

Minutes of the Roy City Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers of the Roy City Municipal Building on December 4, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was provided to the Standard Examiner at least 24 hours in advance. A copy of the agenda was posted.

The following members were in attendance:

Mayor Robert Dandoy
Councilmember Burrell
Councilmember Paul
Councilmember Saxton
Councilmember Yeoman

City Manager, Jason Poulsen
City Attorney, Andy Blackburn

Also present were: Management Services Director, Matt Andrews; Police Chief, Carl Merino; Fire Chief, Jeff Comeau; Parks and Recreation Director, Travis Flint; City Recorder, Morgan Langholf; Glenda Moore, Kevin Homer, Jerry Williams, Braeden Stander, Jorey Wahlen, Anna Hawe, Jacob Fisher, Harley Daker, Travis Gibby, Parker Stewart, Destany Woods, Josh Gallegos, Ed Weakland, Kathie Darby, Odessa Anderson, Maggie Hislop, Robert Joseph, Patrick Pezzella, Denette Stanger, Aaron Holt, Joseph Palmer

A. Welcome & Roll Call

Mayor Dandoy welcomed those in attendance and noted Councilmembers Burrell, Paul, Saxton, and Yeoman were present. Councilmember Tafoya was excused.

B. Moment of Silence

Councilmember Saxton invited the audience to observe a moment of silence.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Saxton asked Scout Troop 200 to lead the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Consent Items

(These items are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by a single motion. If discussion is desired on any particular consent item, that item may be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.)

1. Approval of the October 30, November 12, and November 24, 2018, City Council Minutes

Councilmember Paul motioned to approve the October 30, November 12, and November 24, 2018 City Council Special Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Burrell seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye.” The motion carried.

E. Action Items

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 18-32, eliminating the Deputy Chief Position and changing the two lieutenant positions into two captain positions in the Police Department.

Chief Merino reported that the salary range and job description for the above stated positions had been created. They were then sent to a panel for final approval. Staff recommended approval of the proposed Resolution as written.

Councilmember Yeoman motioned to approve Resolution No. 18-32 eliminating the deputy chief position and changing the two lieutenant position to two captain positions in the police department. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All Councilmembers voted “aye.” Councilmember Tafoya was absent. The motion carried.

11. Consideration of Resolution 18-33 declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing its sale.

Chief Comeau presented the request and noted that the item was the City’s 2008 F350 ambulance. With the purchase of the new ambulance the City was able to surplus the old one and authorize its sale.

Councilmember Burrell motioned to approve Resolution 18-33 declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing its sale. Councilmember Saxton seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye.” Councilmember Tafoya was absent. The motion carried.

F. Presentations

Parks and Recreation Director, Travis Flint, presented this month’s Employee of the Month, Brady Gilbert. He read the letter that was submitted as part of Mr. Gilbert’s nomination:

“As the Parks and Recreation Director, I am honored to nominate Brady Gilbert a member of the Parks and Recreation Department, for employee of the month for December. Brady has worked for Roy City Parks Department since 2006. Brady began his career as an EO-1 and shortly after was promoted to an EO-2 after obtaining the CDL certificate. In November 2017, Brady was promoted to the lead man position. Brady embraced this new position and has worked very hard. In the last budget session, the Parks Superintendent submitted a proposal to have an incentive program established for the Parks Department, to give small percentage raises for applicable certifications that employees could obtain to broaden their knowledge base for the Department. This would help strengthen the department as a whole. Unfortunately, the program was not able to be approved in that budget session; that didn’t matter to Brady. Brady took it upon himself to still pursue these certifications knowing there would be no additional compensation for doing so. Since his promotion in 2017, Brady has worked very hard to acquire a Utah Vac Flow Technician [certificate], Utah Water Conservation certificate, and the State of Utah Pesticide Applicator [certificate]. Brady has previously obtained his Master Tree Steward and Utah Master Gardener certificates. Brady’s dedication and motivation to better himself in the Department, I feel deserve this recognition.”

The Councilmembers expressed their appreciation to Mr. Gilbert for his service and dedication to the City.

G. Public Comments

Mayor Dandoy opened floor for public comments.

Jerry Williams, 5063 South 3600 West, stated that there was a mini roundabout causing safety hazards in his neighborhood. He mentioned that a lot of speeding happened on this same road and something needed to be done. He suggested the City look into whether federal regulations were met when installing the device and if not, get a backhoe in the area and tear it out.

City Manager, Jason Poulsen, stated that staff assessed the safety of residents throughout the entire City, and they were aware of the situation to which Mr. Williams was referring. One option was to install a four-way stop in the area; however, there had been mixed opinions over this suggestion. Reason being, a four-way stop would halt traffic on 5700 West going east and west, and what they wanted to do was slow traffic down. Another option for the area was to install a calming circle, which still allowed traffic to flow while reducing miles per hour.

Mr. Williams stated that while the City may call it a traffic calming circle, the Federal Highway Administration called it a mini roundabout and it did not meet the criteria. For example, one of the main criteria was that large vehicles needed to be able to traverse it and currently they could not do so. There was further deliberation on the matter.

The comment was made that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommended these traffic calming devices. Statistically speaking, they reduced accidents by 76%. Mr. Williams again stated that the device in question did not meet proper criteria. It was then explained that when four-way stops were installed without warrant, there was some level of liability placed on the City. Furthermore, unwarranted four-way stops led to more violations and rear-end collisions. Staff indicated that several traffic calming options were explored prior to installing the device that currently existed.

Lawrence Page, 5699 South 3700 West, also commented on the roundabout previously discussed. He mentioned that recently a City-owned snow plow tried to clear the road in question, and had to back up in order to make the corner. This slowed down traffic. Mr. Page also explained that when four-way stops are not consistently placed in an area, drivers assume two-way stops are really four-way stops and this potentially causes issues. However, he clarified that his primary concern was his and Mr. Williams's neighborhood, and in the case of their neighborhood he agreed a four-way stop would be better than the current roundabout. Additionally, Mr. Page expressed concerns with cars parking on the road and the issue this caused with visibility.

Braeden Stander, 5544 South 3750 West, commented on the roundabout previously discussed. He stated that the decision to build it was made with a single thought in mind, which was to focus on speeding. However, all of the other factors of why 5700 South was problematic were not considered. One of his concerns pertaining to this roundabout was that it was not discussed at length in a public meeting or presented in any of the City's other publications. He recommended better cameras for live-streaming the meetings, as he often watches them online.

Councilmember Paul stated that he spent seven to eight hours over the last three days replying to comments online about this issue. Furthermore, he has spent a lot of time speaking with citizens in person on the matter. He added that the roundabout may not have needed to be brought to the Council for approval in the first place, and could have been a decision that was made by staff.

Mr. Williams made additional remarks to reiterate his previous points.

Odessa Anderson, 5545 South 2050 West, expressed concerns with the intersection of 5300 South 1900 West, near the Burger Bar, specifically pertaining to how the lanes were structured. Additionally, the light at this intersection only allowed for one car to go through at a time. She asked if the right lane could

also have a straight driving option, which would be similar to the left lane. Staff indicated that the Traffic Engineer could better address this question, as there was a specific science behind designing roads.

Aaron Holt, 2320 West 5900 South, expressed concerns with the increased traffic at the intersection in his neighborhood. Recently, there was a major accident north of his home. There were several children that played in the neighborhood, and traffic was a significant safety hazard. Mr. Holt explained that many of the cars going in and out of his neighborhood did not belong there and he was concerned with potential crime activity that could be occurring, including cars getting broken into. He suggested one possible solution of having additional police patrolling through the area.

Mayor Dandoy remarked that public comment periods were meant to increase the City's transparency efforts. This was an opportunity for residents to bring their concerns forward to staff and elected officials so that those issues could be addressed.

Mayor Dandoy closed the floor for public comments.

H. Reports and Discussion

1. YCC Discussion

Mayor Dandoy provided an historical overview of the YCC, stating that it was first established in 1945. As a family crisis center, it served victims of domestic violence, homelessness, and assault. Tonight the Council would be discussing the extent to which the City of Roy would support the organization financially.

Mr. Poulsen stated that the YCC provided many valuable resources to members of the community. In Roy this past year there were 29 in-take cases and 44 crisis interventions. Staff was of the opinion that it was important for the City to remain good partners with the YCC.

Councilmember Yeoman voiced her support of the YCC, noting she had a family member who volunteered there. She thanked staff for providing the aforementioned numbers. However, she was concerned with some communication breakdowns between City law enforcement and residents who had turned to the YCC for assistance. She wanted to make sure that moving forward these issues were resolved so that the relationship between Roy City and the YCC was functioning properly. She asked if there was a deadline for making a financial commitment. Mr. Poulsen did not believe so; however, he said it would be nice to make a commitment sometime within this budget year.

Councilmember Burrell asked if there was a current memorandum of understanding (MOU). The answer she was given was no. Councilmember Burrell asked if an MOU could be established, and there was subsequent discussion on the matter.

Councilmember Saxton asked what the City's commitment to the YCC had been in the past. Mr. Poulsen reported that a couple of years ago the City donated \$16,000, and last year it donated \$8,000. In this new budget year, the YCC has requested \$16,000. Councilmember Saxton asked if the YCC gave an annual report to the City Council every year, and the answer he was given was no. When data was provided it was vague with no specific names being listed, and this was to protect identities. They were still working through the proper way to provide more data so as to more accurately determine funding needs.

Shane Loader, a new YCC Board Member, stated that they also had a relatively new Executive Chairperson as well. He stated that there had been explicit direction given to the YCC to cooperate more with Roy City, and he expressed appreciation for everything the City had done up to this point. He

reiterated the YCC's commitment to improving its communications with the City, as had been mentioned throughout this discussion.

2. City Manager Report

Mr. Poulsen reported on the following:

- The Christmas house decorating competition would take place between December 14th and 16th. Winners would be presented at the December 18th Council meeting.
- The utility office would have extended hours on December 11th.
- The Fire Department and Parks & Recreation Salary Survey would be presented at the December 18th Council meeting.

3. Mayor and Council Report

Councilmember Saxton announced the approval of the first RDA loan. The Council briefly discussed the process for distributing these funds.

Councilmember Yeoman then discussed a new "adopt a trail" project for the Beautification Committee, as part of the broader clean-up efforts. Sign-up information would be included with the January 2019 newsletter. In response to a question from Councilmember Burrell, Councilmember Yeoman noted there were seven trail sections. These sections could be shortened to accommodate more applicants if several people sign up.

I. Adjournment

Councilmember Burrell Motioned to Adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:50 p.m. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye." The motion carried.

Robert Dandoy
Mayor

Attest:

Morgan Langholf
City Recorder