

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

2 **August 24, 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, B Bagley, D Calderwood, D Low, J Russell  
9 Excused:  
10 Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Liechty  
11 Motivational Thought: B Bagley

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13 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

14 **Item No. 1.** The Providence City Council will approve the minutes from August 10, 2010.

15 **Motion to approve the minutes: J Russell, D Low second**

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

17 **Nay: None**

18 **Abstain: None**

19 **Excused: None**

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21 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

22 Kirk Allen is concerned about 400 South between 100 East and 200 West. This area is a major accident waiting to happen.  
23 He hopes that there is something in the plans to fix that road. He also is concerned about the winter parking ordinance. The  
24 City needs to look at this ordinance. He also talked about the Sheriff's Department and how he feels they just sit at certain  
25 points instead of patrolling the City. He feels like they should do more patrolling and less sitting.

26 Cody Johnson is concerned about the road name change that the Council will be discussing tonight. To do an address change  
27 will cause them a lot of grief. He wondered if the address change would be done immediately. If so how long will it take the  
28 post office to make the changes? It will be a very expensive change for the businesses.

29 Marnie Poppleton is here to talk about the address change for Spring Creek Parkway. She agrees with C Johnson that this is a  
30 huge problem with the insurance companies. This will be a very expensive change for them also.

31 Ruth Ann Holloway talked to the Council about the problems in her cul-de-sac. People park too close to the mailboxes and  
32 they won't deliver their mail. This has been a real public safety issue for the post office. She also feels like this needs to be  
33 addressed for the winter time.

34 Vies Ansbergs talked about the problems in the neighborhood where Ruth Ann Holloway lives.

35 James Holloway said there is also a problem with the garbage pickup in the neighborhood.

36 D Calderwood feels like this problem definitely needs to be addressed.  
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38 **OATH OF OFFICE:**

39 The 2010/2011 Providence City Youth Council will take the oath of office.

40 S Bankhead gave the youth their oath of office for the year.

41 S Bankhead thanked the parents for their support. She also thanked Terri Wennergren for her work with the youth council.  
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43 **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

44 **Item No. 1. Resolution No. 10-031:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution appointing Carol  
45 Nyman as a member of the Providence City Historic Preservation Commission.

46 The Mayor let the Council know that he has known Carol for along time and she will be a great asset to the Commission.

47 **Motion to approve: J Russell, D Low second**

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

49 **Nay: None**

50 **Abstain: None**

51 **Excused: None**  
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53 **Item No. 2. Resolution No. 10-030:** The Providence City Council will consider for adoption a resolution changing the name  
54 of Spring Creek Parkway to Gateway Drive from the new intersection of Gateway Drive and Spring Creek Parkway to 100  
55 North.

56 **Motion to approve: D Low, D Astle second**

1 S Bankhead explained why the Council is looking at changing the name of this road. Spring Creek Parkway and Gateway  
2 Drive are under construction. Spring Creek Parkway will T into Gateway Drive. The City felt like this name change would be  
3 less confusing for everyone. She apologized to the businesses for the problems that this will cause them.  
4 B Bagley asked if there was a transition period for the businesses.  
5 R Eck said there would have to be new street signs ordered.  
6 R Eck said NHSA recommends not changing names of roads without a traffic control device.  
7 Keith Thompson talked about a road in Logan that changed its name. It is very confusing.  
8 R Holloway suggested calling it Spring Creek/Gateway Drive.  
9 D Calderwood said the other problem the businesses will have is the yellow pages. He doesn't know if they will have enough  
10 time to change the addresses.  
11 Richard Johnson asked how the other roads will work with this new construction.  
12 D Calderwood asked if it would be a problem if they waited to make a decision until the next meeting.  
13 R Eck said it would in his opinion. He feels like the time frame will be different with everybody. He would really like to have  
14 the street signs up by the time the road is finished.  
15 R Johnson said the biggest problem for them will be the Medicare. He sees the logic with this but it will be a huge problem  
16 for them.  
17 R Holloway asked if Gateway Drive was a thoroughfare. What if they changed the traffic control on this road?  
18 R Liechty said this road is already finished.  
19 R Johnson said it isn't people finding them it is the logistics of insurance.  
20 S Bankhead said Doctor's move their offices all the time. We have to make the change sometime. For the flow of traffic it  
21 makes sense to make this change.  
22 D Astle asked if we can change the name in six months.  
23 R Eck asked why we would do that.  
24 J Russell asked what happens if the name change happens after the insurance problems are handled.  
25 R Johnson said that will also be a problem.  
26 J Russell said people are going to need addresses.  
27 Dave Mumm said people Google the Bank of Utah address and it puts you six blocks away. He thinks this might actually  
28 help this problem.  
29 R Eck said this makes sense from the aspect of public safety.  
30 K Allen said down the road we will be glad that this road goes through.  
31 **Vote: Yea: D Astle, B Bagley, D Calderwood, D Low**  
32 **Nay: J Russell**  
33 **Abstain: None**  
34 **Excused: None**  
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36 **Item No. 3. Ordinance No. 009-2010:** The Providence City Council will discuss proposed changes to the sale of cemetery  
37 spaces; discussion will include the cost for residents and non-residents.  
38 S Bankhead said she has made the changes that were requested by Randy Eck at the last meeting.  
39 **Motion to approve: J Russell, B Bagley second**  
40 R Eck went over some other changes that the staff recommended.  
41 D Astle would like "Unless otherwise approved by the Sexton" changed to "Unless otherwise approved by the Mayor" unless  
42 it concerns the Sexton's immediate job.  
43 R Eck will go through the ordinance and decide where the Sexton will have approval.  
44 R Eck would like any fines that are levied be the responsibility of the Mortuary.  
45 If the burial goes past 4:00 p.m. there will be a fine of \$300 levied to the Mortuary.  
46 R Eck asked what the Council wants the timeline to be for changing the purchase price of the Cemetery Spaces.  
47 They agree with July, 2012.  
48 D Astle doesn't like the idea of making the resident and non-resident fees the same.  
49 S Bankhead doesn't know if they should change the fees right now. They will have until 2012.  
50 B Bagley went through a list of the Cemetery prices in the valley. He believes the City needs to take a close look at the fees  
51 that the City charges. He thought the cemetery was perpetual and not tax oriented.  
52 S Bankhead said the day to day maintenance comes out of the general fund.  
53 B Bagley feels like we need to discuss the fees sooner or later.  
54 S Bankhead said there hasn't been an increase in the cemetery rates since 1998. The rates could be increased a little.  
55 B Bagley suggested raising the fees for the opening/closing.  
56 J Russell said if we want to keep the cemetery for residents we need to raise the rates for non-residents.  
57 S Bankhead said if we want to let residents be buried in the Providence Cemetery we need to buy more land.  
58 D Low asked how exclusive we want to be.

1 R Eck went over the requirements for a Veteran Marker or Plaque.

2 **Motion to continue to the next meeting for the necessary changes to be made: J Russell, D Calderwood second**

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

4 **Nay: None**

5 **Abstain: None**

6 **Excused: None**

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8 **Item No. 4. Discussion:** The Providence City Council will discuss the ballot wording for the proposed county wide library  
9 tax and its financial impact on Providence City Residents.

10 R Liechty explained how the wording will affect the residents of Providence City. The Citizens don't realize that there taxes  
11 will go up if this passes as it is worded.

12 D Astle said Lynn Lemon said the County will take \$238,000 from Providence to pay for this library. It will raise the City's  
13 taxes about 7%. It will drain the City's coffers.

14 R Liechty read the changes that have been made in the ballot wording. The residents will know that the taxes will be raised.  
15 The County needs to let the people know that this is a tax. It will never go away. It will only go up.

16 D Low said this will not be a binding vote. This is just to see what the Citizens want.

17 R Liechty said Smithfield and Hyrum will say no to this. Why would we tax our citizens when we have our own library?

18 R Holloway said that everything is on the internet. The libraries are becoming extinct.

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20 **STAFF REPORTS:**

21 R Eck went over the request for a mailbox ordinance and plan sizes. He requested a maximum plan size of 24 x 36. This is a  
22 land use ordinance that will have to go through the Planning Commission.

23 He told the Council that cul-de-sacs are problematic. He explained that he has had complaints from the Logan City Garbage  
24 Collectors and the Post Office that in certain cul-de-sacs there is too much junk in the road. He sent a letter to the residents  
25 explaining that there is an ordinance that requires people keep their junk out of the road. He would like the Council to change  
26 the ordinance to make it illegal to park within 15 feet on either side of a mailbox.

27 D Astle said he feels like this is something that needs to be addressed.

28 D Calderwood said this is a mess. The neighbors don't get along.

29 The Council made a few changes with the draft.

30 The Council said to go forward with these ordinances.

31 R Eck talked about the trees on Main Street. He handed out the information that he received from Mark Malmstrom. This  
32 will be discussed at the next meeting.

33 R Eck talked to the Council about an Eagle Scout Project. He would like to put a map and history at Von's Park. He  
34 requested the Council approve the verbiage that the Scout would like to use.

35 The Council said this would be fine.

36 B Bagley asked about the cameras to reduce vandalism that were talked about at another meeting.

37 R Eck said he is looking into it. The Sheriff's Department keeps an eye on our parks.

38 The Chip Seal and fog seal are finished.

39 S Bankhead told the Council that R Eck did a traffic analysis on 100 North and east/west of Spring Creek parkway. We did  
40 not include Maceys as part of the traffic count. That section of 100 North has 4,900 west bound and 5,200 east bound. The  
41 City will repeat that traffic count when the road is completed around October 4<sup>th</sup>. She gave the count to Kevin Hawkins from  
42 Amsource. Art in the Park went very well. Fall kickball and soccer started today. That will go for about 8 weeks. We are  
43 preparing for the Sauerkraut Dinner and the car show. She told the Council that the Farmer's Market might not happen.  
44 The CERT program will start this week. Everyone has been contacted.

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46 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

47 B Bagley talked to S Bankhead about the tax newsletter. He suggested the City start using the SORT program mentioned in  
48 the newsletter to track the businesses. There are four new businesses in town. A couple of citizens let him know that about 9  
49 rattlesnakes have been killed in the City. He would like to look at new carpet in the Council Chambers.

50 D Astle talked about the Pioneer Monument Company. They are trying to decide where they are going as a Corporation.

51 D Low is concerned about mules/gators and the way they are driven. He feels like they are dangerous. He was told if he is  
52 concerned about the way they are being driven he should call the Sheriff's Department.

53 D Calderwood told the Council about the Planning Commission meeting. He is looking for more data on the hunting/trapping  
54 ordinance. He met with Lt. Jensen with Animal Control and Skarlet. He met with Jim Williamson and he took care of his  
55 rock chuck problem. He talked about the 400 East safety issue. He made some suggestions on how to fix the problem.

56 R Eck talked about running organized races in Providence. He feels like this is a huge liability. Can he tell them no?

57 R Liechty said to tell them that the Council is looking at this and as of right now you can't do it.

58 R Eck asked for the Councils support on fixing 300 South.

1 R Liechty talked to the Council about the meeting with the Cache County Governments. He explained that they talked about  
2 moving traffic through the valley.  
3 S Bankhead told the Council that she and Beth Munson will be meeting with James Swink next week concerning the County  
4 Justice Court. She feels like this should be held in a County building. They will explore more options in the future.  
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6 **Motion to go into executive session for pending litigation: D Astle, D Low second**

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

8 **Nay: None**

9 **Abstain: None**

10 **Excused: None**

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12 **Motion to close the executive session: D Astle, B Bagley second**

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

14 **Nay: None**

15 **Abstain: None**

16 **Excused: None**

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18 Executive Session adjourned at 9:40

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20 **Motion to adjourn: B Bagley, D Calderwood second**

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

22 **Nay: None**

23 **Abstain: None**

24 **Excused: None**

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26 Meeting adjourned at 9:40

27 Minutes taken and prepared by Terri Lewis  
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32 Ronald Liechty, Mayor

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Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder