

NIBLEY CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, March 15, 2007
The following motions were made during the meeting.

No official action took place during the meeting.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Minutes taken and prepared by Deputy Recorder Kerry Bringhurst.

Mayor Knight called the Thursday, March 15, 2007 Nibley City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance included City Council Members Bryan Hansen, Jay Harrison, Scott Wells, and Scott Larsen and Councilman Thayne Mickelson. City Manager Larry Anhder and City Planner Conley Thompson were also in attendance. Jaron Newman attended the council meeting as a requirement to obtain his communication merit badge for the Boy Scouts of America. The meeting took place at the Nibley City Hall, 625 West 3200 South.

Item 1: There was a motion to set an adjournment time of 8:00 p.m. and to approve evening's agenda by Councilman Jay Harrison. Councilman Thayne Mickelson made a second to the motion which was approved with Councilmen Harrison, Mickelson and Larsen voting in favor and Councilman Hansen opposing the change to the agenda.

Item 2: Motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Harrison making a second to the motion. The motion passes with Councilmen Wells, Hansen, and Harrison voting in favor and Councilman Larsen obtaining.

Item 3: Proclamation by Mayor Knight supporting April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Smithfield Police Chief John McCoy met with the council to share an outline of services provided in the county to help reduce child abuse. Chief McCoy said the Child and Family Support Center provides a variety of services including children's and parenting classes. The council, Mayor Knight, and city staff were asked to participate in locally sponsored events scheduled for April as part of the yearly recognition. Blue ribbons were presented to members of the council in hopes of encouraging support of the child abuse prevention program. Mayor Knight and the council thanked Chief McCoy for his information and presentation. Mayor Knight presented and read an official proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and signed the proclamation encouraging Nibley residents to make an effort to reduce child abuse.

Item 4: General Plan Workshop. Mayor Knight asked the council to review issues discussed during a community vision meeting held on February 24th.

Road Discussion: During the workshop Councilman Hansen asked members of the council to look at possible areas of growth and to outline locations for roads to allow for adequate traffic flow over the next five to ten years. He encouraged the council to provide suggestions as to where a city center and future parks might be located. Mayor Knight said one request he has is that the 2002 road map be updated to assist with making these decisions. Councilman Larsen said the city needs to determine where the frontage road should be located and determine where it should end heading south. Councilman Hansen said he thinks the frontage road should have some flow through existing and future development to create some interest. Scott Larsen said it should be at least 600 feet from the highway, maybe at 3200 South. He would like to see the commercial development be more of a "village" type set up, with limited large discount stores.

Arterial roads will need to be determined based on needs, according to Councilman Mickelson. He said where they should be located depends on where development occurs and suggested the city needs to allow for some flexibility.

Councilman Harrison said he does not think a frontage road should meander through the community. He said it will be difficult to address the matter of where cross sections should occur until more time for discussion and review is allowed.

City Center/Community Center: Councilman Hansen said it makes sense to have a community center located near wetlands, possibly to the Northwest section of Nibley. He said this would create a nice atmosphere where board walks and other amenities could add to the appeal of a public gathering place.

Mayor Knight said it would help determine where a city center should be located if the council could agree on an existing point of interest. He wondered how the council felt about having the city center

combine with the economic center of the city. Bryan Hansen suggested that the council consider locating a city center near developments off of 3200 South and east and west of Highway 89/90. This, he said, would pull traffic from both roads.

Thayne Mickelson said he see a mixed type of business environment along Highway 165. He sees a city and business area working along Highway 165 to allow for community gatherings and open space. He said he does not necessarily like the idea of having the city center near an industrial area on the west side of town. Councilman Mickelson likes the idea of some areas with neighborhood commercial and open spaces near the city center. Councilman Larsen said he wants more neighborhood commercial developments that are services oriented and could combine well with a city center.

Mayor Knight said the city will need to respond to forces driving commercial development. He said that type of development is not going to go away and there will continue to be constant pressure that could go uncontrolled without a plan. He said he continues to receive comments from the public discouraging future commercial development along Highway 165. But, he said he is concerned because there is also continued pressure by land owners to develop those area. Mayor Knight suggested the council consider the implications of not having a plan now, to prevent a future council from allowing development in that area that could be modeled after development along the highway in Hyrum.

Bryan Hansen continued to express his support for a frontage road on the west side of town as an ideal place to locate commercial development. City Manager Larry Anhder said one problem with that plan is that most of the property in that area is not available. In fact, he said, the Lutheran Church owns property on 2900 South. This will limit the flow of traffic which he said makes it less appealing to commercial developers.

Councilman Mickelson suggested the city needs to set standards for commercial development and not back down on the landscaping and other requirements should they be allowed to build along highway 165. If the developer is unwilling to comply he said they can move the project to the west part of town. Councilman Harris said that a business must have exposure and accessibility. He said he likes Councilman Hansen's idea to push commercial interests near a frontage road along highway 165. He also likes the idea of locating the city center in that area to allow for walking traffic to businesses and nearby parks.

Mayor Knight said the city center needs to give Nibley an identity and feels that Councilman Hansen's idea would help accomplish that goal. He likes the idea of drawing residents to an area where there are parks, businesses, a trail system, and government centers. City Manager Larry Anhder is recommending the council further consider locating the city center so that it is somewhat removed from commercial development. Again, he said there may not be the necessary property available to create an area with all of the suggested amenities. Mr. Anhder said the cost may be prohibitive. So, again he suggested it would be wise to locate the city center near 3200 South for these reasons, as well as to allow for a better transportation plan in Nibley. Mayor Knight concluded the workshop discussion and thanked those who participated and offered suggestions. Councilman Hansen took leave of the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Item 5: Discussion of Nibley City Mission Statement. Council members asked for additional time to review suggestions regarding the city's mission statement discussed at the February 15th meeting. The following is a review of minutes from that meeting: *Councilman Mickelson suggested it might be appropriate for each city department and staff to develop a mission statement. At this time, however the council continued to outline possible ideas for a mission statement to help establish intents regarding Nibley City as a form of government. Councilmen Scott Larsen and Jay Harrison presented their ideas. Councilman Larsen said he likes the idea of including in a mission statement support of city employees for their efforts. Councilman Harrison said a simple statement appeals to him. The council participated in a brainstorming activity and came up with the following items to possibly be included in a city mission statement.*

**Citizens are to be served with respect, courtesy, equality & fairness*

**Nibley City will manage efficient, natural, historic, growth with a plan (responsibility & integrity)*

**Essential Services- infrastructure*

**Enhanced quality of life- protect and enrich (parks and trails)*

Item 6: Discussion about 2007- 2008 budget priorities. Larry Anhder asked the council to consider any upcoming budget needs. He said this years budget will be tight to help cover the cost of recently acquired property. Mr. Anhder said he will prepare a budget proposal to be reviewed at an April conference. Councilman Mickelson said it appears to him there is a need for more storage and equipment space for the Public Works Department. Mr. Anhder agreed but said there is not enough money in the budget to consider paying for additional capital improvements. Councilman Wells asked that the city consider a review of what members of the council are being paid for their efforts to serve on the council. Councilman Harrison asked for additional money to be appropriated to the Nibley's Youth City Council. There was also a mention that the city's Planning and Zoning Commission would like the city to purchase city code books which can be accessed during P&Z meetings.

Item 7: Manager's Report- Mr. Anhder presented the mayor and council with a document regarding the city manager's responsibilities and ask that they review and make any recommendations.

Item 8: Mayor's Report- Mayor Knight said there has been some discussion among the staff and council that it might be a good idea to have a "Citizen of The Year" recognized during the Nibley City Heritage Days Celebration. The council agreed it would be appropriate. Mayor Knight suggested the council submit recommendations of someone who should be recognized as a good citizen. He asked for nominations to be submitted by April 19th, however Councilman Wells recommended their be a list of criteria outlined for citizens to make nominations. Mr. Anhder will prepare something to be placed in the city newsletter.

Item 9: Council Report:

Councilman Thayne Mickelson: Attended the Utah Water Meetings and said he wanted to commend Mr. Anhder for his work to make certain Nibley's water needs are adequate. He said it is clear there will be a number of requirements regarding state water and by carefully overseeing water issues, Mr. Anhder has placed Nibley in a good position.

Councilman Jay Harrison: Nothing to report.

Councilman Scott Wells: Thanking the council for years of having the opportunity of being able to work with quality citizens as a member of the Nibley City Council, Councilman Wells said it was with a heavy heart that he announces his retirement from the council. Mr. Wells will be moving from Nibley City to pursue a job opportunity in Las Vegas. We wish him the very best and the council offered their thanks and appreciation for his years of service.

Councilman Scott Larsen: Work on the 800 West parking lot for the new city park has begun according to Mr. Larsen. Councilman Larsen said an official name of the park has not been decided but that the naming of the park will be made in April. Councilman Larsen asked for an update on what might happen in regards to a meeting held recently to review the possibility of building a Wastewater Removal Plant in the South end of the valley, including Nibley. Mr. Anhder said it seems the state is running behind on issuing requirements, therefore there is additional time to review options.

Item 10: Councilman Scott Wells recognition- Mayor Knight thanked Councilman Wells for serving Nibley City as a member of the city council and for help with Animal Control and local Law Enforcement issues. Councilman Wells has served as a member of the council for twelve years. During his early years on the council Mr. Wells helped with snow removal and currently serves as the council representative for the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mayor Knight recognized Councilman Well's wisdom, patience and insight and wished him the best of luck.

Item 11: Adjourn- Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting with General Consent at 8:07 p.m.

Signed _____
Mayor Gerald Knight

Attest _____
Assistant Deputy Recorder

