

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

2 **March 27, 2007**

3 **Providence City Office Building**

4 **15 South Main, Providence, UT 84332**

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7 Call to Order: Mayor Simmons  
8 Roll Call of City Council Members: Mayor Simmons  
9 Attendance of City Council Members: K Baker, S Gomm, D Johnson, T Rasmussen  
10 Excused: Ron Liechty  
11 Pledge of Allegiance: Providence 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Scouts, Troop 300  
12 Opening: Mayor Randy Simmons

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14 **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS;**

15 **Item No. 1. Proclamation. April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. Presentation given by**  
16 **James Swink.**

- 17 • James Swink, in behalf of the Child and Family Support Center, announced that April is Child Abuse  
18 Prevention Month. The Center is a non-private, non-profit organization whose mission is to strengthen  
19 families and protect children. The Center provides a 24-hour nursery, a 24-hour crisis hotline,  
20 parenting classes, re-marriage and step-family enhancement classes, and anger management classes for  
21 children, social skills classes, good touch/bad touch classes, a parent advocate program, therapy for  
22 those who have been abused, women’s workshops, and therapy groups. He said, “If we can prevent  
23 child abuse, we are doing our job.” He asked the City Council for their support. A blue ribbon  
24 campaign will be held in April. A 1K race will be held, and the proceeds will help the Center to pay  
25 their mortgage. Flamingo flocking donations also go to the Center. A second-year annual blue ribbon  
26 dinner will be held at the Coppermill. Chief McCoy from Smithfield is challenging everyone to  
27 reserve a table. This will pay wages for those who work at the Center.

28 Motion to accept April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month – S Gomm, Second – D Johnson.

29 Vote: Yea: K Baker, S Gomm, D Johnson, T Rasmussen  
30 Nay: None  
31 Abstained: None  
32 Excused: R Liechty

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34 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** for the March 13, 2007 City Council meeting.

35 Motion to approve the minutes for the March 13, 2007 City Council meeting – D Johnson, Second – K  
36 Baker.

37 Corrections:

- 38 • Page 1, Presentations and Proclamations, the P is missing.  
39 • Page 2, Line 43, State Science Advisory Board (Wayne Barlow).  
40 • Page 3, Line 7, list of names had been recommended to Kathy by the citizens.  
41 • Page 3, Line 27, remove “should be.”  
42 • Page 3, Line 33, she wondered if L Boothe would have attention to detail.  
43 • Page 5, Line 28, we would be hard pressed to have our library.  
44 • Page 2, Line 25, and Page 5, Line 47 Mary Anna Jeppson’s name is spelled wrong.  
45 • Page 7, Line 11, K Baker is not convinced that Providence citizens would use the Logan library.  
46 • Page 7, Line 47, partners with Logan instead of moves to Logan  
47 • Page 10, line 13, not sufficient and the lights are still emitted horizontally. The City wants vertical  
48 lights, not horizontal lights.

1 Vote: Yea: K Baker, S Gomm, D Johnson, T Rasmussen  
2 Nay: None  
3 Abstained: None  
4 Excused: R Liechty  
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6 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- 7 • L Fisher found an article on the internet written by Mr. Trillhaase, a reporter for the Idaho Falls Post  
8 Register, saying that Larry Boothe encouraged the Planning Commission to change their rules to  
9 publish notices once for public hearings. State law said he could not do that. The ruling by the  
10 Planning Commission was revoked. L Boothe's intent was to save \$6,000 per year in publications.  
11 Mr. Trillhaase also cited that Mr. Boothe advised and urged the officers of the Planning Commission  
12 to vote by secret ballot. He also refused to release information to the public on a Huntsman project  
13 proposal for development for seven weeks. She recommended that he not be considered for the  
14 Appeal Authority board. She felt Mike Lewis, Dale Astle, and Wayne Barlow are straight forward  
15 individuals, and she asked the Council to consider them for the Appeal Authority board. She also  
16 urged the Council to find out in advance the cost of the project at Von's Park.  
17 • Bob Bissland feels that agendas are not posted quick enough. He asked that agendas be posted on  
18 Fridays. He also felt the time of the meeting is a hardship on those who work and makes citizen  
19 participation difficult. He urged the Council to not pass any ordinances requiring districts for City  
20 Council seats. He feels that districting in a town this size does not make sense. He said if the Council  
21 does adopt this resolution, there may be a need to go to the citizens through another referendum ballot.  
22 • K Baker explained to him that agendas do go out on Friday, but due to an unexpected death in S  
23 Bankhead's family, it was not posted until Monday.  
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25 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

26 **Item No. 1. The Providence City Council will continue considering for adoption a resolution**  
27 **appointing members to the Providence City Appeal Authority.**

- 28 • Mayor Simmons will attend a meeting in early April with Cache County cities to discuss appointing an  
29 appeals person shared by various cities. After the conversation, he will report back to the City  
30 Council. Mike Lewis, Dale Astle, and Mary Hubbard were appointed at the last meeting. Mike Lewis  
31 is currently Acting Chairman.  
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33 **Item No. 2. The Providence City Council will review the moderate income housing element of the**  
34 **general plan.**

- 35 • S Gomm presented a handout on the moderate income housing element based on the 2002 census. She  
36 asked if this is to be built upon or if it is to move forward.  
37 • Mayor Simmons explained that the State asks how the City will meet the requirements of affordable  
38 housing.  
39 • S Gomm explained that her handout was abridged and put into the Master Plan.  
40 • Mayor Simmons explained that S Bankhead could give everyone a copy, and it could be approved at a  
41 later time. It is required that the plan be reviewed every five years.  
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43 **Item No. 3. The Providence City Council will discuss a path located at approximately 435 East 125**  
44 **North, Providence, UT.**

- 45 • Mayor Simmons explained that Bill Bertolio couldn't attend this meeting and asked that it be  
46 scheduled at a later time.  
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48 **NEW BUSINESS:**

1 **Item No. 1. Discussion. The Providence Historic Preservation Commission will discuss a proposal**  
2 **for a 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Providence and Her People.**

- 3 • Jay Hicken noted that the Historical Preservation Commission met previously with the City Council  
4 with the idea that the Council appoint a committee to write the book. The City asked the Commission  
5 to make more definitive suggestions, identify a writer, and determine the cost. After some discussion,  
6 the idea of using a metaphor of going up and down Providence Lane was decided upon. It will allow  
7 readers to look back and to look forward at the history of Providence. A picture of Providence Lane as  
8 it was before and a current picture can be used. It will be mixing the old with the new. This can be  
9 done through sports, recreation, and so forth. The Commission has reviewed other articles written this  
10 way and it looks appealing. The book should be ready to purchase by 2009. The population of the  
11 City has grown significantly since 1974, more so than from its founding. In identifying a writer the  
12 Commission spoke with Max Peterson, Ross Peterson, and others. Bob Parson, who is a published  
13 author, was decided upon. In 1997, the legislature asked that a history book be written on every  
14 county for the State's sesquicentennial. B Parson was the author for Rich County, and he co-authored  
15 a book for Ogden City. He has been recommended by several people. J Hicken would like the  
16 funding to hire Bob Parson. The Council has a copy of the budget Bob Parson suggested. The fee can  
17 be paid in four installments of approximately \$2,500, adding up to \$10,000. This could be spread over  
18 three fiscal years.
- 19 • D Johnson asked if the funds being given to the Commission will be replaced when the books are sold.
- 20 • Jay Hicken answered yes. He would like to pay Bob Parson from funds already in place. He also  
21 would like to get started on this project. He felt the \$4,000 cost of printing should be handled by the  
22 City. Discussions have been held on republishing the current Providence and Her People book which  
23 was published in 1974. The new book will probably look smaller than the original book. He has seen  
24 Mr. Parson's work and feels it is acceptable. He is concerned that the City is bigger now and is not as  
25 closely knit as it was in the past. He would like to see something pull the City together, and he felt the  
26 book may do that. He felt it should include those who have moved in since 1974 and helped build the  
27 City as it is now. He recognized the Historic Preservation Commission in attendance. They are: Alma  
28 Leonhardt, Karl Seethaler, and Adrian Gale. Through a grant, a survey of every home prior to 1950  
29 has been photographed and categorized. With that, an in-depth study will be done on ten of the homes  
30 with an additional grant that has been received. The Commission is also looking at identifying a  
31 historic district within the City. They have also received an oral history grant. With that, the  
32 Commission has interviewed several older folks as well as all of the living mayors. The Commission  
33 is going after another grant that will be used to interview younger citizens. That will tie the past and  
34 future together.
- 35 • K Baker asked if the Commission had considered selling the tapes.
- 36 • J Hicken felt the tapes have interesting conversations, but selling the tapes may not be appropriate.
- 37 • A Leonhardt said a video of the City Celebration in 1939, 1940, and 1941 is available. He felt it  
38 would be nice to have a big screen to show the video on and to provide transcripts for the citizens.  
39 Seth Alder owns the movies; they are of his family. The movies show the City square, horses and  
40 wagons, and barnyards around the square. He said it would be fun for everyone to watch.
- 41 • J Hicken believes Providence is a different city than it was in the past.
- 42 • K Baker said Logan had pictures taken of the same spot on different dates, and they have a nice  
43 collection. She also knows Bob Parson and highly recommends him to author the new book.
- 44 • T Rasmussen asked if the later version will have more photographs or if it will be a story. He  
45 suggested using photographs as K Baker suggested. He knows someone who could make them.
- 46 • Mayor Simmons felt taking pictures would be a good Scout activity.
- 47 • K Baker has pictures from the old book that were incorporated 33 years ago. J Hicken has many

- 1 pictures that are available.
- 2 • Mayor Simmons recommended using a donation fund that is currently in place to support this project.
  - 3 • K Baker asked if a fund has been set aside.
  - 4 • S Bankhead said not as of now.
  - 5 • Mayor Simmons felt that \$10,000 is a good price, and this item should be put on a future agenda to be
  - 6 acted upon.
  - 7 • J Hicken felt the sooner the better to secure a contract.
  - 8 • T Rasmussen asked if revisions will go to the Historical Preservation Commission or to the City
  - 9 Council.
  - 10 • J Hicken felt it depends on what the Council wants.
  - 11 • Mayor Simmons felt B Parsons to be a wonderful find, and this recommendation will be on the April
  - 12 10<sup>th</sup> agenda.
  - 13 • J Hicken will draft a contract for that meeting.

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15 **Item No. 2. The Providence City Council will discuss a proposal allowing Providence City residents**

16 **to use the Logan Library.**

- 17 • S Gomm explained that Logan City voted to move forward to let Providence use the Logan Library for
- 18 18 months for \$25,000. After the trial period there will be a vote. If the usage is high, a library tax
- 19 would be adopted. It will not be adopted without a vote. There will be no cost to the citizens of
- 20 Providence for the 18 months trial period. There is no other way to see what the citizens of Providence
- 21 would like. She is willing to put up the \$25,000 for this to go. She felt this Council would be amiss to
- 22 pass up this opportunity. She acknowledged that Ron Jenkins and Tami Pyfer of Logan City are in
- 23 attendance.
- 24 • K Baker had one call from someone who wanted to go with the \$25,000. She has had dozens who do
- 25 not want to go with this proposal.
- 26 • S Gomm has had many people want to give it a go. Other concerned citizens have called and felt it to
- 27 be unfair to adopt a tax rate without a vote.
- 28 • K Baker had a discussion with Lynn Lemon, and he felt it would be a waste of money.
- 29 • Mayor Simmons asked for clarification on what Lynn Lemon said.
- 30 • S Gomm said he feels Providence City's County library is the only way to go.
- 31 • T Rasmussen's reactions from citizens have been mixed.
- 32 • S Gomm felt that no one was against the trial, but they are against the long term tax. She said, "We as
- 33 a Council should not make the call. The citizens should make that call."
- 34 • T Pyfer asked the Council to support the agreement. It is an issue that has come up so many times.
- 35 She agrees that a trial period should be held, and then let the voters decide. If the voters go against it,
- 36 at least Providence City and Logan City will have tried.
- 37 • S Gomm believes that if the Council closes the door on this opportunity, it will come back again.
- 38 Mayor Simmons said it must be voted upon next time.
- 39 • B Bissland asked if Logan City would come up with the \$25,000.
- 40 • S Gomm explained that the \$25,000 is from taxes Providence City receives. There will be no extra
- 41 cost to the City.
- 42 • J Hicken felt this proposal should be given a chance before it is given a vote.
- 43 • K Baker asked how he felt about raising the property tax to get the library.
- 44 • D Johnson has talked with many citizens who feel the current library system is a fine library system. If
- 45 the City commits the \$25,000, it is committing to move to Logan for library services. He felt the
- 46 money could benefit the Providence/River Heights library. The library is used by many walk-in
- 47 patrons. People who use the library are not going to go to Logan. He asked what would happen to the

- 1 City's investment in the Providence/River Heights library. Once the City moves to go with Logan, it  
2 may as well give up on a County library.
- 3 • S Gomm said they may as well give up on it now. The Providence/River Heights Library is one  
4 branch of a County library.
  - 5 • D Johnson asked if Providence's library will be tossed out or stay open.
  - 6 • S Gomm felt it to be the County's decision. The County puts in 10 to 15 times what Providence puts  
7 in for the Providence/River Heights library. Providence provides the building and some funding,  
8 which helps, but Providence does not have a say on anything that happens in the library.
  - 9 • D Johnson does not want to go through with the Logan proposal. He is thankful for what is available  
10 to the south end of the valley.
  - 11 • S Gomm said if the citizens are not satisfied, a vote will be held.
  - 12 • T Rasmussen asked how quickly other communities in Cache Valley will be a part of this. He  
13 wondered if it should be looked at to benefit the whole valley rather than selected municipalities.
  - 14 • S Gomm felt this would serve as a model for other cities to join in. This has been the first step taken  
15 in sharing a library for many years. This is the first time the City has been able to share in those  
16 resources. More and more communities coming together will provide an opportunity for this to  
17 expand into a County library system. Logan may want to put a satellite office in those cities. Counties  
18 who have a library have a dedicated library tax in the county.
  - 19 • T Rasmussen asked how many Cache cities own libraries.
  - 20 • S Gomm and T Rasmussen named North Logan, Richmond, Lewiston, Logan, Smithfield, Hyrum, and  
21 Mendon. The County has one library and a bookmobile.
  - 22 • T Rasmussen asked if it will cost \$163 per card for the other cities to come aboard.
  - 23 • S Gomm expressed that they have the same opportunity now to purchase cards. Eighty persons in  
24 Providence currently own Logan Library cards.
  - 25 • Sharell Eames asked how the figure came about.
  - 26 • S Gomm said there is no systematic way.
  - 27 • S Eames asked if Millville or others would pay \$25,000.
  - 28 • S Gomm said it would be negotiated with Logan.
  - 29 • T Pyfer said a concern was that everyone would want to have a trial period. She would like  
30 Providence to be a model, because it is a lot of work. If Millville came to Logan, Logan would go  
31 directly to the dedicated property tax rate.
  - 32 • S Gomm said this proposal to Providence sets precedence for other cities.
  - 33 • S Bankhead asked if anyone had written an inter-local agreement. She asked if the Council is voting  
34 to consider an agreement and then Logan City consider an inter-local agreement, or whether the City  
35 should have an inter-local agreement written for next meeting.
  - 36 • S Gomm said it was not an interlocal agreement.
  - 37 • T Pyfer felt the inter-local agreement is premature.
  - 38 • S Bankhead said Providence City is not giving Logan City \$25,000 without an agreement.
  - 39 • T Pyfer said most of the language is in the draft resolution, and the Providence City attorney should  
40 look it over.
  - 41 • D Johnson doesn't want the \$25,000 to go to Logan. He felt it should go to Providence's operating  
42 library. There isn't much difference in the computers between Providence's library and Logan's  
43 library.
  - 44 • J Hicken felt that \$150,000 will bring the Providence/River Heights library up to date. He believes the  
45 citizens who use the library will go to Logan.
  - 46 • S Gomm felt older people would like to use the library as well, but there is not much available for

1 them at the present.

- 2 • Mayor Simmons asked S Bankhead to get a copy of the agreement Logan City passed.

3 Break at 7:20.

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5 **Item No. 3. Resolution 07-006. The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution**  
6 **approving an amended and Restated Inter-local Agreement with the Utah Local Governments**  
7 **Trust.**

8 Motion to approve Resolution 07-006 – T Rasmussen, Second – D Johnson.

- 9 • S Bankhead said the Utah Local Government trust is an authority created according to Utah Code.  
10 The City participates in that trust. Occasionally the City must restate the purposes, and approve the  
11 inter-local agreement. They can be approved by a motion. The Utah Trust is used for many insurance  
12 purposes.
- 13 • K Baker asked if this is available to all communities in the valley.
- 14 • Mayor Simmons said it is a state wide agreement. There are two trusts available; URMA and the Utah  
15 Government Trust.
- 16 • S Bankhead explained that the trust is different than URMA (Utah Risk Management Agency);  
17 URMA is self-funded whereas the trust is not.
- 18 • K Baker asked if the City uses both plans. S Bankhead replied no.
- 19 • Mayor Simmons explained that URMA includes around 23 cities. If there is a loss, they pay it from  
20 their funds, and then you repay. There is no pooling across to others.
- 21 • S Bankhead said a premium is also paid.
- 22 • K Baker commented that they are like a bank account.
- 23 • T Rasmussen asked if S Bankhead is happy with this agreement.
- 24 • S Bankhead indicated that she liked the trust better before changes in personnel were made, but they  
25 do have good services.

26 Vote: Yea: K Baker, S Gomm, D Johnson, T Rasmussen  
27 Nay: None  
28 Abstained: None  
29 Excused: R Liechty  
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31 **Item No. 4. Resolution 07-007. The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution**  
32 **approving the Agreement with the Utah Retirement Systems Public Employees Health Program.**

- 33 • S Bankhead asked that they approve by motion. This agreement contains twenty sections which  
34 explain the coverage. Some of the sections are the scope and terms of the agreement, rate schedules,  
35 rate payments, planned services and recordings, application forms, termination and termination  
36 liabilities, participation standards, claim and insurance pools, rate tiers, record attention and review,  
37 early retirement benefits, health coverage, group cancellation, and general provisions. They are spelled  
38 out in the agreement. From a Human Resource standpoint, they take care of the all of the  
39 responsibility for the HIPPA reports. They provide notices to employees and the providers.
- 40 • Mayor Simmons said PEHP has been the most innovative and clever at management of health benefits  
41 in the country. They are held up as a model and have been effective in controlling health care costs.
- 42 • S Bankhead said they offer several products from price and coverage ranges that best help employees.  
43 They also provide wellness programs.

44 Motion to approve Resolution 07-007 – T Rasmussen, Second – D Johnson.

45 Vote: Yea: K Baker, S Gomm, D Johnson, T Rasmussen  
46 Nay: None  
47 Abstained: None

1           Excused:       R Liechty  
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3 **Item No. 5. Discussion. The Providence City Council will discuss proposed improvements for Von's**  
4 **Park.**

- 5 • T Rasmussen explained that Dan Turner has a presentation of the upgrade of Von's Park, funded by  
6 the RAPZ tax. This is a consideration for Phase I.
- 7 • Dan Turner explained that he will discuss a preliminary cost estimate and timeline. He feels  
8 community involvement can be used to clear areas next to Von's Park. The concern is the timeline to  
9 clear out the area to make a handicap accessible trail from the bridge to the open area where an  
10 amphitheater will be constructed. He and T Rasmussen would like to get an approval for the project so  
11 that they can advertise for community help to clear the trail. It is difficult to come up with a cost  
12 estimate because plans may change as it is being constructed. The grading will be six feet wide and  
13 six inches deep. Concrete for the trail is estimated at \$2.50 per sq. ft. because of the difficulty in  
14 delivering to this location. He has no bid from a contractor, but felt he allowed a large contingency  
15 factor. Three-quarter inch rock will be used on the trail. Other options are located by the existing  
16 bridge to the east where there is a clearing that is accessible. A plate can be laid down like Johnson's  
17 use across potholes. Good size equipment could make it through there. The opportunity to make some  
18 of the trail handicap accessible is slim to none. Another item listed on the timeline is clearing of the  
19 trail to 300 South. Eventually, all of the brush will be cleared. A park bench could be installed in  
20 various locations. The Forest Service has offered suggestions for the run-off area. He figures it will  
21 cost \$18,000 for the amphitheater. He has looked into many options on building it, and feels that even  
22 though it will be difficult, concrete is the best. Using Trex decking would lower the cost because  
23 concrete is at an all time high. The amphitheater will be a good project for Scouts to help with. It is  
24 difficult to nail down a cost for it. The cost he presented doesn't figure in lighting. Landscaping, trail  
25 markers and benches are listed as miscellaneous. He felt the City could furnish the materials, and the  
26 community could provide the labor. The overall product may not be as directly outlined in the  
27 presentation. If there is money left over, lights may be installed. With the money the City has been  
28 granted, a substantial trail system could be installed.
- 29 • D Johnson asked how far the distance is from the bridge to the amphitheatre and if the City owns the  
30 land. He was told yes. It is 855 feet across.
- 31 • Mayor Simmons said the actual money available is \$27,000. Designs must be for that amount.
- 32 • D Turner has talked to several contractors who live in Providence and they have expressed their  
33 willingness to use a skidster as a donation for the park. Mayor Simmons indicated that he has also  
34 received calls from contractors volunteering services.
- 35 • D Johnson asked what kind of maintenance and security problems this will bring.
- 36 • D Turner felt this park would be different than Logan Canyon because of the proximity of the  
37 neighbors. He agreed that there is a maintenance aspect.
- 38 • K Baker asked if there has been a maintenance effort in Von's Park.
- 39 • R Eck said it does get vandalized.
- 40 • A Leonhardt felt that upgrading Von's Park and building an amphitheater is a wonderful idea. He  
41 hopes that vandalism would not stop the City from having a nice park. He also felt cement would not  
42 require much maintenance.
- 43 • R Eck asked what the vision is for the amphitheater.
- 44 • T Rasmussen felt by using a skidster, most of the land could be used as it is. A stone floor, concrete,  
45 or Trex could be used. The natural hillside could be carved out for benches on the southwest corner.
- 46 • Don Calderwood asked if plans were to add a loop in the park.
- 47 • D Turner felt there is not enough money at this point. There is a steep branch-off that will come to an

1 overlook. Volunteers will be used to clear a trail. The focus at this point is more on the lower part of  
2 the trail and amphitheater for family reunions and get-togethers.

- 3 • B Bissland asked if there is a problem with installing blacktop.
- 4 • D Turner explained that the problem is getting the equipment there. He has had a contractor  
5 recommend using colored concrete.
- 6 • T Rasmussen has asked two concrete contractors if it were possible to lay concrete there, and they  
7 opted not to go there.
- 8 • B Bissland has seen hard-to-make trails of blacktop. He also asked if the uses are for performance or  
9 for people to use for lunch.
- 10 • T Rasmussen explained that the area has incredible landscape terrain. The initial idea was to hold  
11 concerts, plays, court of honors, youth groups, reunions, and so forth. The sky is the limit. If lights  
12 were incorporated, the park could be used later in the evening.
- 13 • Mayor Simmons clarified that the most important part of this project is to get the amphitheater built.  
14 The trail beyond that is a secondary concern.
- 15 • T Rasmussen and D Turner felt the timeline is to focus on one area at a time. Once the volunteers are  
16 through clearing one area, they could be sent to the next section.
- 17 • D Johnson asked if electrical conduit will be installed.
- 18 • D Turner explained that power is a different issue. The funding isn't there to do it. Eventually, an  
19 irrigation line will be installed for an irrigation system.
- 20 • A Leonhardt doesn't feel lights should be installed in the park because it is the last wilderness left in  
21 Providence.
- 22 • S Bankhead felt that the staff who works with parks should be involved.
- 23 • D Johnson felt the City should move forward.
- 24 • T Rasmussen recommended waiting until the next meeting to meet with the parks staff.
- 25 • D Turner asked if it can be advertised to solicit help.
- 26 • Mayor Simmons asked D Turner if he would like to meet with the City staff before moving forward.

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28 **Item No. 6. Discussion. The Providence City Council will discuss districts for council seats.**

- 29 • Mayor Simmons read part of State Code 10-3-205.5, paragraph 2 which explains that districts can be  
30 made. If districts were made in Providence, there would be roughly 360 households per district, or  
31 1,200 adults and children.
- 32 • S Gomm asked how many in each district would be voting.
- 33 • Mayor Simmons explained that he took the 1800 water connections divided by five. It is assumed that  
34 in a good year, half of the people would vote, making 360 votes in a district.
- 35 • Mayor Simmons called Dave Church, one of the attorneys for the League of Cities and Towns who  
36 also represents Riverton and lives in South Jordan. These cities have adopted the district approach. D  
37 Church is opposed to them. Mayor Simmons then listed the pros and cons.
- 38 • K Baker feels Providence is too small to limit Council members to a certain district. She feels it would  
39 be too hard to find a representative from each of the districts. She feels the Council should stay the  
40 way it is.
- 41 • S Gomm asked if this were to be considered, would the five districts be considered like the voting  
42 districts are set up now.
- 43 • S Bankhead felt the City has lopsided voting districts.
- 44 • Mayor Simmons felt he could work with the County in realigning the districts.
- 45 • A Leonhardt felt that too many people know too many neighbors in a small district.
- 46 • T Rasmussen also felt it should be left as it is. He felt it will be hard to fill seats.

- 1 • Mayor Simmons indicated that three council districts could be created.
- 2 • S Gomm felt there could be an advantage of having neighborhoods get-together and influence a
- 3 decision. There would be approximately three LDS wards per district.
- 4 • Mayor Simmons felt it would be easier to talk with constituents in small districts.
- 5 • L Fisher felt it would be difficult to make the right number of voters in each district. Each voter's
- 6 ability to participate will be grossly diminished because that citizen will only be able to go to one
- 7 Council person. She felt changing voting districts during the last vote was chaotic. Mayor Simmons
- 8 said the City does not decide where voting areas are.
- 9 • S Bankhead felt the problem was created when districts incorporated the use of the electronic voting,
- 10 which resulted in location changes.
- 11 • T Rasmussen said his brother suggested holding neighborhood meetings to ask what the citizens want
- 12 to get a better understanding of their needs.
- 13 • K Baker felt if the Council person is not as actively involved, that district will suffer, and there will be
- 14 resentment from others in the district.
- 15 • Mayor Simmons expressed that he felt that way with the creation of the County Council. He now feels
- 16 it is better to have a County Council. He said things will be left as they are.

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 18 **Item No. 7. Discussion. The Providence City Council will discuss options for early retirement**  
 19 **plans.**

- 20 • S Bankhead asked that this item be postponed. It will be moved to a future agenda.

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 22 **STAFF REPORTS:**

23 **Skarlet Bankhead:**

- 24 • S Bankhead explained that in a meeting with Mayor Simmons, Randy Eck, Tara Bankhead, and
- 25 herself, they concluded that more space is needed for offices. Leasing space on 2 North Main is being
- 26 considered. The owners are willing to build to suit the City to a degree. The cost is roughly \$1,000
- 27 per month for a three-year lease. She asked the Council for direction. R Eck and T Bankhead are
- 28 cramped in their office; they also have personnel who could use office space.
- 29 • Mayor Simmons explained that two 16 ft. x 20 ft. offices are to be built. The cost includes utilities.
- 30 The only thing in question is the maintenance agreement.
- 31 • R Eck mentioned a discussion he had indicating snow removal by the City will be looked at.
- 32 • Mayor Simmons is concerned that anyone going in the Public Works building can see private
- 33 information on T Bankhead's computer screen. There is no counter for protection. R Eck's office is
- 34 in the same building. They have to come to the City Offices or to the bay at the Public Works building
- 35 to have room enough to look at plans. The thought is to make a good Public Works office where there
- 36 would be a conference room, and T Bankhead and R Eck would have private space. Many people
- 37 come to the City offices to talk to the Public Works department. Another option is to build on to the
- 38 Public Works building by taking off the roof to the east and to add another roof going in the other
- 39 direction.
- 40 • S Gomm asked who would be in the downtown office.
- 41 • S Bankhead said R Eck and T Bankhead. It would be easier for utility questions. The City is looking
- 42 at acquiring a new office complex at some point, but it is a ways off.
- 43 • K Baker asked if there could be another office. S Bankhead said there may be a possibility of six
- 44 office spaces.
- 45 • T Rasmussen asked how soon it will be ready.
- 46 • R Eck said the owners of the building are waiting for the City's decision. The offices are framed, the
- 47 electrical is in, heating is in, and it is ready for finish work.

- 1 • K Baker felt three offices could use a space for a conference room.
- 2 • R Eck said the plan is to keep the north office with the window as a conference room, and it could be
- 3 scheduled for use. He doesn't know how serious the owners are with that idea.
- 4 • K Baker felt it would be nice if negotiations could be made to have the conference room available to R
- 5 Eck.
- 6 • S Bankhead expressed her appreciation for the Council's consideration this past week due to a death in
- 7 her family.

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#### 9 **Randy Eck:**

- 10 • Because of spring-like weather, both green waste bins have been filled within 12 hours. The more
- 11 people put in the bins, the less time the City has to spend on spring cleanup.
- 12 • Trash bins will be put on South Main and at the Public Works facility between April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>.
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- 14 • Spring cleanup will start on the May 7<sup>th</sup> for green waste only.
- 15 • Water meters will be read starting April 16<sup>th</sup>. Reading routes will take less time to go over. New
- 16 developments could have radio read meters. Meters can be read when driving down the road.
- 17 • Mayor Simmons asked if the dates were in the newsletter.
- 18 • R Eck felt that T Bankhead put it in the newsletter.
- 19 • D Johnson asked if radio reads would create problems with public works.
- 20 • R Eck said if the whole city were radio reads, meters could be read all year around.
- 21 • R Eck expressed concern with problems at the cemetery. A set of written rules are handed to people
- 22 when plots are purchased, and the new sexton has done everything he can. People think when they
- 23 buy a plot, it is their property.
- 24 • Mayor Simmons requested a copy of the book for each of the Council members.
- 25 • R Eck said this will be listed in the agenda in two weeks.

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#### 27 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

#### 28 **Kathy Baker:**

- 29 • K Baker explained that Dan Dansereau is a geologist who consults on water. He offered to bring his
- 30 survey done for Utah State University up to date and give her the information. He predicts it will be
- 31 six years before Cache Valley depletes the aquifer. He would like to present his statistics on the next
- 32 agenda. K Baker will present the information. He also has a friend who is a nationally known water
- 33 expert, and D Dansereau is willing to fly him in to talk with the Council.
- 34 • She met with Ron Sims, who has spent the last 40 years working in biological engineering at USU, to
- 35 discuss waste water systems. She asked what the difference is between SBR and membrane systems.
- 36 He recommended that she get at least two plants in Utah who have SBR, and then he will take her to
- 37 Hyrum to see how that plant works. One plant is in Oakley and one is in American Fork. A
- 38 membrane is a smaller system similar to Hyrum. She suggested that the Council speak with Sunrise
- 39 Engineering. She said the question is why is it Providence only needs one acre when Hyrum has 100
- 40 acres to take care of sewage. Providence City needs at least 100 acres or more to take care of the
- 41 sludge. It takes 60 percent of operational costs to take care of sludge. That does not count liability
- 42 insurance. That is the big show stopper for communities. They find out they need another crew who
- 43 is an expert in wastewater. In Hyrum's system, they have to clean grit daily from their system. She is
- 44 going to visit sewage plants.
- 45 • Mayor Simmons recommended having one more person go with her.
- 46 • S Gomm asked if we are heading down the wrong path. She is nervous after seeing the presentation.
- 47 • Mayor Simmons had much higher hopes before he attended the meeting.

- 1 • D Johnson said he walked through the Hyrum plant two years ago.
- 2 • K Baker said they need to be upgraded, too.
- 3 • R Eck said the person that runs Hyrum’s plant does a great job, but told the Council to keep in mind it
- 4 is his livelihood.
- 5 • B Bissland recommended a book named *Garbage Land*, by Elizabeth Royte that discusses what New
- 6 York City does with their waste. They solved the problem by moving train car loads to eastern
- 7 Colorado until the citizens got an injunction.
- 8 • Don Calderwood asked what Preston does with their waste.
- 9 • R Eck explained that they have a lagoon.
- 10 • D Calderwood asked if Preston services as many people as Providence.
- 11 • R Eck doubted it.
- 12 • Mayor Simmons said Preston must update to meet the phosphorus rules.
- 13 • K Baker felt that phosphorus is a big issue.

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15 **Trent Rasmussen:**

- 16 • T Rasmussen reminded the Council to keep June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> open for the City celebration.

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18 **Mayor Simmons:**

- 19 • Mayor Simmons talked with Mark Malmstrom, and he is going to evaluate the trees by the elementary
- 20 school and will give his recommendation.

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22 **Motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and pending litigation – T Rasmussen,**

23 **Second – D Johnson.**

24 Vote: Yea: K Baker, S Gomm, D Johnson, T Rasmussen

25 Nay: None

26 Abstained: None

27 Excused: R Liechty

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29 Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

30 Minutes taken and prepared by B Turley.

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Randy Simmons, Mayor

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Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder