

Minutes of The Special Price City Council Meeting

City Hall: Price, Utah

March 4, 1998, 7:00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Lou Colosimo

Councilmembers: Roy A. Nikas, Betty P. Wheeler, Joe L. Piccolo, Steve Bringhurst, Stephen L. Denison

Vernon W. Jones (Adminis. Ass't.), Joanne Lessar (City Recorder), Pat Larsen (Finance Director)

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilmember Denison discussed Price River Water Improvement District and the request that Price City has regarding the reduction of sewer fees. PRWID presently is going through a budget process and hopefully will come up with what funds are necessary to operate. He feels good about withholding a \$1.00 to a \$1.50 at this time. Later this year as they get into the budget process and he gets more familiar, it will give him a better indicator of what funds will be available in the future. At this point, he does not see that there is \$3.00 to withhold, which is what the Council is suggesting. He recommended a compromise. Mayor Colosimo stated that the \$3.00 figure came from Phil Palmer. Councilmember Denison stated that Rod Ivie, a former employee of PRWID, suggested \$2.67.

Councilmember Piccolo stated that as it is unsure what funds could be withheld, that the City should just fund its own sewerline operation. If there are funds available from PRWID, it would be a windfall. The money could be given back to the citizens rather than count on it for funding the City's operation of sewerlines.

Councilmember Nikas felt that as there are three city representatives (Price, Helper and Wellington) on PRWID'S board, and if they feel strong enough with their Executive Director, Phil Palmer, that they can approach him and say "you will find the money and reduce the fee requirement by \$3.00". The District knows every inch of waterlines and sewerlines within the County. A mandate should be given to the Executive Director that he will find the \$3.00. He may be able to find the \$1.50 immediately and do some work to find the other \$1.50. The representatives have the control if they support the cities.

The Council felt comfortable with accepting the \$1.00 or \$1.50 now and give PRWID more time to find the other \$1.50 within a short time period. Councilmember Denison will take this information back to PRWID, and hopefully it can be resolved by the Council Meeting of March 11th, as Price City's letter set this date as a deadline.

The Council discussed their action in the Council Meeting of February 25th, regarding the motion to deny the request of a contribution of \$5,000 to the Helper Intermountain Theater. It was felt that \$5,000 was too high a figure, and that it will be analyzed during the next budget session. The Council discussed the different organizations that ask the City for funding and if this should be continued and if so, at what percentage.

The Council also discussed the funds being generated through tourism. Councilmember Wheeler stated that she recently attended a Travel Council meeting and discovered that the City no longer has a vote on this board. With the contribution the City provides to the Travel Council, she feels the City should have a vote on decisions. Councilmember Nikas recommended sending a strong letter informing them of the City's feelings.

Councilmember Piccolo asked if anything was being done on some of the ideas suggested in earlier meetings? Councilmember Denison stated that Peczuh Printing should be getting back to him on a new City logo and first dollar certificate. Councilmember Bringhurst discussed the list of new businesses and if these should be split so that each of the

Council can contact a certain number of businesses. The Council also needs to make decisions on what they can offer new development. More discussions need to be held on this subject.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.