery they maintain.

Comm. Millburn said the City, and especially the Council and Staff, could run a campaign for the United Way. All the funds collected for them goes back into the community.

Comm. Petroff mentioned that there have been 4 capitol murder cases in Davis County this year. He wanted everyone to realize how much money it costs to take a person to trial. He said it is very stressful on the prosecutor also. He feels Davis County has a very capable attorney and staff of 12. Last year they took care of 6,722 cases of varying crimes.

Comm. Millburn said on the other hand, the County has to supply an attorney for those people who cannot afford one either, so that department stays very busy.

3. 4500 W Storm Water Agreement with UDOT
This item will be discussed in the General Session.

GENERAL SESSION

Visitors: Mylee Davis, D Whatcott, Kaleb Copenhagen, Amanda Byrne, Billy B, Dakota Child, Lexus Monroe, Brennan Leavitt, Tiffany Knighton, Blake Dycus, Mason Martinez, April Basinger, Wade Rasmussen, Austin Rud, Isaac Adams, Angela Underwood, Ryan Lundell, Jake Wiberg, Dilan Oliver, Cody West Danielle Wunderlich, Logan Whetzel, Sydnie Morse, Zachary B, Jocelyn Macfarkane, Alex Fullmer, Mal Robinson, Brannon Beddes, Catima Allred, Bryce Allen, Joe Homer, Mike Payne, Karissa Bingham, Daylyn Johnston, Chantel Dominguez, Tyler Larsen, Roma Ballesteros, Adam Edwards, Caleb Davidson, James Hansen, Jessica Stoddard, Jake Eltzroth, Brandi Cordon, Andrew Hancock, Zach Thurgood, and Jaden Shelley.

Excused: Councilmen Andy Dawson and Jerry Chatterton, and City Manager Gary Hill

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE: Repeated by all
3. PRAYER: Mr. Gary Petersen
4. COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCLOSURES FROM CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR
Mr. Kent Henderson had no comments.

Mr. Gary Petersen said he serves on the North Davis Fire District board, and they are considering investigating whether the North Davis Fire District should participate in paramedic service. There will be a meeting to discuss this issue.

Mr. Roger Woodward said there was a meeting last week with the ERPT committee. He was out of town and unable to attend, so he asked Mr. Tom Hanson to report on it.

Mr. Tom Hanson said the most important thing discussed was Mr. Eric Breagger's new position as the EPRT director.

Mayor Craythorne said the Davis County Commissioners were here in the previous meeting and they discussed opportunities in the County for service, especially to those residents in need of food and shelter. He mentioned that anyone can volunteer at the food pantry or the Family Connection Center. He advised those interested call Mr. Tom Hanson at City Hall. He also reminded everyone of the Fire Department Open House tomorrow night next door at the fire station.

Mr. Petersen added that the Life Flight helicopter will be there.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

There were no comments.

6. CITIZEN COMMENT

Mr. Isaac Adams said he is concerned about the deer that live in West Point. He does not want them hunted.

Mayor Craythorne responded by saying he hopes residents will remember the regulations in the City about no hunting.

7. YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

This was postponed until the next meeting.

8. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 10-05-2010 APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEST POINT CITY, THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DAVIS COUNTY REGARDING THE 4500 W STORM WATER AGREEMENT

Mr. Tom Hanson said the storm drain on 4500 W had at least 4-6 different types and sizes, making it very difficult to repair and maintain. Also the requirement was a 24 inch line. The County and the State met with West Point staff to discuss the situation, and they decided to upgrade the whole system. The County will provide the track hoe and operators; the State is paying for the entire pipe and fill material plus the bedding material with employees to help. The City created boxes and helped install the pipe, and once it is brought up to standard, West Point will maintain it. UDOT will still be involved with the water runoff from the road. He feels it has ended up very well. The Resolution tonight is the agreement stating who will maintain what exactly.

Mr. Roger Woodward made the motion to accept Resolution 10-05-2010 approving an Interlocal Agreement between West Point City, UDOT, and Davis County regarding the 4500 W storm water and drain.

Mr. Kent Henderson seconded it.

All voted aye.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Petersen made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Woodward seconded it.

All voted aye.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. Woodward made the motion to adjourn at 7:17 pm.

Mr. Henderson seconded it.




ERIK CRAYTHORNE,
MAYOR


AMY JENSEN,
CITY RECORDER

