

Minutes of The Special Price City Council Meeting

City Hall, Room 106: Price, Utah

April 28, 1998, 8:14 a.m.

Present: Mayor Lou Colosimo

Councilmembers: Roy 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), Nick Sampinos (City Attorney), Gary Sonntag (PW Dir/City Engineer)

1. MANAGEMENT TRAINING CORPORATION - Proposal To Purchase City Property

Nick Sampinos reported that in his review of the proposal submitted by Management Training Corporation to purchase City property, he feels he can accommodate everything that is needed as part of the conditions required in the proposal. Part of that requirement is a title report, which has never been done before. The Council directed that a title report be completed and that Mr. Sampinos send a letter to Management Training Corporation indicating that the City accepts the proposal and that earnest money in the amount of \$1,000 be requested. Mr. Sampinos further recommended that if other proposals are presented for this property, that Management Training Corporation be advised if they are not the successful applicant for the project and somebody else is, that the City will consider other proposals to purchase property. He recommended that it not be made exclusive for this organization.

2. REHIRE - Amanda Cox, Swimming Pool, Lifeguard, Temp/PT

NEW HIRES - Tiffany Gibson, Julia Rasmussen, Briana Ashby, Tara Marshall, Connie Johnson

OFFICE CLERKS - Permission To Hire Two Temp/PT

Gary Sonntag reported that Pam Moyes has conducted interviews for the position of Lifeguards at the swimming pool and wishes to hire the following:

Rehire - Amanda Cox

New Hires - Tiffany Gibson, Julia Rasmussen, Briana Ashby, Tara Marshall, Connie Johnson

In addition to the above, permission is requested to hire two temporary Office Clerks. **MOTION.** Councilmember Denison moved that the above rehire and new hires be approved effective May 1st, and that permission be given to hire two temporary/part time Office Clerks. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bringhurst and carried.

3. BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Permission To Advertise For Position

The Council directed that the position of Building Maintenance Supervisor be advertised both internally and externally.

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP - FY1998/99

The Council reviewed and discussed the budget requests for the Fiscal Year 1998/99 as presented by department supervisors.

Vern Jones, Administration and Legislative - A standard O&M budget which reflects the new Human Resources position. Other than that, there is nothing to take out and there are no projects or equipment. Pat Larsen recommended adding a fee for a consulting firm to conduct a study of our business license fees. The State Legislature passed HB98 which mandates that cities come up with a formula of how they come up with business license fees. Joanne Lessar stated that in her discussions with other cities, it could cost \$20,000 or more. It was recommended that the League of Cities and Towns be contacted to see if they have a formula to refer to.

Pat Colosimo, Utilities - Cellular telephones are to be removed and two handled Radix and cradles are to be purchased through the Water Department and three out of the Electric.

Pat Larsen, Finance - The only increase is for computer equipment.

Nick Sampinos, Attorney (Public Defender) - This pertains to issues of criminals coming into the court system who do not have sufficient funds to pay for their own attorneys. If their income is under a certain level, they are automatically appointed an attorney. The attorney's then bill on an hourly rate and charge the City. In an attempt to minimize that expense to the City, if he sees they are defendants who are first time offenders who won't be seen through the system again, he waives the requirement for jail. The only thing they will have to do if they are convicted is pay a fine. Under this scenario they are not entitled to legal counsel. The unfortunate thing is there are a large number of people who come through the system time and time again. He can't justify not including jail as part of their sentence if they are convicted. He has seen these expenses increase over the past couple of years. This is an increase over \$1,800 from last year.

Harold Valdez, Streets, Irrigation Water, Public Improvements - Hire one new temporary employee for Streets and two new temporaries for Maintenance. Increase safety to \$600 and add an extra \$500 to recertify employees for flagging. It was recommended to separate travel from training and education. Remove 5th South and 1st West, Smith Drive and Hillcrest, and 5th South and Carbon Avenue as they are about completed in this year's budget. Add jersey barricades in Pioneer Park for \$2,500, and delete vibrator. Reduce the lease of the Temco Sweeper from \$40,000 to \$27,000 and add \$3,000 for an additional attachment to dump into the 10-wheeler. Delete the drainage project on 300 East and 100 South in the amount of \$35,000. Reduce the lease of the loader from \$42,000 to \$29,500. Remove \$25,000 from the Main Street to 3rd East Carbon Avenue Rotomill. This will be handled out of the overlay budget. Reduce Cedar Hills Dr. from \$600,000 to \$200,000.

Aleck Shilaos, Police, Drug Task Force, Animal Control, Alcohol Enforcement - \$75 per month increase for Lt. Ed Shook. Does not have anything to cut. Would like to keep the two police cars and new chairs.

Kent Boyack, Fire - Requested raises for the Volunteer Firemen. Some of the volunteer firemen who have duplicate insurance have agreed to cancel the City's insurance to cover the requested raises. Those fireman with insurance would receive a raise of \$50/month and those without insurance would receive \$150/month. Pat Larsen stated that this should be handled as just a raise. If this option is offered to the Fire Department, it would have to be offered to other departments as well. The Council discussed the requested increases and recommended providing a cost of living increase.

Bob Potts, IS Data Processing - Increase in his salary. Delete the following items - Police mass storage server for \$600, Treasurer's color printer for \$500, Finance Printronix Printer for \$6,000 (purchased this year), Administration Laster Printer for \$1,500 (purchased this year), Fire Department color printer for \$300, and mailing bar code scanner for \$4,000. In addition to the items in the budget, Pat Larsen recommended placing another \$5,000 for a business license program. This cost would cover the purchase of the program, conversion of the records, training, and maintenance for the whole year. It would cost \$2,500/year to maintain and upgrade the program. We are not getting the support we need from our present program.

Pam Moyes, Swimming Pool Complex - Reduce the overhauling of the wage generation equipment from \$4,000 to \$2,700 (purchased some items and started repairs this year), reduce painting of miscellaneous rooms from \$5,000 to \$3,000 (started some painting this year), delete building a door in the wall of filter room/storage and use the \$1,500 to purchase two tuff sheds. The recent rate increase will mean an additional \$20,000.

Paul Wheeler, Water Department - Nothing to delete. Need to replace piping in 6 streets, which is a yearly project and need to repair parts of the waterline from the City to the filter plant. It will be necessary in the next 5 to 10 years to construct a new transmission line from the filter plant to the City, which will also require additional property to construct

the new line. Reduce the sewer truck lease from \$180,000 to \$40,000. The Council discussed the salary of the temporary Water Treatment Plant Operator and if it should be the same as for other temporary employees. It was recommended that this be reviewed further.

Norma Procarione, Library - Delete one computer (received an LSTA Grant to purchase one), and delete printer (purchased this year). Increase two employees \$.50/hour.

Suda Merriman, Parks and Weeds - Reduce travel account by \$1,000 and move \$250 to the Weed Dept. and \$750 to Parks to certify sprayers. Decrease buildings and grounds supplies from \$6,000 to \$5,000, remove plow from 1 ton dump truck, delete \$3,000 for North Ballpark concrete, delete \$20,000 for Pioneer Park retaining wall, reduce South Park basketball court from \$25,000 to \$5,000, delete sidewalks from North Ballpark landscaping. Hire two new temporary employees.

Kathryn, Treasurers Office - Delete remodeling of new counter in the amount of \$2,000.

Lyle Bauer, Cemetery - Need to meet ADA requirements for the restroom, such as lowering the sinks and making it wheel chair accessible. Delete the sign for Cliffview Cemetery in the amount of \$2,000. Add additional \$1,000 to cover a dump hoist to go with the new 3/4 ton truck, eliminate the lighting for Cliffview Cemetery, eliminate landscaping at main cemetery, and move money from roadway resurfacing to upgrade the sprinkling system at main cemetery. Use money left from overlays plus put in additional \$5,000 to purchase sprinkler parts. It will cost \$8,500 to completely automate the sprinkling system at the cemetery and another \$10,000 citywide.

Brian Allred, Shop - Delete second vehicle hoist in the amount of \$4,500, leave tool allowance in, replace north and south doors at the PWC as they are in bad shape. The heavy transmission jack should be kept in budget. Upgraded the present job descriptions and will need to hire an Equipment Technician I.

Gary Sonntag, Engineering - Delete \$1,000 for county mapping system and \$1,000 for a file storage. Keep the street management maintenance program in the budget for \$1,000. No personnel changes.

Gary Sonntag, Public Works - Keep \$2,000 in the budget to replace Ceiling A and paint the walls, reduce T2 Management Program from \$6,000 to \$5,000, keep \$3,500 for the purchase of conference room chairs, and keep \$18,000 to carpet Dome A.

Gary Kutkas, Electric Transmission & Distribution - Keep \$300,000 for a new City Hall Substation, delete new transmission line to CEU for \$75,000 and move to Cedar Hills Drive, reduce mercury vapor lights from \$10,000 to \$5,000. The Council discussed the rates currently being charged by Utah Power & Light and the rates being charged by Price City. The Council directed that a committee consisting of Vern Jones, Gary Kutkas, Councilmembers Piccolo and Nikas, Pat Larsen, and Mayor Colosimo, review these rates and report back to the Council.

City Hall - Keep the BTAC roof replacement for \$30,000 and the BTAC heating and air conditioning for \$5,000, remove \$500 for a 21" lawn mower (purchased this year), three new permanent part time employees, one of which will be reclassified to permanent full time.

Pat Larsen asked for direction on the Price Community Center. This past year there has been \$23,000 in revenues and \$52,000 for expenditures, leaving \$29,000 unfunded. In order to cover this shortage, should she take it out of fund balance or the General Fund? The Council directed that it be taken out of fund balance and then the General Fund. The Council discussed ways to handle the cost of utilities.

Pat indicated that the budget is still out of balance by \$1.4 million.

City projects and capital projects were reviewed with the following deletions in the budget:

Pat stated that by grouping together all the equipment that needs to be purchased and placing it on a lease, would save as much as \$61,000 over a 3 year period.

-- Delete new settees at City Hall in the amount of \$2,000.

-- Lease/purchase of two Police cars instead of buying them (delete \$32,400).

- - Reduce purchase of chairs for Police Dept. by \$1,500.
- - Reduce purchase of conference room chairs at PWC by \$2,000.
- - Reduce carpet in Dome A by \$9,000.
- - Reduce purchase of Street Dept. truck by \$16,300 by doing a lease/purchase over 3 years.
- - Delete Weed Dept. Dump truck for \$26,000.
- - Increase North Ballpark sprinkler system by \$5,000 and increase the Price Cemetery sprinkler system by \$4,500. This will eliminate a night time person to water. A committee was appointed consisting of Councilmembers

Bringhurst and Nikas, Lyle Bauer, Gary Sonntag and Suda Merriman to receive and review bids for the sprinkling systems in the ball parks and cemetery.

- - Reduce ADA compliance on restrooms at Price Cemetery by \$1,000.
- - Lease/purchase the 3/4 ton pickup with dump hoist for cemetery (delete \$16,200).
- - Reduce Cedar Hills drive from \$600,000 to \$200,000.
- - Reduce North Ballpark lighting from \$15,000 to \$8,000.
- - Reduce replacement of pipes in 6 streets in Water Dept. to \$75,000.
- - Reduce purchase of water shares to \$25,000.
- - Reduce new lines to \$165,000.
- - Reduce repair of waterline from City to Filter Plant to \$90,000.
- - Reduce City sewer fee from \$160,000 to \$120,000.
- - Reduce IS scanner to \$500
- - Place \$5,000 in budget for new business license program

Pat reported that up to this point with the above increases and decreases, \$777,900 has been cut with \$900,000 still out of balance.

Pat handed out reports on personnel indicating the proposed cost of living increase, the increase in medical and dental expenses, the increase in State Retirement and the requested increases and reclassifications submitted by department supervisors. Pat reported that at the beginning of the budget workshops, the Council requested that department supervisors try to cut their overtime budget. The response went very well with \$23,800 cut in earnings and \$5,763 cut from benefits. The original request was for \$123,000 and it is now \$99,000. Overtime for the year before was \$93,000. The Council directed that a meeting be held on May 5 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.