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City Council Minutes

25 August 2020

6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

Mayor Mike Olsen

Councilmembers:

Justin Atkinson

Rondy Black

Sam Draper

Russell Keisel

Kevin Stallings

Welcome: Mayor Mike Olsen welcomed all to the meeting. The meeting was not noticed on the Public Notice Website, it was put in both local papers and the city newsletter. According to the City's Legal Counsel, the council members can vote to still hold the meeting because it constitutes an emergency due to the fact that the deadline to get this on the ballot is August 31, 2020 and the City did make reasonable effort to let the public know by placing it in both local papers and the city newsletter.

City Council Voted whether to continue to hold the Public Hearing tonight or postpone. The vote is as follows:

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Justin Atkinson, Russell Keisel, Rondy Black, Sam Draper.

Roll Call

Present: Justin Atkinson, Mike Olsen (Not voting), Russell Keisel, Rondy Black, Sam Draper.

Excused: Kevin Stallings.

Others in attendance: Jeanne Tejada (Recorder), Brittany Adams (Aquatic Center Director), Shane Ward (Power Superintendent), Marcy Curtis (The Pyramid), Rhett Wilkinson (The Messenger), Terri Young, Helene Holt, T. Brooks, Jeff McDonald, Geniel McDonald, Claudia Jarrett, Blaine Sumsion, Jeri Sumsion and Kenneth & Karen Hansen.

Discussion with Mayor Mike Olsen, Councilmembers, and the Public:

Mayor Olsen gave a brief explanation and then opened it up for Public Input.

Tom Brooks came forward. He wants to know how we will know that this will meet the needs that the city is forecasting? The mayor explained that this funding is to be used on new programs. For example, new equipment for the park, or something new for the pool. There is a committee of 5 members who decide what to spend it on and then present it to the city council for approval. Mr Brooks questioned what other cities have approved this. The mayor said that Ephraim is voting on this tax this year. Nephi City, Spanish Fork City have approved this and many others.

Claudia Jarrett—2 concerns. What do we have specifically as a goal to this? She does not feel this is good timing. Thinks they should be cautious that this is not the time for this.

Jeff McDonald came forward. Expanding on Claudia's comments. He gave a brief history. Said it would be our 5th increase on sales tax since 2008. He does not feel it is a need for recreation. Concerned about what the next 6 months could bring. He is worried about those on fixed incomes. He does not feel it is a need. We need to make this community less of a burden. He feels it is not a need, it is for

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recreation. He feels we can go without recreation. Councilmember Keisel said he does not agree with his statement that recreation is not a need. He feels recreation is needed.

Britanny Adams came up and pointed out that is not just for the pool or rec center. It is for the park, and other city facilities.

Terri Young said there is a difference in nicety's and necessities.

Jeri Sumsion mentioned things that were done in another community where she lived.

Marcy Curtis mentioned that she is already paying it when she goes North or to Nephi, why not keep it local? We have people coming down from the North let us get some of that money back that we pay when we go up North.

Geniel McDonald mentioned that there is a large group of elderly that do not go up north. We need to look out for the elderly.

Claudia Jarret asked what the annual projection is. The mayor said \$40,000. What are the projects the city is wanting to do? The mayor pointed out what Santaquin City is doing with the money. It is not exclusively recreation.

Tom Brooks said that he lives on a fixed income and he'd be happy to pay a penny on every \$10 he spends to help better this community.

Blain Sumsion wants to know where do we quit? He questioned how much we are in the hole with the pool. When do we quit creating monsters?

Claudia Jarret wants the council to be upfront on what is going on. She felt she was misled on the pool tax. She did not feel she was told about the gas bill tax. She also sits on the State Parks board. She brought forward a grant that could help with fixing some things at the park.

Jeri Sumsion suggested they wait for a better time to do this. Wait until people are back working.

Motion: Motion to close., **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Justin Atkinson, **Seconded by** Russell Keisel.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: 7:02pm

Jeanne M. Tejada, Recorder