

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

2 **June 9, 2009**

3 **Providence City Office Building**

4 **15 South Main Providence, UT**

6 Call to order:	Mayor Simmons
7 Roll Call of City Council Members:	Mayor Simmons
8 Attendance:	D Astle, K Baker, J Russell, R Liechty
9 Excused:	D Low
10 Pledge of Allegiance:	D Astle

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12 **Approval of the minutes for May 26, 2009 City Council Meeting:**

13 **Motion to approve the minutes from May 26, 2009: R Liechty, D Astle**

14 Last page – line 38 – Steve Thompson

15 Line 6 – 58% of our total wage.

16 **Vote: Yea: K Baker, D Astle, J Russell, R Liechty**

17 **Nay: None**

18 **Abstain: None**

19 **Excused: D Low**

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21 **Public Comments:**

22 George Hill took the liberty of carving a plate for Providence City’s 150 year birthday. He presented it to the City.

23 **D Astle made a motion to move to Item No. 2 Resolution 09-021. J Russell second.**

24 **Vote: Yea: K Baker, D Astle, J Russell, R Liechty**

25 **Nay: None**

26 **Abstain: None**

27 **Excused: D Low**

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29 **Public Hearing (6:20):** The Providence City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on approving the
30 2010 Budget for the following funds: General, Capital Project, Water, Sewer and Storm Water.

31 **Motion to open the public hearing: J Russell, K Baker second**

32 **Vote: Yea: K Baker, D Astle, J Russell, R Liechty**

33 **Nay: None**

34 **Abstain: None**

35 **Excused: D Low**

36 R Simmons said the budget proposed does not have a tax increase. The tax revenues from property taxes will actually
37 decrease on the City’s portion. There are no raises for City employees but there is an increase in benefits.

38 S Bankhead said because we have tried very hard as employees the City’s liability and workmen’s comp insurance has
39 actually decreased. In the proposed budget the employees will not have to pick up any extra premiums. Because of the
40 decrease in liability and workmen’s comp and no wage increase the insurance remained flat.

41 K Thompson asked if the splash pad was in the budget.

42 R Simmons said the splash pad is just a proposal right now. If it happens it will be from donated money.

43 J Russell wanted to let the City employees know what an excellent job they do.

44 **Motion to close public hearing: R Liechty, K Baker second**

45 **Vote: Yea: K Baker, D Astle, J Russell, R Liechty**

46 **Nay: None**

47 **Abstain: None**

48 **Excused: D Low**

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50 **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

51 **Item No. 1. Resolution 09-020.** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution approving the 2010
52 Budget for the following funds: General, Capital Project, Water, Sewer and Storm Water.

53 **Motion to approve: R Liechty, K Baker second**

54 D Astle said the City has cut the budget by about \$600,000. Next year we have to address budgeting items coming down the
55 road. We can’t get away with this for 4 or 5 years.

1 S Bankhead and R Eck talked about the growth of the City during the past 4 years. During this time water and sewer
2 connections have increased. We have 271 businesses in the City. These are home and commercial businesses. The employees
3 have tried really hard to absorb this extra work load and take good care of our City. The City is trying very hard not to raise
4 property taxes.

5 R Eck said the City upsized a weak water line on 2nd west. The City has a new booster station at the mouth of the Canyon and
6 a new chlorinator system at Jay's well.

7 S Bankhead talked about the parks, soccer fields and secondary water use. She talked about the sewer and storm water
8 systems. She thanked the Council for their help and concern for the City. She thanked the employees for their great work.

9 J Russell said he feels like we need to form a plan for the future now. We can't wait until next year to start worrying about
10 this.

11 **Vote: Yea: R Liechty, D Astle, K Baker, J Russell**

12 **Nay: None**

13 **Abstain: None**

14 **Excused: D Low**

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16 **Item No. 2. Resolution 09-021.** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution approving a request
17 from Brian Marble to vacate the Barkle Minor Subdivision located at approximately 110 South Main.

18 **Motion to approve: J Russell, R Liechty second**

19 B Marble asked the Council to approve this resolution. He has no desire to split the property except for personal reasons. It
20 will help him with his property taxes. They tripled this last year.

21 S Bankhead said staff could not see any reason for this not to be approved.

22 B Marble said the previous owner split the property. He and his wife own both parcels. The City will still have all of their
23 easements. The barn on the property is used primarily for storage.

24 S Bankhead said the time frame for the subdivision is a technicality therefore the improvement of the sidewalk is not
25 necessary. The City would have to pay for half and we don't have the money right now.

26 B Marble said he doesn't have a problem putting in the sidewalk. He would like to wait for his neighbor to put theirs in. He
27 doesn't want to deal with the City anymore.

28 R Simmons asked him if there were any other problems he has with the City.

29 B Marble said he has been in litigation for years with this piece of property. He feels like Mayor Leonhardt worked against
30 him during this time. He has no plans to do anything with this property.

31 R Liechty said he would like it stated that when the sidewalk comes his way he will put the sidewalk in.

32 **Motion to approve with the requirement that he will continue the sidewalk to Main Street: R Liechty, D Astle second**

33 **Vote: Yea: D Astle, K Baker, R Liechty, J Russell**

34 **Nay: None**

35 **Abstain: None**

36 **Excused: D Low**

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38 **STAFF REPORTS:**

39 R Eck thanked the employees and told them that they are irreplaceable. He appreciates the hard work they do.

40 S Bankhead talked to the Council about the 100 East UDOT project. They are in property acquisition phase. They hope to
41 have this phase done by August. Construction should start on the bridge this winter.

42 R Eck said the Council will still have to approve any condemnations that UDOT wants. There is a possibility of one
43 condemnation. If the Council approves it UDOT will get it done. This is mostly construction easements along Gateway
44 Drive. The property owners knew this was coming.

45 The City Celebration and the monument dedication went really well.

46 We've started our Fun in the Sun and Tennis lessons. We are looking for Youth Council members.

47 Our billing process has been changed. We changed vendors and it seems to be going really well.

48 Employees in the office have been moved around. No changes in duties.

49 R Eck said the storms are washing out our roads. We are hurting where we don't have curb and gutter. Our detention ponds
50 are doing a great job. Public Works purchased a truck from Chrysler. It is sitting in a parking lot in Chicago waiting to be
51 shipped. 100 South sewer project has been held up by UDOT. Nothing has been heard from the citizens on 100 South. He
52 thanked the Council for their support.

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54 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

55 R Simmons thanked the employees for the great work they did during the City Celebration.

56 D Astle thanked the employees also for their help with the Monument Dedication. He said that the dedication went very well.
57 He didn't feel like the publicity was adequate. They will take donations for bricks for about another week.

1 R Liechty said he and D Low looked at Zollinger Park and Alma Leonhardt Park for the splash pad. He would like to talk to
2 R Eck about it this next week. There will be a new LDS Stake made within the next few weeks. They would like to reserve
3 more of Zollinger Park for their party if that is possible.
4 J Russell talked about the signage issue down 100 North.
5 R Eck said the signs are on the businesses property.
6 S Bankhead said the problem is temporary signs. They meet the current ordinances.
7 R Liechty asked if we could do something with commercial signs.
8 J Russell said he will check with the State and get some ideas.
9 J Russell said Creekside Townhomes asked the City to do something about the weeds on the backside of their buildings.

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11 **Motion to adjourn: R Liechty, D Astle second**
12 **Vote: Yea: K Baker, D Astle, J Russell, R Liechty**
13 **Nay: None**
14 **Abstain: None**
15 **Excused: D Low**

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17 Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm
18 Minutes taken and prepared by Terri Lewis
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22 Randy Simmons, Mayor

Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder