

CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
January 08, 2002

The Cache County Council met in a regular session on 08 January 2002 in the Cache County Council Chamber at 120 North 100 West, Logan, Utah.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman: C. Larry Anhder
Vice Chairman: Layne M. Beck
Council Members: Darrel L. Gibbons, John Hansen, H. Craig Petersen, Kathy Robison.
Council Member: Cory Yeates - *excused*
County Executive: M. Lynn Lemon
County Clerk: Jill N. Zollinger

The following individuals were also in attendance: Randy Auman, Terri Duncombe, Lorene Greenhalgh, Erin Griffeth, Greg Griffeth, Chief Richard Hendricks, Robert Johnson, Brian Locke, Zan Longstroth, Mrs. Longstroth, Sheriff Lynn Nelson, Dave Nielsen, Evelyn Palmer, Marcene Parker, Pat Parker, Richard Salvesen, Jim Smith, Mike Stauffer, Von Williamson, Attorney Scott Wyatt, Jennie Christensen (KVNU)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Anhder called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was offered by Darrel Gibbons.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Item 6c - Fire Chief Recognition was removed from the agenda.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 11, 2001 were discussed, corrected and approved.

EMPLOYEE LEAVE POLICY: Page 4 (12/11/01 meeting)

Council member Gibbons moved to revise the minutes of 12/11/01 to reflect that the change in the Employee Leave Policy will be effective Jan 1, 2002. Council-member Hansen seconded the motion. The vote was 5-1. (Petersen voted "No") (Yeates absent)

REPORT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE:

County Executive Lemon reported on the following items:

Appointments: **Curtis Dent** - County Planning Commission

Council member Gibbons moved to approve the appointment of Curtis Dent to the County Planning Commission. Council member Beck seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0. (Yeates absent)

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Warrants: The Warrants for the period of 12/01/01 to 12/06/01, 12/10/01 to 12/14/01, 12/17/01, 12/18/01 to 12/20/01, 12/21/01 to 12/27/01, 12/28/01, 01/03/02 were given to the Clerk for filing.

Other Items:

1. Cloud Seeding Report for December: A Copy was given to the Council members.
2. Joint Meeting: Russ Akina asked the Executive if the County Council would be open to a joint meeting with the Logan City Council on the 5th Tuesday of January to talk about the Zap Tax.

The Council agreed that a meeting would be set up for this purpose on Tuesday, January 29, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. in the Logan City Council Chambers.

3. RS2477 ROADS: All information on the first 20 roads has been given to the State. A copy of additional roads was provided to the Council that were recommended by the Surveyor to be added to the RS2477 road list. There will be a map available at the next Council meeting for Council member input.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:

Executive Lemon recognized the following County employees for dedicated service to the citizens of the County:

Terri Duncombe - 15 years of service
Brian Locke - 15 years of service

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: ERIN GRIFFETH

Jim Smith introduced Erin Griffeth to the Council: Erin became an employee of Cache County in January of 2001. Her positive fun-loving personality has made an immediate impact on employees within the jail as well as with other County Offices. She was hired to perform the booking functions of the County Jail. This entails taking new and previous inmates through the booking process including updating pictures, issuing phone calls, accepting moneys for bail and commissary use, and answering questions of the general public. Erin also acts as a Court Liaison for the Jail and prepares inmate paperwork for Court appearances. She updates inmate files as their status changes in the Courts. Erin assists with inmate transfers to other jail facilities for housing purposes. This includes deciding who to send, where to send them, and compiling all the necessary inmate transfer paperwork. On occasion Erin can be found in the control room when needed overseeing the movement of inmates and staff. From time to time she also works with the U.S. Immigration Office regarding the legal status of some inmates. She graduated from USU in December of 2000 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

Executive Lemon, Sheriff Lynn Nelson and Lt. Williamson presented Ms. Griffeth with the Employee of the Month Award.

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BEAR RIVER MENTAL HEALTH 2001 AUDIT REPORT - ROB JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson presented the council with a copy of the annual audit of the Bear River Mental Health department. Mr. Johnson pointed out that it is a requirement for the members of the local mental health authority to annually certify receipt and review the independent audit. This assures compliance with statutory mandates. Mr. Johnson then outlined the audit for the Council.

(See Attachment No. 1)

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

There were no budget transfers.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, APPEALS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MATTERS:

PUBLIC HEARING SET: AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION AREA - SELMAN

Marion M. And Irma H. Selman is requesting that the County approve a parcel of their farm ground as an agricultural protection area. A public hearing is part of the process to establish an agricultural protection area.

Council member Petersen moved to set the Public Hearing on January 22, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. Robison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0. (Yeates absent.)

PENDING ACTION:

PLANNING COMMISSION COMPOSITION: DISCUSSION

Chairman Anhder requested a postponement of the discussion regarding the composition of the County Planning Commission due to the fact that Council member Yeates would like to be involved in the discussion.

Discussion was postponed.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UPDATE : CRAIG PETERSEN

Council member Petersen reported that the Committee had met this morning with Cartwright Engineering who has been employed to do a seismic analysis on the historic Courthouse building. They didn't find anything unanticipated. The building is in good shape but will require a fairly substantial seismic upgrade. The approach proposed and agreed upon was to take reinforced concrete and apply it to the inner walls and then brace, the inner walls. For the protection it would afford, it was the most cost effective way of doing it. Cartwright Engineering will meet with the Building Committee next week with cost estimates for the upgrade.

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The Building Committee also discussed preparing documents for bidding, both for the construction of the building and also for financing.

UPDATE - CACHE COUNTY JAIL: SHERIFF LYNN NELSON

The Jail Committee met last week and will be meeting again this Thursday, January 10, 2002. They discussed a new location for the Jail which would be located in the buffer zone, by the Landfill at 1400 West.

Lt. Von Williamson invited the Council members to a tour of the Idaho Falls jail facility on Friday, January 11, 2002. The group will be leaving at 10:00 a.m.

Sheriff Nelson said they had been working intently on looking at the staffing issue and also the video arraignment process. In Weber County they do about 60% of their arraignments through video arraignment. It is an established practice throughout the Country.

INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION OF ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-01 - A resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute a grant known as "Planning Advance PO31" in the amount of \$117,000.00 with the Utah Water Quality Board, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality.

Council member Gibbons moved to waive the rules and approve Resolution No. 2002-01. Beck seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0. (Yeates absent)

(See Attachment No. 2)

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-02: A resolution declaring the intent of Cache County to arrange for short-term financing to accommodate the anticipated operating capital deficits by the issuance of tax and revenue anticipation notes as a participant in the Utah Association of Counties combined cash flow borrowing program, and related matters.

Council member Beck moved to waive the rules and adopt Resolution 2002-02. Robison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0 (Yeates absent).

(See attachment No. 3)

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY DISCUSSION :

Executive Lemon told the Council that in December He and Mayor Thompson met with the National Guard to discuss a way to fund an Armory building at a new location. Mayor Thompson and Executive Lemon thought that this would be cost prohibitive for both the City and the County to fund a new Armory building. The National Guard came back to us and proposed putting \$532,000.00 into finding land in close proximity to their current facility for a maintenance facility. This facility would probably cost from \$800,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 and they would be willing to put their money into it. They would then ask the County and the City to come up with the difference. In exchange for that they would sell the land they have at Willow Park to the City and County. They would keep their current facility at Willow Park and they would develop a maintenance facility at this new location.

Chairman Anhder wanted to clarify this idea and suggested this item be discussed at the joint City/County meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: REQUEST TO RE-ZONE OF 24.4 ACRES FROM FR40 TO AGRICULTURAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING - PROPOSED BY ZAN LONGSTROTH:

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Anhder opened the public hearing and asked for comments from the audience.

Lorene Greenhalgh: The Planning Commission reviewed this request in October. This property actually borders Mendon City boundaries. We have a letter from Mendon City saying that they have no desire to annex this property at this time. The City has no objection to this re-zone. Most property is in the water-protection zone for their culinary water because of springs and can't be developed in any way. but the 4-acres that they plan to build the home on is in an area where they can develop and put a septic tank in. A road release from Joe Kirby states that it is a 3rd-priority road and that the pavement ends at the entrance to this property. There should be no problem. Therefore, the Planning Commission recommends that you re-zone this property so the family can construct a single family dwelling.

(See Attachment No. 4)

Chairman Anhder requested other public comments and no comments were made.

Council member Petersen moved to close the Public Hearing. Vice Chairman Beck seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, 6-0. (Yeates absent)

The Council members made it known that they were in favor of this rezone. This item will be placed on a future agenda in the form of an Ordinance for Council approval.

911 RATE INCREASE REQUEST: RANDY AUMAN

RANDY AUMAN introduced himself as the Lieutenant for 911 Communications and Chief Hendricks, who also came forward. Mr. Auman explained that they are requesting a rate increase of \$1.00 per household per month for every business and residence in the County. This figure would bring an additional \$330,000.00 per year to the Dispatch Center. The Center is falling \$30,000.00 short each year. The cost of services has gone up and the traffic of 911 calls are increasing. The Center is run on a deficit as noted and this increase of \$1.00 would mean that the Center could operate and put aside \$100,000.00 in a reserve fund until possibly the year 2010 without another increase.

Council member Petersen suggested that the Council examine the 911 Centers budget before making a decision on an increase. All Council members agreed.

CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION:

The Council decided that at this point in time that a Consent Calendar was not necessary.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

The Council discussed their different Committee assignments. There were no changes made to their current Committee assignments. Council member Robison stated that there was a request from the Planning and Zoning Board to have a Liaison from the Council on their board. This would not be a voting position. The Planning and Zoning Board meets on the 1st Monday of the month. Executive Lemon suggested discussing the Liaison issue when the Council discusses the make up of the Planning and Zoning board.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council member Beck informed the Council on the schedule of events at the George S. Eccles Ice Center and invited them to attend the dedication of the center and other events in connection with the Olympics.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Anhder adjourned the Council meeting at 7:05 p.m..

ATTEST: Jill N. Zollinger
County Clerk

APPROVAL: C. Larry Anhder
Chairman