

Minutes of the Price City Council Special Workshop – Carbon County Economic Development-Subcommittee
for Beautification and Enhancement

City Hall
Price, Utah
November 9, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Piccolo

Councilmembers:

Terry Willis

Layne Miller

Rick Davis

Kathy Hanna-Smith

Kevin Drolc-Police Chief

Lisa Richens-Finance Director

Miles Nelson-Public Works Director

Sherrie Gordon-City Recorder

Excused: Councilmember Clausing and Nick Tatton-Community Development Director

Present: Doug Garff, Mark Holyoak, Cheryl Lupo, and Mallorie Bradley

1. Mayor Piccolo called the special workshop to order at 4:33 p.m.
2. Presentation by Mark Holyoak, Carbon County Economic Development-Subcommittee for Beautification and Enhancement Chairman, requesting \$100,000 in funding support for the beautification and enhancement of the on/off ramps of Highway 6 and 100 North project.

Mr. Holyoak addressed the Mayor and Council concerning this issue, which the Subcommittee feels is important for the future of economic development in Price. This Subcommittee is committed to gathering support for beautification projects throughout the county. He discussed their plans to beautify the on/off ramps of Hwy 6 and 100 North – the “gateway” to Price. Mr. Holyoak reviewed the 100 North US-6 Interchange Improvements map and the 100 North Interchange Landscape Improvements Budgetary Cost Estimate Budget.

One of the main challenges the Subcommittee has before them is to gather funds and in-kind donations. They are requesting Price City’s financial support of \$100,000 towards this project. They hope to begin the project in the spring of 2017.

Garth Garff addressed the Mayor and Council. He asked the following questions:

- 1) Is it the government’s responsibility to spend money or reduce costs?
- 2) Why has the community not been asked about this project?
- 3) Why has the community not been asked to participate in this project?
- 4) Have businesses been asked about this project?
- 5) Has a study been completed on how this improvement project will benefit the community?
- 6) Can he have a copy of this study?
- 7) If Price City has \$100,000 to spend on a beautification project why can’t they spend \$100,000 toward getting drugs off the street?

He stated that Price City has more things to do than worry about the off ramp. This beautification project is not worth the \$100,000 to him. Price City has one of the highest rates of suicide in the State due to drugs. It is his opinion that it is part of Price City’s responsibility to help the kids instead of beautification projects.

Councilmember Davis asked Mr. Garff how he felt regarding the purchase of banners/signs being proposed. Mr. Garff suggested updating/improving existing signage. There are more important things going on in the community. Why can’t any extra money be used to get businesses to move into our community? He would like to see the community work together on suggested projects.

Cheryl Lupo addressed the Mayor and Council. She would like the community to succeed economically. The more businesses located here will bring the drug rate down. Economic beautification helps hold the community together. We must start somewhere. There are things that need our attention. The two go hand-in-hand and it is important this project move forward.

After a discussion, the Mayor and Council, made the decision to take the project under advisement.

Mayor Piccolo adjourned the City Council special workshop meeting at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to the motion by Councilmember Davis.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Joe L. Piccolo, Mayor

Sherrie Gordon, City Recorder