

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

2 **May 25, 2010**

3 **Providence City Office Building**

4 **15 South Main Providence, UT**

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6 Call to Order:	Mayor Liechty
7 Roll Call of City Council Members:	Mayor Liechty
8 Attendance:	D Astle, J Russell, D Low, B Bagley, D Calderwood
9 Pledge of Allegiance:	Mayor Liechty
10 Motivational Thought:	D Calderwood

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12 **Approval of the minutes for May 11, 2010.**

13 Page 6 – line 40 – one time pass.

14 Page 2 – Line 43, 44 – the motion doesn’t include the impact fees. Motion to approve as written.

15 **Motion to approve the minutes from May 11, 2010 with the following changes: J Russell, B Bagley second**

16 **Vote: Yea: D Astle, D Low, B Bagley, D Calderwood, J Russell**

17 **Nay: None**

18 **Abstain: None**

19 **Excused: None**

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21 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

22 Jim Williamson asked how the animal control is handled for the City.

23 S Bankhead explained it is handled through Cache County Sheriff’s Office. Animal Control officers also work with DWR for

24 wild animals. The main responsibility of the officers is dogs, horses and cows. The City does have live traps that the City will

25 loan out to the citizens.

26 J Williamson has a lot of rock chucks in his backyard and he really needs to get rid of them. Can the City contract out to a

27 different Animal Control to take care of this kind of thing. Would the City entertain someone else handling these kinds of

28 animals?

29 D Low asked why the City should be responsible to get rid of rock chucks. He believes it should be the responsibility of the

30 property owner.

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32 **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

33 **Item No. 1. Resolution 10-016:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution approving an

34 agreement between GBS Compliance Services (GBS) and Providence City for COBRA Services.

35 Sue Luman and Jennifer Luman are here from GBS to discuss this item. They explained how the COBRA Services work.

36 They will be responsible for servicing any employee notices after they are terminated for up to 18 months. They also

37 explained how COBRA disability insurance works. The City only pays the 2% to GBS when someone applies for coverage.

38 They will be the 3rd party Administrator.

39 S Luman also talked to the Council about the insurance premiums. She explained that ALTIUS raised the City’s rates 15%

40 for the next year if no changes are made.

41 J Luman explained the different options that the City has for saving money on their insurance rates. She suggested going to a

42 higher deductible and an HSA. With an HSA account the remaining money will roll over year to year. They went over the

43 packet that was handed out to the Council.

44 S Bankhead explained to them how the reimbursement would work for the HSA.

45 D Astle said that the employee’s HSA is theirs. If they leave the City they can take that money with them.

46 D Astle asked S Bankhead if the City will still pay for the employee’s cost.

47 S Bankhead explained how the cost is broken up between the employee’s and their dependents. If employee’s work 30+

48 hours a week they are eligible for benefits. Staff would like to be able to offer both options to the employees. Staff would

49 also like a motion on the resolution for the COBRA agreement. Once there is a feel for what the employees would like S

50 Luman will come back to the Council will better numbers.

51 **Motion to approve: D Calderwood, D Astle second**

52 The Council agrees that the COBRA service is something that the City will benefit from.

53 **Vote: Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood, D Low, J Russell**

54 **Nay: None**

55 **Abstain: None**

1 **Excused: None**

2 Line 6 – change to Providence City employment in the resolution.

3 R Liechty asked S Bankhead about presenting options 3 and 5 to the employees. She will come back to the Council with the
4 decisions of the employees at the next Council meeting. This will be presented to the employees on June 2, 2010.

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6 **Item No. 2. Resolution 10-015:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution approving the bid for a
7 splash pad.

8 **Motion to approve: D Low, D Calderwood second**

9 D Low asked the Council to listen carefully to his pitch. He showed the Council the three different bids that he received. He
10 handed out the information that he had on two of the bids. The third bid was out of the ballpark. The first bid is \$39,000 from
11 Water Park Features. They are out of Texas. This includes everything. This area is a 28 foot radius. This company can have it
12 done by June 10th. It has 75 gpm, but will use an average of 62 gpm. It includes 16 sprayers. You can design the computer
13 system to work however you want it.

14 The 2nd bid is local. This bid is \$38,191 from BlySky. It produces 74 gpm. This area is a 24 foot radius. It has 11 sprayers.

15 You can also design the computer system with this one.

16 D Calderwood asked if there were other cities that we could check with to see how theirs works.

17 D Low said he could check into that.

18 D Astle said he likes the 1st option.

19 D Calderwood said the more spray the better.

20 R Eck said Riverton City does have problems with their water park.

21 D Low said Riverton City said it is such a hit that they will be doing another one in the City.

22 D Low also suggested letting people donate to put in benches around the area.

23 D Calderwood likes the first option. He would like 2 references from different cities.

24 D Astle suggested looking up a website.

25 D Low gave them Watersprayground.com.

26 D Low said that the first option from Texas will send someone here to look at the possibilities.

27 **Motion to instruct D Low to proceed with the first option from Texas and get 2 references from 2 different cities: D
28 Astle, D Calderwood second.**

29 The Council would like the City Attorney to look over the contract before it is signed.

30 **Vote: Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood, D Low, J Russell**

31 **Nay: None**

32 **Abstain: None**

33 **Excused: None**

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35 **Item No. 3. Resolution 10-018:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution authorizing Don Olsen,
36 Epic Engineering, to prepare and submit a grant application to receive money for a Secondary Water System Master Plan.
37 This resolution also states that the City will match the grant money up to \$50,000.

38 S Bankhead explained that Don Olsen is a citizen of Providence. He looks for grants with Blacksmith Fork in mind. There is
39 money through the Bureau of Reclamation. The grant application does not give him any preferential treatment. If the Council
40 agrees to this Staff would like for money to be applied for a Secondary Water System Master Plan. To get this grant the City
41 has to agree to match it. It would be between \$25,000 to \$50,000. A request for proposal from engineering firms is all we
42 would have to do after we know how much money we will be granted.

43 D Calderwood asked why the City would want to do this.

44 S Bankhead said as Providence City acquires shares a lot of them are for beneficial use. The Blacksmith Fork exchange
45 agreement allows us to use these shares for culinary water from Spring Creek Irrigation.

46 Once the Master Plan is in place the City will be in a better position to work with both Irrigation Companies. Without this the
47 City runs the risk of forfeiting their water shares. The Irrigation Company could probably sell some of their rights. The City
48 can sell the ability to use our shares but we can't sell our rights.

49 D Calderwood asked if there is money to match the grant.

50 S Bankhead said yes if we chose to go this route. This is nothing more than an application for a grant. If approved we will be
51 only looking at a Master Plan.

52 B Bagley asked if there are any cities in the valley with secondary water systems.

53 S Bankhead said quite a few.

54 D Astle asked if we can dictate the scope of the Master Plan.

55 S Bankhead said once we get the grant we can do that.

56 D Astle asked where the money to match would come from.

57 S Bankhead said it will come from one of our reserve accounts.

58 B Bagley asked if there were more important projects to take care of than this.

1 S Bankhead said she feels like the City needs to be very concerned about their water shares. There is a difference in water
2 shares and rights. Rights can be taken care of through State Law. The City is dealing with shares not rights. The City can lose
3 their shares if their not used.

4 D Calderwood asked in the City how much water is used for parks, etc.

5 R Eck said 12 to 15% of the water. There is no secondary water at this time.

6 S Bankhead said this grant would give us secondary water for our outside use.

7 D Astle said in order for the City to get serious about a pressurized water system we need to get a master plan.

8 S Bankhead said when building picks up again if there is a master plan in place we can require the developers to put in the
9 water system. Without a master plan you can't require it.

10 D Low said the collateral damage to not having a pressurized system will be huge.

11 R Eck said the shares we have were given to us by the developers. If we lose them it would be tragic. This would be as
12 valuable to the City in 20 years as they are today.

13 J Williamson said water will be a major issue down the road. If you have it and you lose it you will never get it back.

14 **Motion to approve for \$40,000: J Russell (no second, motion dies).**

15 **Motion to approve with the grant application for \$50,000: D Astle, D Calderwood second**

16 J Russell wants to be very cautious with the bid.

17 D Astle said D Olson believes there is about a million dollars in the program. It cost \$4,000 to submit an application.

18 **Vote: Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood, D Low, J Russell**

19 **Nay: None**

20 **Abstain: None**

21 **Excused: None**

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23 **Council took a 5 minute break.**

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25 **Item No. 4. Discussion:** The Providence City Council will discuss a proposed change to Providence City Code Title 3
26 Business License Regulations, Chapter 4 Conditional Businesses, Section 5 Home Businesses by removing H. Mechanical,
27 Electrical Apparatus.

28 S Bankhead explained to the Council that this was looked at back in October. The City Attorney looked at how he would
29 defend this part of the ordinance if it was needed. He decided that it was covered in the other sections. As people continue to
30 use more sophisticated equipment in home businesses they are going against the ordinance. The City Attorney recommends
31 the Council do away with H. If the Council wants to keep it there has to be some better guidelines for this section.

32 J Russell said get rid of H. If they aren't disturbing anyone let them do it.

33 D Low agrees.

34 D Astle said looking at G-1, 2, 3 it is more detrimental than H. He wants the City to be very careful in granting a business
35 license under these circumstances.

36 B Bagley said he worries about enforcing the issue. Are we violating citizen's rights? He would like to get rid of H.

37 S Bankhead said she will prepare an ordinance change for the next Council meeting.

38 D Calderwood talked about accessory buildings.

39 D Calderwood said he doesn't have a problem with eliminating H. He just wants to be sure that G protects the neighborhood.

40 S Bankhead said there has to be a primary building involved to have an accessory building. In most cases the home is already
41 there.

42 J Russell would like Planning & Zoning to look at accessory buildings.

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44 **Item No. 5. Discussion:** The Providence City Council will discuss the proposed tentative budget for 2011 for all funds.

45 S Bankhead said the Council asked for a road plan. What will it take to bring the roads up to a certain level and keep them
46 there? Staff needs to know what level of service the Council would like to have. R Eck has some scenarios to present.

47 RSL means remaining service life. There are standards for different kinds of roads.

48 R Eck went through the packet that he presented to the Council.

49 S Bankhead said Providence City has always tried to take advantage of software programs in the area. IWORQ's is a
50 program that we take advantage of. This company will be glad to come and talk to the Council on the data that the City has.

51 R Eck said every road we have was assessed in 2008. He talked about the life of a road. He went through the different graphs
52 and charts that he presented to the Council.

53 S Bankhead asked what the wear and tear on a snowplow is if the road has 0 service life.

54 R Eck said it is a lot.

55 Roads are rated on several different criteria. If the City wanted to fix all 0-4 RSL it would cost \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

56 These roads have to be rebuilt. He went over the roads that are 0-4 RSL. That is 25% of our roads. 52% of the City is 5-10

57 RSL. The biggest bang for your buck on a road is chip seal. It give you 5 years of life. If all roads were brand new today a 5
58 year chip seal cycle would cost \$204,000 a year.

1 S Bankhead said we get about \$250,000 a year from road funds. We need to stay on our State Legislatures. The Class C road
2 funds go to the cities. We need to let the legislatures know how important these funds are to the City.
3 R Eck said the Federal Government wants to take away our Class C funds by making cars that get better gas mileage and
4 mass transit.
5 R Eck said he doesn't want to pledge the Class C funds for bonds.
6 S Bankhead said you can get a bond by pledging some of your class C funds. A General Obligation bond has to go to the
7 voters.
8 R Eck said that more than ½ the City needs \$240,000 to keep the roads where they are.
9 D Low asked if other cities have been contacted to see what their strategies are.
10 R Eck said we live in a hard environment for roads.
11 R Eck asked the Council to read the material he presented to them and Jarrod from IWORQ's will be here next meeting to
12 talk to them about the roads.
13 D Astle asked if there is a classification for the quality of the roads.
14 R Eck said there is an article in the material they were given that talks about that.
15 B Bagley talked about different companies and ways to bond.
16 S Bankhead said you have to be very careful when you go outside the State Government for bonds. We need to explore all
17 the options we can but we need to see what the hidden cost is.
18 S Bankhead said they also looked into the round-a-bout. The round-a-bout in North Logan is larger than ours. It cost them
19 approximately \$200,000. We should spend less than that. That will be brought back to the next meeting. Impact Fees have to
20 be spent on the projects mentioned in the analysis. S Bankhead reminded the Council what those projects are. One of those
21 projects could include the round-a-bout. We can complete the round-a-bout with the money that we have. If we incorporate
22 and do a new analysis the money still has to be used for these projects in the original analysis.
23 R Eck said very little property needs to be acquired. This will be a 3 leg round-a-bout.
24 D Calderwood said it will definitely slow traffic down on Canyon Road.
25 D Astle said the Sheriff's office is going to give us a report on the accidents and speeding in that area.
26 The Council discussed the different options that could be done with the round-a-bout.
27 R Eck told the Council that they will need to make a decision about the intersection at 100 North and Spring Creek Parkway.
28 If the City has a working round-a-bout it might be easier to decide what to do with the other intersections.
29 S Bankhead said Rocky Mountain Power has received a rate increase. She will have to increase the utilities in the budget by
30 about 2%.
31 The Council discussed where the most money is spent on electric utilities.
32 S Bankhead said she also has to incorporate the insurance amounts into the budget.

33 34 **STAFF REPORTS:**

35 S Bankhead talked about the ULGT dental, vision, long term disability and basic life insurance. She asked the Council to let
36 the Mayor sign this document. It needs to be returned by May 31, 2010. The Council wants to look into this further. They
37 would like to have an extension.
38 R Eck asked the Council for permission to remove two trees on 100 North and Main. The Council agreed.
39 R Eck will tell Rocky Mountain Power to proceed with the removal of the trees on Main Street from 100 North to Center
40 Street on the west side.
41 R Eck talked to the Council about the parking on Spring Creek Parkway and Gateway Drive. Two development agreements
42 say there will be no parking on Spring Creek Parkway. Does the Council want to enforce this? R Eck would like to post No
43 Parking signs 65 feet from the corner. The Council agreed.
44 R Eck asked if the Council is interested in speed bumps.
45 The Council said no. They have asked the Sheriff's Department to patrol Canyon Road to the mouth of Providence Canyon.
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47 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

48 B Bagley said he received a complaint about the Larsen home on 200 West.
49 D Astle asked about recommendations for the Historic Commission. They have some names to present.
50 D Low would like to put up the Preamble and the Bill of Rights framed in the Council room.
51 D Calderwood talked about the radio towers that they want to put up in the City. There seems to be some confusion with the
52 trail up Providence Canyon.
53 R Eck said they are trying to get an answer to that.
54 J Russell asked about the web page.
55 S Bankhead said Stacie Gomm is supposed to come talk to staff about that. Staff has also looked into other options. To create
56 our own website it will cost a few thousand dollars.
57 R Liechty asked if one of the employees could take care of the website.

1 S Bankhead said if we go to a company that will design the website for us then we can keep it up ourselves. It will cost a few
2 thousand dollars.

3 **Motion to adjourn: D Astle, J Russell second**

4 **Vote: Yea: B Bagley, D Low, D Astle, D Calderwood, J Russell**

5 **Nay: None**

6 **Abstain: None**

7 **Excused: None**

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9 Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

10 Minutes taken and prepared by Terri Lewis

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Ronald Liechty, Mayor

Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder