

CLEARFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M. WORK SESSION
December 13, 2011

PRESIDING:	Don Wood	Mayor
PRESENT:	Marilyn Fryer	Councilmember
	Kathryn Murray	Councilmember
	Mark Shepherd	Councilmember
	Doyle Sprague	Councilmember
	Bruce Young	Councilmember
STAFF PRESENT:	Adam Lenhard	City Manager
	Brian Brower	City Attorney
	JJ Allen	Assistant City Manager
	Greg Krusi	Police Chief
	Scott Hodge	Public Works Director
	Valerie Claussen	Development Services Manager
	Eric Howes	Community Services Director
	Bob Wylie	Administrative Services Director
	Steve Guy	City Treasurer
	Nancy Dean	City Recorder
	Kim Read	Deputy City Recorder

VISITORS: Mike LeBaron – Councilmember Elect, Kent Bush – Councilmember Elect

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON AN EASEMENT WITH ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Scott Hodge, Public Works Director, distributed a copy of a map reflecting Rocky Mountain Power's Clearfield substation located on 1000 West in conjunction with the proposed easement. He informed the Council that Rocky Mountain Power determined a need to expand the current substation to meet future power needs to the west. He pointed out the highlighted property on the map illustrated the City's property in which the easement was requested and explained Rocky Mountain Power's desired power corridor.

Councilmember Murray inquired if Rocky Mountain desired to purchase the property. Mr. Hodge clarified they would only be purchasing the easement, granting them permission to place power poles on the City's property.

Mayor Wood requested clarification regarding the proposed alignment specific to the SR 193 extension. Adam Lenhard, City Manager, reported UDOT had granted Rocky Mountain Power an easement adjacent to the proposed sound wall approximately one year ago. Mr. Hodge pointed out the City required access to its storm drain retention pond on the property. A discussion took place specific to the easement and its impact to the City. Mr. Hodge emphasized

the only reason for the City to retain ownership of the property was because of the storm drain retention pond. Mayor Wood asked who would be responsible to maintain the easement property. Mr. Hodge responded it would remain the City's responsibility.

Mayor Wood inquired where the power lines would cross 1000 West. Mr. Hodge stated the power lines would cross 1000 West at the substation and continue along the west side until reaching 200 South where they would head west in the UDOT easement in conjunction with the SR 193 extension. Mr. Hodge added the proposed route along 1000 West would involve Rocky Mountain acquiring the easement from individual property owners. Mayor Wood expressed concern as to why the existing power corridor couldn't be used as opposed to following 1000 West to 200 South and pointed out that would prohibit any possible future development on 1000 West. Mr. Lenhard commented the City had previously expressed that same concern.

Brian Brower, City Attorney, explained that if the Council had concerns prior to approval of the easement, the City could request a Rocky Mountain Power representative come to a work session for the purpose of answering questions. Mayor Wood expressed confusion as to why a new corridor couldn't be established going directly west from the substation. Mr. Hodge responded he hadn't been involved with Rocky Mountain's decision process in deciding to follow 1000 West to 200 South after crossing 1000 West.

Mayor Wood believed the existing power corridor complicated the development of the Park Village subdivision. Mr. Lenhard clarified the proposed corridor would be in the right-of-way on the north side of the SR 193 extension and reported the City had originally objected to that approximately one year ago. Mayor Wood stated he would like to obtain a better understanding of Rocky Mountain Power's decision making process. The Council expressed agreement and it was determined to table the agenda item during the policy session. Mr. Hodge stated it had been Rocky Mountain Power's desire to have the easement completed by the end of 2011.

DISCUSSION ON FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

Adam Lenhard, City Manager, stated a suggestion had been made to expand the City's Fourth of July celebration to incorporate a wing festival. He continued the purpose of the discussion was to receive direction from the Council. He indicated an eating establishment was located within the City offering wings and discussions had taken place regarding a wing festival. Mr. Lenhard distributed a handout reflecting different websites which could be visited to further explain wing festivals. It also had some questions which could be considered by the Council to determine if this were something it would want to implement. He commented the food brought in for the meeting had been purchased from Doolie's Wings.

Mr. Lenhard further explained how other wing festival events took place whether it would be a competition or exhibit and briefly reviewed the questions on the handout. He suggested the Council determine what type of event would be best for the City. Councilmember Sprague

expressed concern that beer was usually available at these types of events. Mr. Lenhard responded beer was always available in conjunction with a wing festival and stated it would be necessary to include that with the event. He reviewed the different local restaurants which could participate.

Mr. Lenhard suggested the Council consider the costs to the City and determine how involved the City would want to be. He believed if the Council decided to sponsor/provide a wing festival event it would be appropriate to commit to doing it right the first time. He pointed out the significant impact the event could have on staff and the budget. He explained the City's current ordinance didn't allow alcohol in its parks which would need to be addressed if the venue were on City property. He pointed out other items which should be considered: special permits, electricity, health department regulations, inclement weather, parking and other entertainment.

Councilmember Shepherd explained how he became involved in suggesting a wing festival with the City. He reported the nearest wing festival event in the western United States took place in Reno, Nevada. He mentioned Layton City approached the restaurant expressing its interest in being involved with a wing festival. He stated wing festivals were very successful in other parts of the country and expressed his opinion a wing fest would be a huge opportunity for Clearfield. He indicated original discussions had the City being one of the sponsors as opposed to hosting the event and wondered if it would be more advantageous to being the host.

Councilmember Fryer inquired if Doolie's had been a vendor at the Fourth of July celebration. Mr. Shepherd responded the restaurant just completed its first year of business. Councilmember-Elect LeBaron explained how a "Doughman" event took place with physical activities combined with eating specific foods and suggested considering a similar event using the City's trail system and aquatic center in conjunction with the wing fest. He continued Lifetime Products might be interested in co-sponsoring that portion of the celebration. He believed this could be used to help offset some of the City's costs. Councilmember Shepherd expressed his opinion beer sales could fund the event. He expressed concern the City was missing an opportunity during the Fourth of July celebration during the day, from the time the parade ended and the fireworks began. Mr. Lenhard added most wing festivals took place between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Wood asked for input from the Council. Councilmember Sprague stated he would be in favor of the event. Councilmember Young commented he would be interested but would like to see some numbers. Mayor Wood expressed concern if there were enough time to plan something of this magnitude or whether it should be considered for next year. Mr. Lenhard commented there would be a significant amount of planning and agreed it might be worth sending someone to an actual event. Councilmember Fryer stated she wasn't against the idea and inquired if other types of food would be offered other than wings. Mr. Lenhard responded that was one of the issues the Council would have to determine. Councilmember Shepherd added the food options consisted of wings and side dishes which were generally served with wings in addition to

charging an admittance fee which allowed a designated number of wings. Councilmember Fryer indicated the City should consider the event.

Mr. Lenhard expressed concern there might not be sufficient time to properly plan this kind of an event between now and July. Councilmember Murray commented she personally didn't care for wings and if hosting the venue would require allowing beer to be available in a City park, she would be opposed to the wing festival. Councilmember Sprague asked Chief Krusi his thoughts on allowing beer at a venue which had the possibility of a significant number of people attending. Chief Krusi responded anytime alcohol was allowed at an event the need for police officers increased. He stated oftentimes individuals attending these kinds of events would arrive having already been drinking which potentially posed problems; however, he believed the City's police department could adequately provide enough security if the event were to take place.

Councilmember Young inquired what would be involved or created by changing the ordinance to allow for beer in a public park. Mr. Lenhard responded the ordinance allowed for the issuance of a special event beer permit. Brian Brower, City Attorney, expressed concern about changing an ordinance which would benefit the City's event and not allowing other events the same privilege. Councilmember Shepherd suggested the ordinance could be changed with specific restrictions which would not open it up to allowing alcohol in City parks. Mr. Brower responded the specific restrictions wouldn't eliminate other event organizers from requesting alcohol to be served.

Mayor Wood inquired if alcohol were served at Layton City's Taste of the Town event and, if not, how had the event been successful. He wondered if the success of a wing festival would be determined based on the availability of beer. Councilmember Shepherd commented that would be difficult to measure because beer was allowed at every other wing festival across the country and the two were synonymous. Mayor Wood believed the culture in Utah to be different than other parts of the country in regards to food and drink. Councilmember Shepherd couldn't speak to whether wings and beer go hand in hand in eating establishments in Utah. He suggested that would need to be determined as that would be the clientele attending a wing festival.

Mayor Wood inquired what other benefits could be recognized by having this event in Clearfield and pointed out people attending from outside the area would stay in a neighboring city because the City didn't have a hotel presence. Councilmember Shepherd expressed his opinion notoriety associated with the event could bring positive press coverage to the City.

Councilmember Young suggested further research be completed specific to organizers of Layton City's successful Taste of the Town, contacting other wing restaurants to determine interest in a local wing festival. A discussion took place regarding other destination events and their success and whether beer was available. Councilmember Shepherd stated it would be imperative to ask the vendors who would be participating whether eliminating beer from the event would be its demise.

Mayor Wood suggested the Council determine if its goal was to provide an event for the residents of the community or if it would be to bring people from the outside area to the City.

Councilmember Shepherd believed it would be well received from both the community and neighboring areas. He expressed confidence there was still time to plan a successful event if the City started now. Mayor Wood requested Councilmember Shepherd complete the research associated with the other events as the wing festival was his idea.

Councilmember Murray inquired if members of the Council were still comfortable with how the Council's parade float had been completed in the past. Members of the Council directed Councilmember Murray to continue planning and organizing the float.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED
This 24th day of January, 2012**

/s/Don Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Clearfield City Council meeting held Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder