

CLEARFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. WORK SESSION
February 7, 2017

PRESIDING:	Kent Bush	Mayor Pro Tem
PRESENT:	Nike Peterson	Councilmember
	Vern Phipps	Councilmember
	Tim Roper	Councilmember
	Bruce Young	Councilmember
EXCUSED:	Mark Shepherd	Mayor
STAFF PRESENT:	Adam Lenhard	City Manager
	JJ Allen	Assistant City Manager
	Stuart Williams	City Attorney
	Scott Hodge	Public Works Director
	Spencer Brimley	Development Services Manager
	Greg Krusi	Police Chief
	Eric Howes	Community Services Director
	Summer Palmer	Administrative Services Director
	Trevor Cahoon	Communications Coordinator
	Nancy Dean	City Recorder
	Kim Read	Deputy City Recorder

VISITORS: Kathryn Murray, David Greaves, Devin Prouty, David Nelson

Mayor Pro Tem Bush called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Adam Lenhard, City Manager, informed the Council that the City had received an updated animal control contract with Davis County for services. He explained the contract was based on three different areas with each one of those being assessed a prorated share of demand and costs.

He mentioned City staff reviewed those numbers and reported calls were down; however, the contract reflected an increase in officer initiated license follow-ups. He continued the City had approached the County and pointed out that wasn't a priority to staff and explained what those type of reports were. He clarified each time the officer initiated that action the report became a "billable call" to Clearfield City. He stated staff pointed out the City would much rather have stronger action placed on repeat violators, barking and nuisance dogs, etc.

He reported despite the number of calls decreasing for the year, costs increased across the board for all cities and stated the total increase over the previous year was \$7,112. He emphasized that increase was for three separate parts and reviewed those with the Council:

- The City's portion of the Capital Projects Fund which were directly related to much needed improvements at the shelter.
- Responding to wild nuisance animals calls was a small amount of the overall bill, approximately \$2,000.
- Total number of calls was the bulk of the increase which accounted for the requested calls for service from residents. .

He explained the justification for that increase was additional personnel required to provide better service to the participating municipalities. He reported the City didn't have a lot of options because it was still cheaper than what it would cost for the City to provide the services in-house. Mr. Lenhard expressed his confidence in Clint Thacker, Animal Control Director, in conjunction with the Davis County Auditor in prioritizing the costs associated with animal control. He reported staff would budget for the increase and recommended the Council approve the contract.

Councilmember Peterson asked about the ratio to split costs and Mr. Lenhard responded the participating cities combined were responsible for fifty percent of the shelter's costs and Clearfield's rate was barely over twelve percent. He added last year it was 12.75 percent and a discussion took place regarding the increase in costs compared to neighboring municipalities. Councilmember Peterson reminded the Council the last time the City was considering to allow chickens in residential areas the animal control officer suggested that could potentially result in an increase in calls for service.

Councilmember Bush inquired if fees had increased to residents whose animals were regularly picked up by officers and suggested an increase should be encumbered by those residents because they were the ones using the services and facility. Mr. Lenhard responded he wasn't aware of any such increase and added that argument had been presented by some other city managers as well. He continued the suggestion was that more focus should be placed on writing citations to repeat offenders and reconsidering the existing fee structure. Mr. Lenhard stated he would inform Mr. Thacker of the Council's feedback.

Councilmember Phipps requested clarification if the wild nuisance animal fees were proportionately determined amongst the participating entities. Mr. Lenhard responded that fee was proportionately based on the number of animal calls for Clearfield City and informed the Council that cost was about \$2,000.

INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR THE NORTH DAVIS FIRE DISTRICT (NDFD) CONTROL BOARD VACANCY

The Council interviewed Kathryn Murray, David Greaves, Devin Prouty and David Nelson to fill the vacancy on the North Davis Fire District Control Board.

DISCUSSION ON THE NORTH DAVIS FIRE DISTRICT APPOINTMENT

The Council discussed the qualifications of each individual and concluded to recommend appointing David Nelson to the Control Board.

Councilmember Peterson moved to adjourn as the City Council and reconvene as the CDRA at 6:49 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Phipps. All voting AYE.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

This 21st day of February, 2017

/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, February 7, 2017.

/s/Nancy R. Dean, City Recorder