

CLEARFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
6:00 P.M. WORK SESSION  
July 8, 2014

PRESIDING:	Mark Shepherd	Mayor
PRESENT:	Keri Benson	Councilmember
	Kent Bush	Councilmember
	Ron Jones	Councilmember
	Mike LeBaron	Councilmember
	Bruce Young	Councilmember
STAFF PRESENT:	Adam Lenhard	City Manager
	JJ Allen	Assistant City Manager
	Brian Brower	City Attorney
	Greg Krusi	Police Chief
	Scott Hodge	Public Works Director
	Eric Howes	Community Services Director
	Scott Hess	Development Services Manager
	Rich Knapp	Administrative Services Director
	Kim Dabb	Operations Manager
	Nancy Dean	City Recorder
	Kim Read	Deputy City Recorder

VISITORS: Kathryn Murray.

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON THE BID AWARD FOR THE 550 EAST ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Scott Hodge, Public Works Director, announced a bid opening for the 550 East Roadway Improvement Project had recently taken place. He reminded the Council that the City had been required to obtain signatures of residents on the Road Dedication Plat and indicated the City had all but one. He stated three bids were received from contractors and distributed a handout specific to the bids.

Mr. Hodge reviewed the information provided on the handout:

- The City had appropriated \$586,000 for the project
- The lowest bid was \$711,171
- Contingency and Engineering costs were approximately \$98,000
- Additional funding in the amount of \$223,171 was needed to complete the project

Mr. Hodge stated he had reviewed the submitted bids in depth and reported mobilization and landscaping costs were significantly higher when compared with the 450 West CDBG project which was a similar project. He pointed out the City was completing the bid process late in the

construction season and believed that was the reason only three bids were submitted. He explained contractors' schedules were probably full and if they were going to add another project they wanted to get paid well.

Mr. Hodge reviewed how the proposed project had been budgeted by using each of the Enterprise Funds and pointed out the shortfall for each fund if the project was to be completed at this time. He also mentioned another funding source would need to be identified if the project was to go forward. He also reviewed the projects listed on the bottom of the page which could be scaled back or in which a surplus could potentially be recognized.

He stated since the end of the construction season was nearing and given the fact the scope of the project would be no less than three months for completion, it would be his recommendation to not award the bid for the project at this time. He suggested staff be prepared to rebid the project early next year allowing time to recognize some additional funds to appropriate toward the project in addition to anticipating lower bids being submitted.

The Council expressed agreement with Mr. Hodge's recommendation.

#### DISCUSSION ON GOOGLE FIBER

Councilmember LeBaron informed the Council that there were portions of neighborhoods in the southern end of the City which had limited options when it came to Internet access. He stated Google Fiber might be a potential benefit to the City because it offered higher speeds and faster service.

He mentioned Google Fiber had a selection process used to determine which cities could offer their product and indicated it was a difficult process. He briefly shared some of those items taken into consideration during the selection process. He believed the product would outperform what currently existed in the area. He reported he had discussed the issue with Mayor Curtis from Provo City which had been selected as one of the first three cities in the nation to offer Google Fiber to its residents. He added it had been selected because Provo City had already incurred the expense of installing its own fiber network infrastructure.

He suggested the City's close proximity to Hill Air Force Base (HAFB) as well as the Freeport Center and the mixed use rail stop soon coming to the City would appeal to Google with respect for a case study. He reported Mayor Curtis had indicated Google Fiber had significantly benefitted all Provo City residents as competitors had reduced their prices and increased internet speeds. He stated he would like staff to commit time to further study the option of trying to bring Google to the table for discussions. He requested input from the Council.

Councilmember Young stated he would be interested to know what it would take on behalf of the City to discuss possibilities with Google. Councilmember LeBaron mentioned the first question to be answered for Google was whether there was a demand for the product and they requested each interested resident put up one dollar to be used to measure that demand. He expressed his opinion the City might be three or four years away from asking that from its residents.

Councilmember Benson inquired how the City would spread the word and believed many residents didn't read the information provided in the utility bill or newsletter. Councilmember LeBaron further explained the process and added much research would need to be completed and it would probably take three years before residents were asked to put up a dollar.

Councilmember LeBaron publicly declared he had a relative who worked for Google Fiber and emphasized whether the City proceeded one way or the other, he wouldn't directly benefit in any way.

Councilmember Bush inquired if there would be any benefit in inviting neighboring cities to participate as one large group. Councilmember LeBaron believed that might be an option.

Mayor Shepherd expressed concern relative to staff's time in attempting contact with Google. Adam Lenhard, City Manager, stated he had signed up the City as an interested entity and had provided necessary information. He indicated staff would definitely make every effort possible in moving forward with Google Fiber.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**  
**This 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014**

**/s/Mark R. Shepherd, 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, July 8, 2014.

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder