



ROOSEVELT *Utah*

MINUTES
February 15, 2022

1. Call to Order

Mayor, JR Bird called the February 15, 2022, meeting of the Roosevelt City Council to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Councilmen Don Busenbark, Dustin White, David Baird, Rowdy Cloward, Cody Aland and Mayor JR Bird were present.

Others in attendance included, Rhonda Goodrich, Kirby Wolfinger, Lee Rockwood, Aaron Brown, Josh Bake, Taylor Ruff, Dustin Glines, Keesha Glines, Sunshine Bellon, Allan Tucker, Mark Watkins, Dee Cairoli, Brenda Cairoli, Jeff Baker, Hal Huff, and Stacie Baird.

3. Minutes

Councilman Busenbark motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting pending the grammatical correction on Item 8 to “why” instead of “whey” and the addition of Councilman White, who was not listed on attendance. This motion was seconded by Councilman Baird and passed unanimously.

4. Prayer offered by: Chaplin Dee Cairoli

5. Public Comment Period:

There were no comments from the public during this meeting.

6. Items

a. Swearing-In

Roosevelt City Police Chief, Mark Watkins spoke to council regarding his appointment of a Chaplin for the police department saying, “it is the first position of its kind in the Uinta Basin.” A Chaplin offers council and provides service, fosters officer wellbeing and serves as a peacemaker in times of crisis. Chaplins also increase the likelihood that officers and community will seek out help. After the statement from Chief Watkins, Dee Cairoli was sworn in by City Recorder, Rhonda Goodrich. Following the ceremony Mayor Bird made said, “We couldn’t have picked a better man for the job, I think the whole community would agree. We love you Dean.”

b. K9 Surplus

Chief Watkins requested motion to surplus K9 “Lucy” to her handler since she was being retired. The motion

was made by Councilman Baird and seconded by Councilman Busenbark. The motion passed unanimously, and Chief Watkins purchased K9 Lucy for \$1.00 on behalf of her handler.

c. Employee of the Month

Dustin Glines, Parks and Recreation Supervisor was nominated for February's Employee of the Month. Mr. Glines was nominated by a member of the public with the following comment, "he is dedicated to making the parks a great place to congregate for the community to spend their time." Mr. Glines was presented with his award and was thanked and congratulated by the Mayor, Committee, and City staff who were in attendance for his hard work and dedication.

d. End of Year Fire Report

Roosevelt Fire Chief, Lee Rockwood presented the fire statistics for 2021. He highlighted statistics such as the quick response time of the volunteer department, explaining that City fire fighters get a call, get to the station, change and get to the fire in an average of 9-minutes inside city limits. Chief Rockwood also noted a 7% increase in fires in Duchesne County, which lead to 105% increase in Roosevelt Fire Department total man hours spent responding in Duchesne County. He explained that this is helpful information when it comes time to renew our contract with the County. Mayor Bird asked about the number of wildland fires and Chief Rockwood responded that the Roosevelt Fire Department responded to 46, which is a drop from 2020 despite the dry spell. In closing Chief Rockwood thanked council saying "we are slowly getting in our new PPE and we appreciate the support".

e. Golf course update

Aaron Brown, Head Golf Professional at the Roosevelt City Golf Course presented an update on the 2021 season. Mr. Brown stated, "this year is one of the best on record. From 2020 to 2021 every category is up. We're proud of that. It took a lot of hard work from the staff." Mr. Brown also explained that last year's tournament numbers were down due to covid, but still generated \$175,000 for our community. The children's tournament last year was a big success and brought 300 people to town. Tournaments are rebooking now and the golf course is receiving requests for new tournaments as well. The golf course is trying to accommodate tournaments without taking up too much of the public's peak time. Mayor referenced cart issues and suggested that would be coming before council soon. Children's tournament last year was a big success and brought 300 people to town.

f. 2022 Street Reconstruction Project

Jeff Baker, Project Engineer at Jones and DeMille Engineering provided Council with an update on the 2022 Street Reconstruction project. Mr. Baker said that they would be adding secondary lines to project. Mr. Baker also informed Council that there were five prime bidders right now and that the bid opening has moved to march 8th at the Jones and DeMille office.

g. IEC Contract

City Manager, Josh Bake presented an updated IEC contract to Council. IEC was anticipating starting January 1, 2022 but had already begun working prior to that date that was listed in the original contract. Mr. Bake reminded Council that they had already approved this contract and added that the proposed changes would move the start date to January 1, 2022 which would mean that the City would essentially be getting

more work for free. Councilman Busenbark requested regular updates from IEC be presented at City Council. Mr. Bake responded that those updates are already a part of the plan. Councilman Busenbark then motioned to approve the IEC contracts and was seconded by Councilman Baird. The motion passed unanimously, and the updated contract was approved.

h. Bird Scooter MOU

City Manager, Josh Bake presented a copy of the MOU that had been given to Vernal City by Bird Scooter. Mr. Bake explained key components of the MOU such as, the City would have the ability to control some of the aspects of how the scooters are managed. For example, the City can dictate hours of operation and use geofencing to prohibit the use of scooters at crowded events such as UBIC. In exchange the MOU stipulates that the City agrees to not put any additional regulations on the use of the scooters, outside of the requirements that already exist for bicycles. Councilman Baird asked about how individuals go about using the scooter- do they have to apply for a license from the company? Mr. Bake explained individuals have to verify a lot of things including that they are 18, as well as accept liability for damage. Mr. Bake added that the MOU contains indemnity for the City for any vandalism or damage Bird Scooter property may incur. Chief Watkins was asked for his opinion on the matter and stated that he was, "concerned about crosswalk safety but thinks that overall, it's a good idea for the City. Just like anything else, this will open up something, but all in all it's a good idea." Councilman Busenbark asked if there was a way for police to keep track so that we are know if there are an increase of problems such as traffic incidents due to the scooters. Chief Watkins responded that with the new reporting system the Police Department recently got, it should not be difficult to generate numbers showing if there are issues with the scooters. After further discussion about the pros and cons of the scooters, Mr. Bake told council, "at this time we cannot prohibit their business, we are determining approval for the MOU so that we can partner with them for the benefit of the City." Chief Watkins then voiced his approval saying, "we definitely want the MOU." City Attorney, Grant Charles added "an MOU and a contract are not the same thing. This is not strong on all of the elements of a contract, but it gives us a strong idea of what they are doing. Councilman Baird then made a motion to approve signing of the MOU with Bird Scooters and was seconded by Councilman Cloward. The motion passed unanimously, and signing of the MOU was approved.

i. CIB Project list update

City Manger, Josh Bake asked City Council to review the CIB project list for the City. Mr. Bake informed Council that CIB will only be keeping a 1-year project list, rather than a 2-year list. Roosevelt City will still maintain a 2- year list for our reference. The deadline for submitting our list to CIB is in March. Mr. Bake recommended to council that they keep the same 7 projects currently on the list, but reprioritize them based on the upcoming needs of the City. Mr. Bake also reminded Council that outside of emergencies, projects need to be on the CIB list, otherwise they will not get funded. He added that, conversations that have taken place with commissioners suggested that now would be a great time to apply for funding for the ball field, especially since we have plenty of funds to match and strong community support. Councilman Busenbark questioned the construction project and wanted to know if it included secondary water on North Crescent. Public Works director, Kirby Wolfinger responded that the project is combination of North Crescent and transite lines that need to be replaced. Mayor Bird then shared his perspective saying, "I don't feel like Roosevelt City should be investing that amount of infrastructure for people who aren't in the City." Mr.

Wolfinger responded that he has encouraged Jones and DeMille to look into other funding for this very reason. Mayor Bird then suggested that it would be beneficial to bring this project to the county council meeting since the primary benefit will be to the county. Councilman Busenbark then suggested dropping the priority of this water project down to 6 or 7 on the list. After further discussion, Mr. Wolfinger told Council that about 60% of the water project was repairing City transite lines and that he was concerned about delaying work that was needed in an attempt to not spend money on the county. city. Kirby agrees, look first in town for infrastructure lines, are these two projects tied together? Doesn't want to keep necessary updates from happening in the City in an attempt to not spend it in the county. The Council then moved on to discuss other list items, specifically funding for the ball field. Councilman Cloward spoke to the community benefits of improving City ball fields. Councilman Cloward stated that rural tournaments are growing. 3 are happening here this year and if we increase the fields, we could host bigger tournaments. Around the state, tournaments bring in upwards of 300-400 people. A lot of small towns have 4 or 5 lined up between July and August, which means lots of revenue for the City. In Roosevelt we average 400 boys baseball and 400 girls softball participants each year. That means roughly 800 kids here are being pushed on to 5 or 6 fields, in addition to the 11 girls travel teams this summer alone. Councilman Cloward continued his support for the ball fields adding that the project would beautify the city and improve the quality of life for people for the residents. Councilman Busenbark motioned to approve the CIB list as presented, rescinding his concerns about the water project and was seconded by Councilman Aland. The motion passed unanimously and the project list was approved.

~~j. Mid-east Equipment Auctions Consignment Agreement~~

Stricken from agenda

7. Items for Future Discussion

i. Council Meeting Accessibility

Deputy Recorder/ PIO, Sunshine Bellon addressed council and inquired about the Councils position on improving the audio and video technology in chambers, as well as creating a plan for ADA compliance. Council responded that they were open to having a bid for improvements presented to them at a future meeting.

8. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given at this meeting.

9. OPMA Training

All present Councilmen participated in the OPMA training session and signed an affidavit of training after the meeting adjourned.

10. Adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Councilman Busenbark motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Councilman Baird. The motion passed unanimously and the February 15, 2022, meeting of the Roosevelt City Council was adjourned.