

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

2 **January 22, 2013 6:00 p.m.**

3 **15 South Main, Providence UT**

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5 Call to Order: Mayor Liechty
6 Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Liechty
7 Pledge of Allegiance: Boy Scouts of America

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9 **Attendance:**

10 Mayor: Ronald Liechty
11 Council: Dale Astle, Bill Bagley, Don Calderwood, Ralph Call, John Russell

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13 **Approval of the Minutes**

14 **Item No. 1.** The Providence City Council will consider approval of the minutes from the December 11, 2012
15 City Council meetings.

16 **Motion to approve the minutes: R Call, second, D Calderwood**

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 - No corrections

18 **Vote:**

19 **Yea:** D Astle, D Calderwood, R Call, B Bagley, J Russell
20 **Nay:** None
21 **Abstained:** None
22 **Excused:** None

23 **Public Comments:** Citizens may appear before the City Council to express their views on issues within the
24 City's jurisdiction. Comments will be addressed to the Council. Remarks are limited to 3 minutes per
25 person. The total time allotted to public comment is 15 minutes The City Council may act on an item, if it
26 arose subsequent to the posting of this agenda and the City Council determines that an emergency exists.

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 - Kathleen Alder review potential businesses for Alder Square.
 - K Alder also reviewed the proposed activities for the Founder's Day; April 19, 20.
 - J Blau commented on the proposed City Building expansion and on the new bus loading zones on the East side of Providence Elementary School. Recommended placing a "Caution" sign in the road for drivers when kids are coming and going to school because of increased traffic.

32 **Mayor Pro-Tem:** The Providence City Council will select the mayor pro-tem for 2013.

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 - D Astle nominated D Calderwood as the Mayor Pro-tem.

34 **Motion: R Call, second – D Astle**

35 **Vote:**

36 **Yea:** D Astle, B Bagley, R Call, J Russell
37 **Nay:** None
38 **Abstained:** D Calderwood citing conflict of interest
39 **Excused:** None

40 **Business Items:**

41 **Item No. 1. Report:** Deon Johnson will report on the Cache Mosquito Abatement District.

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 - Item removed from agenda.

43 **Item No. 2. Discussion:** The Providence City Council will discuss the cost of a cemetery space, burial fees,
44 and capital projects for the cemetery.

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 - S Hansen led discussion on Cemetery business. He proposed updating the cost to purchase a grave site. Currently a grave space sells for \$150 for a Providence City resident and \$600 for a non-resident. Approximately 550 sites left for sale. Reviewed what is considered a resident versus a non-resident. It was suggested to increase opening/closing a grave to \$450/weekday and \$550/Saturday.
 - R Liechty - cost for grave site will be added as a Resolution for next City Council meeting.

52 **Item No. 3. Resolution 13-001:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution
53 amending the Providence City Cemetery Rules and Regulations handbook.

1 Motion: J Russell, second - R Call

2 Proposed changes:

- 3 • Page 3, Rules & Regulations, Item D addition - Shooting not allowed in cemetery except as part of
4 a military ceremony. This was added because there have been problems with someone shooting
5 the wooden markers.
- 6 • Page 4, Decoration of Graves, Item A. Floral Pieces – “and disposed of seven days following
7 Memorial Day” was added.
- 8 • Page 4, Decoration of Graves, Item C. Landscaping by Private Parties – “One shepherd’s crook
9 may be placed adjacent to the mow strip.” was added.
- 10 • Page 4, Decoration of Graves, Item D – “All markers shall be required to have a 4” minimum mow
11 strip flush to the ground.” 6” was struck and 4” was added.
- 12 • Page 7, Burials, Item C – “or any day the City is officially closed (such as the day after
13 Thanksgiving).” was added, also “The City only allows three burials per day.” was added.
- 14 • Page 7, Burials, Item D. Completion of Burial – “Violation of the completion of burial is
15 considered an infraction and is subject to penalty as provided for in Providence City Code 1-4-1.”
16 was added. This is actually in the Cemetery Ordinance book and was added to discourage patrons
17 from staying too late.
- 18 • Page 9, Duties and Powers of Sexton, Item A – “City Administrator” replaces “Public Works
19 Director”.
- 20 • Page 10, Headstone/Markers, Items 6 and 7 added. In Item 1, 6” shall be struck and 4” should
21 replace it.

22 Vote:

23 Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood, R Call, J Russell
24 Nay: None
25 Abstained: None
26 Excused: None
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28 **Item No. 4. Discussion:** The Providence City Council will discuss early payoff of the 2001 Series C Water
29 Revenue Bond. This will include discussion of capital projects for water, sewer, storm water, streets,
30 parks, etc.

- 31 • R Call is in favor of paying it off.
- 32 • D Astle has reconsidered his position. He has concerns about running the City’s surplus funds too
33 low by paying off the Revenue Bond. He would like to prioritize capital projects according to
34 funds and a needs-to-be-done basis in order to not run out of surplus funds. Prefers to postpone
35 final decision until priorities are decided on capital projects.
- 36 • B Bagley feels it would be prudent to delay full payment of Revenue Bond.
- 37 • D Calderwood also feels like priorities need to be analyzed and made before decisions are
38 finalized. It was mentioned that paying off the Revenue Bond would require borrowing money
39 from the sewer fund which has about \$1.6 million.
- 40 • D Calderwood felt like some sewer funds could be reallocated to the General Fund.
- 41 • S Bankhead mentioned that some water money was spent during the past year.
- 42 • J Russell mentioned that there are other issues that are more critical that need to be resolved
43 first. At this point he is against paying off the Revenue Bond.
- 44 • R Call feels that comparatively speaking, paying off \$1 million in the Revenue Bond is
45 insignificant. He feels it is wise to retire this debt.

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47 **Item No. 5. Resolution 13-003:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution
48 approving the purchase and/or upgrade of the accounting software program, a records management
49 program, and a wide format printer and scanner.

50 Motion: B Bagley, second – D Calderwood

- 51 • S Bankhead presented a comparison between the new program of Caselle and a new option,
52 Pelorus. Her personal preference is to change to Pelorus. She feels like Caselle has many down
53 sides and that purchasing a Caselle upgrade would be the same as purchasing a new program. As

1 far as accounting goes, Caselle has not been supportive in the past and Pelorus is set up to
2 support accounting concerns.

- 3 • Storage of documents is a concern. Currently we have no way of electronically receiving and
4 storing documents larger than 11x19 and we often have documents that are much larger than
5 11x19.
- 6 • Concerns expressed by R Liechty, B Bagley and D Astle as to how long Pelorus has been around
7 and if there are any concerns about the company's future solvency.
- 8 • R Call feels like it would be better to stay with the current operating system (Caselle) because
9 switching over to a new program could be more complicated than expected.
- 10 • Formal decision between Pelorus and Caselle will be made in the future.

11 Motion to approve upgrade: D Astle, second – D Calderwood

12 Motion passed

13 Vote:

14 Yea: R Liechty, D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood

15 Nay: J Russell, R Call

16 Abstained: None

17 Excused: None

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20 **Item No. 6. Resolution 13-002:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution
21 requesting the Cache County School District to reconsider their plans to move Providence Elementary to
22 the Spring Creek Middle School building and vacate the elementary school building located at 91 East
23 Center in Providence.

24 Motion: R Call, second – B Bagley

- 25 • R Liechty asked Cache County School District to reconsider closing Providence Elementary School.
26 He feels strongly that the school should not be closed. He felt like the School District was not
27 responsive to his request.
- 28 • D Astle felt like Providence and River Heights citizens were left out of the decision making
29 process regarding bussing South Cache Middle School students to North Cache County Schools.
30 He feels like it is short sighted to completely abandon a building that has had millions of dollars
31 pumped into it.
- 32 • S Eames – felt like there is still a conversation going on with Providence City and the School
33 Superintendent. She felt like there were plenty of citizens who will not vote to pass the bond.
- 34 • R Liechty feels as if the decisions have already been made, regardless of formal actions.
- 35 • D Calderwood had talked to a couple of citizens who were on opposing sides of the issue and
36 expressed concerns of each party. He feels like Milville has not done adequate preparation for
37 starting this project. He was also concerned about the proposed property being in a flood plane.
- 38 • D Astle had concerns about seismic upgrades.
- 39 • D Calderwood feels like as citizens, we need a definitive plan before bond elections.
- 40 • R Call expressed concerns about the school district asking for another \$100 million. With a
41 recently passed bond, property taxes and other concerns, he feels like there are better options.
42 He feels like current proposals are outrageous.
- 43 • D Calderwood feels like any resolution passed has little significance on what the School Board
44 will decide.
- 45 • R Liechty feels like we need to pass the Resolution tonight and perhaps that will make a
46 statement which will activate more citizen involvement by way of town meetings.
- 47 • J Russell proposed that the Council's decision be printed on local papers and perhaps that will
48 also generate citizen participation.
- 49 • Council feels like a decision by the School Board should not be made without a town meeting in
50 Providence where our schools/citizens are affected.

51 Vote:

52 Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood, R Call, J Russell

53 Nay: None

1 Abstained: None
2 Excused: None

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4 **Staff Reports:** Items presented by Providence City Staff will be presented as information only.

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7 no formal action will be taken. The City Council may act on an item, if it arose subsequent to the posting
8 of this agenda and the City Council determines that an emergency exists.

- 9 • R Eck petitioned Council to do a media blitz to ask citizens to run a drip of water to help keep
10 pipes from freezing. City has been responding to 3-5 calls a day for frozen pipes and it is hard to
11 stay on top of the issue.
- 12 • S Bankhead reports on sales tax revenue comparisons based on the last 4-5 years. New office
13 staff is doing well.
- 14 • D Astle asked about Justice Court costs and how they are running financially.
- 15 • S Bankhead stated we are running somewhat short on revenue versus expenses. We now
16 currently pay attorneys monthly for indigents. Court fees are going up, operating more like a full
17 service court, although we still don't handle anything more than Class B Misdemeanors.
- 18 • B Bagley – Soccer Registration coming in February.
- 19 • D Astle – no comment
- 20 • R Call – asked about further consideration of one City Council meeting a month schedule.
- 21 • D Astle, J Russell and D Calderwood felt like two meetings a month should continue.
- 22 • B Bagley questions if we should continue two a month if we are not having citizens show up at
23 the meetings.
- 24 • J Russell – no comment
- 25 • D Calderwood – no comment
- 26 • R Liechty –Setting a date for a meeting at Old Rock Church to consider future issues, goals and
27 agenda for the City Council for the year 2013.

28 Motion to adjourn: R Call, second – D Astle

29 Vote:

30 Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, R Call, D Calderwood, J Russell

31 Nay: None



32 Excused: None

33 Absent: None

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35 Meeting adjourned.

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37 Minutes taken and prepared by Caroline Craven

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43 Ronald S. Liechty, Mayor

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Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder