

1 **PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP**

2 **May 26, 2011**

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 Low, J Russell, D Calderwood
9	Excused:	

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11 **The Providence City Council will discuss the budget.**

12 Mayor Liechty asked the Council, S Bankhead and R Eck at the May 10th Council meeting to come prepared to talk about the City's needs and wants for the next 5 to 7 years. He excused S Bankhead from the meeting tonight.

13 He explained how he believes this process should go. This will be a work in progress. What does the City need money wise to sustain itself and update our roads, etc.

14 D Astle feels like we need to figure out where we want the City to be in 5 years. Then we can figure out what projects should be looked at. What kind of community would we like to have?

15 J Russell asked what the population of the City is.

16 B Bagley said it is 7,075.

17 R Eck said there are about 1900 sewer connections and 1950 water connections in the City.

18 J Russell would like each person to take a minute and tell what they see for the City's future.

19 J Russell wants to see the commercial area developed and maintained. He wants a quality living environment and the ability to maintain the infrastructure.

20 R Liechty believes that commercial is an absolute must. How can we attract commercial development? Fines & fees need to be looked at closely and we need to raise our tax base a little. Our infrastructure needs to be taken care of.

21 D Astle thinks Providence will remain a pretty prime residential town. He believes the commercial area will grow slowly. We should aggressively attract commercial. He would like to emphasize commercial, don't create a community that only the wealthy can live in, do mixed use. It is critical to allow home businesses but keep the ordinances and laws in place to control them. We don't want to totally rely on sales tax. We need a solid property tax base. We need to be good stewards of the taxes and fees that we have.

22 B Bagley wants to address the property on the west side of Highway 165. There is an area across from Cobblestone that we need to keep our eye on for commercial. Do we want mixed use? What is the proper mix? He believes that retailers look at the logistics and the location of cities.

23 D Calderwood said this really comes down to money. What kind of funds do we have? We need to protect the west side of Highway 165. The best way to collect money is through commercial. If we are going to draw commercial businesses we have to make concessions. We need to find out what our competition is doing to entice commercial businesses.

24 D Low believes that we need to figure out how to attract residents. If we develop a town where people want to live then we will get the commercial businesses. We need to create an entrance into Providence so you know you're here. We need to make this a friendly community. He would like to do small incremental property tax increases every other year. Half of Providence has only lived here about 10 years or less. He wants to create something that people feel connected to and the history and heritage aren't lost.

25 B Bagley talked about the Charette. He would like to have that information for the meeting tomorrow night. He agrees with D Low, Providence needs a sense of identity.

26 B Munson said she gets a lot of positive comments from citizens. She believes the citizens are concerned about the nuts and bolts of the City.

27 The Council discussed the Justice Court. They would like for the Court to be self sustaining.

28 R Liechty talked about the Sheriff's Department report and the work they are doing for Providence. He agrees with D Astle, we need to be good stewards of the City's money.

29 R Eck handed out a list of necessary things that need to happen concerning streets, culinary water, storm water, parks, sanitary sewer and vehicles/equipment. He talked about each department and what needs to be done.

30 B Munson handed out a list of Administrative cost for the City. She went through each department and explained what needs to be done.

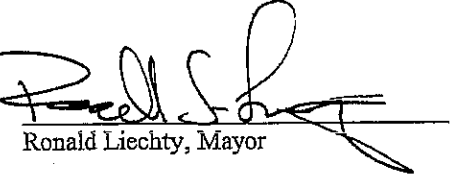
31 D Astle said the City needs HR policies in place.

32 D Calderwood feels like the City has a responsibility to keep the employees happy. Some of the employees have been with the City for along time. He would really like to give the employees a raise this year. It has been 3 years since they have gotten one.


1 The Council talked about different ways to benefit the employees.
2 The Council would like to show the employees what their total compensation from the City is.
3 R Liechty talked about the Sheriff's Department report and the work they are doing for Providence. The Council talked about
4 Animal Control.

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6 **Motion to adjourn: D Low, B Bagley second**
7 **Vote: Yea: B Bagley, D Low, D Astle, J Russell, D Calderwood**
8 **Nay: None**
9 **Abstain: None**
10 **Excused: None**

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12 Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.
13 Minutes taken and prepared by Terri Lewis

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18 Ronald Liechty, Mayor




Skarles Bankhead, City Recorder