

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Franklin City Building

February 14, 2024

7:00 P.M.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

John D. Packer
Stuart Parkinson
Mark Dietrich
Kevin D. Beck

STAFF

Tyona Atkinson, City Clerk

The council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor John Packer.

Prayer: Councilmember Kevin Beck

Pledge: Councilmember Stuart Parkinson

It was moved by Councilmember Mark Dietrich and seconded by Councilmember Kevin Beck to approve minutes of January 10, 2024, Council Meeting. Motion passed. Unanimous

It was moved by Councilmember Stuart Parkinson and seconded by Councilmember Mark Dietrich to accept and approve the bills for January 2024. Motion passed. Unanimous

Running for Franklin County Sheriff-Micah Talbot (0:02:55)

Micah Talbot is running for Franklin County Sheriff and worked 22 years in Salt Lake with the Police Department. During his last five years in Salt Lake, he worked with some community programs along with being a school resource officer. His wife is a native of Franklin County and the community has been welcoming him every time they came to visit family. After his family moved to Preston, he wanted to give back to the community and joined the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. He has been working for them for the past three years and feels the need to rekindle the relationship between the community and law enforcement. He indicated that there are too many juveniles on probation and would like to have an outlet to redirect the juveniles where they could receive support and mentorship. As the Franklin County Sheriff, he would like to focus on helping the youth in the community and use the knowledge and experience he gained from some of those programs in Salt Lake City here, such as youth academies and cadets. He also mentioned citizen academies for adults. Talbot also presented a traffic surveillance plan for the future. Micah stated that if the citizens have any questions to message him on Facebook under "Talbot for Sheriff."

Idaho Days-Erin Munson (0:11:10)

Erin Munson reported on the progress on this year's Idaho Days with the "Wild West" theme. She indicated that sponsor and vendor packets went out the first of January and the city has received numerous vendor applications. Caleb Austin will be the entertainment and the cost will be \$2100, which is \$100 more than last year. A member of the council asked if the same sound

system as last year would be used because it was hard to hear the people that were performing. Erin assured the council that she discussed the situation with BATZ Entertainment, who did the stage setup and sound last year, and they will be adding more speakers so that people can hear better. Councilmember Stuart Parkinson asked what the cost of the sound system was. Erin said it would be \$5,000 which includes the sound, stage setup, and takedown and stated that this was a good price in comparison with other businesses that do staging and sound. Stuart asked if all these expenses were paid through donations and asked how the collecting of donations was going. Erin said it would be paid through donations and indicated that a few donations have come in so far. Councilmember Kevin Beck asked who would be helping Erin this year. She indicated that so far, she has Arianna Peterson over the Color Run Dance Party, Liz Huber is over the 5K run, and Kristina Crosland is over the pageant. Erin said as of right now she is over the car show because she has not found anyone to do that. Mayor John Packer expressed his concern with the police being called last year because of the conflicts at the softball games and does not want that to happen again this year. Erin agreed with the mayor and stated that she has asked Shannel Hess from Richmond to be over the softball tournament. Mayor Packer also wanted to make sure someone oversees the cleaning of the park during and after Idaho Days and that the scoring tower at the baseball field is cleaned up after use. Erin indicated that she already has somebody lined up to take care of the cleanup. She announced that the pageant will be the weekend before Idaho Days so that families can enjoy all the activities and it will give the contestants more time to help with the Idaho Days events.

Kevin was concerned about the stretching of Erin's time because of all that she is taking on herself for Idaho Days. He recognized that it is a big job with many responsibilities in overseeing all the Idaho Days events. He suggested that a committee of people be put together to assist Erin with these activities. He would like to see a member of the council be over this committee so there is direct communication with the city, and it would help take some of the burden off Erin. He also suggested since there are four council members, each one of them could be over a committee of different community events that come up throughout the year. Erin said she was not opposed to having a committee if they are all willing to work together. She also stated that it has been difficult to get people to volunteer.

Easter-Lacey Rallison (0:24:37)

Lacey Rallison and Arianna Peterson are overseeing the City Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at Franklin City Park starting at 10 a.m. Lacey has sent out flyers asking for cash donations, candy/prize filled eggs, bags of candy, larger prizes for kids ages 1-12 and prizes for an older group ages 13-99. All the eggs will be equally divided into all age groups. A flyer will be sent out in the utility bills with more information. Donations can be dropped off at the Franklin City office on or before March 22.

Lawn Mower (0:34:11)

Mayor Packer explained that the city currently has three lawnmowers that they use. The John Deere mower is 10 to 12 years old and has been going through excessive amounts of oil. He wanted to talk to the council to see if the city should sell and replace it or try to fix it. However, after talking to the public works, they indicated that they would like to keep it to use at the sewer

plant and did not want to use a new mower where it would hit rocks. It was discussed that the exterior of the mower was in decent shape, and it was just the motor that would need to be replaced. After a discussion with the council, the mayor indicated that he would do more research into what the cost would be to rebuild the motor and the cost of a new one.

Appoint Councilmember (0:39:12)

The council discussed the appointment of Bruce Baughman as the new council member to replace Lyle Fuller.

It was moved by Councilmember Stuart Parkinson and seconded by Councilmember Kevin Beck to appoint Bruce Baughman as a city council member. Motion passed. Unanimous.

Transfer Business License for Maple Creek Apartments from Guy Beazer to his son Joshua Beazer. Transfer Business License for The Pivot from Elizabeth England to Gina Tripp.

Franklin City has two businesses that have already acquired business licenses, but the ownership has changed. Maple Creek Apartment's business license was transferred to Joshua Beazer and The Pivot was sold to Gina Tripp, who changed the business' name to The Pivot Pops. Both businesses were previously approved, and The Pivot Pops will need a new business license in the new name.

Mayors Minutes (0:13:46)

BRIDGE: The mayor reported that the bridge project is moving along, and the city has received the permit back to start dredging. Craig Allen is the contractor, and he will start the dredging in a week or two. The bridge is scheduled to start construction in August or September of this year and the road will be completely shut off for about six to eight months until the bridge has been completed.

PHASE 1-WATER PROJECT: BSC Excavation did come back to work and the pipes are all connected. The water plant has not been on because Dowdell Springs is pushing enough water, and it would affect RS Jobbers who are working on Phase 3 of the Water Project. BSC Excavation will still need to compact the soil but right now there is mud, which does not compact, so the contractor will be back when the soil dries. BSC Excavation is under contract to finish by April, or they will be charged for liquidated damages.

There were some problems when BSC Excavation dug out the dilly box (collection box). They found there were different types of pipes hooked into it. During the excavation, an irrigation line was broken and there was \$5,000 worth of damage. The mayor coordinated with the irrigation company and the city's engineers, and everything has been replaced and since the irrigation pipeline needed to be replaced anyway, the irrigation company will not bill the city.

PHASE 3-WATER PROJECT: RS Jobbers is working on Phase 3 and has 120 days to complete. The original bank is operational, and the filters have all been changed.

SEWER: RS Jobbers is waiting on a major part before they can continue with the sewer screen project.

The mayor indicated that the city has three aerators in the lagoons that have been working since last fall.

It was moved by Councilmember Kevin Beck and seconded by Councilmember Stuart Parkinson to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed. Unanimous


City Clerk


Mayor