

**SANTA CLARA CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017
MINUTES**

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH, met for a Work Meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 2603 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara, Utah.

Notice of the time, place and agenda of the meeting was provided to the Spectrum and to each member of the governing body by emailing a copy of the Notice and Agenda to the Spectrum and also, along with any packet information, to the mayor and each council member, at least two days before the meeting.

Present: Mayor Rick Rosenberg
Council Members: Jerry Amundsen, Ken Sizemore, Mary Jo (Tode) Hafen, Herb Basso and Jarett Waite
City Manager: Edward Dickie
City Recorder: Chris Shelley

Others Present: Jack Taylor, Public Works Director; Brad Hays, Parks & Trails Director; Dan Nelson, Fire Chief; Bob Flowers, Police Chief; Wally Ritchie; Mark Youngberg; Nick Hallman

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. **Working Agenda:**

A. General Business:

1. Santa Clara/Ivins Fire Department Merge Discussion.

- Bob Flowers, Police Chief, said he is making a proposal to the City Council for consideration about the conceptual combining of Santa Clara City and Ivins City's Fire Departments. He said they have been working through a lot of details over the last six months. He said they are also seeking the Council's direction. He said their calls for service are up and resources are down. Both cities are in the same place as far as resources. Both cities are going to have to make substantial investments in the departments as far as equipment and personnel. One of the things that is challenging for them is filling calls. They are really dependent on one full-time employee and having volunteers show up if a fire alarm goes off. The problem with volunteers is that they have to have a lot of certifications and lots of hours. It is very taxing on the fire chiefs. They can hardly even leave town. We also have aging equipment. The City of Ivins is spending close to \$700,000 on a new fire apparatus. Both of our cities can benefit from that. The training and certification costs are high. We have a lot of growth. We are not equipped to deal with all the fires that could happen just looking at Harmons, the medical school, new restaurants and all the residential. We don't have the trained people or the equipment to do it safely. We are at critical mass. Combining

departments is a force multiplier. He said they are thinking about combining the fire department, the EMS and making a fire rescue. He has spent a lot of time with Dan and Ed convincing them about combining these. He said it will take these people that are already getting paid and turn them into full-time employees. The full-time employees will answer the demands during the day. He said that the EMS role would extend into a fire role so the full-time employees would be required to have double certifications. Their qualifications would expand and so would their expectations but the mission would still be supported by part-time employees and volunteers. We have people in place already with a couple of full-time hired. It wouldn't cost anymore. We are looking at hiring new people anyway so this is a way we can do this and not cost any more money right now.

- Dan Nelson, Fire Chief, said that part-time people and volunteers are getting harder to find.

- Chief Flowers said they are trying to enhance the Staff. He said that right now we do not have a satisfactory daytime response. It's worrisome to us right now. He said he thinks we can staff reasonably well for the next year or so with some part-time and volunteers but the daytime staff is not there. Dan has a good plan and it wouldn't take long to get it going. We are already training together. We already have automatic response. He said they have purchased some basic equipment that is critical to them. He said that right now they are just waiting to get direction on the next step.

- Chief Nelson said they are committed and all the volunteers are on board with this and ready to go. He said they would really like to combine with Ivins.

- Mayor Rosenberg asked about the timing on this. How soon would it happen if both City Councils gave the direction to go ahead.

- Chief Flowers said if they had the direction to go forward it could be started within weeks. It could happen quickly.

- Mayor Rosenberg asked if we would have to do an agreement like we did with the police as far as participation amounts for both cities.

- Ed Dickie said it would match the police agreement as far as the percentages. The only difference is it would be Santa Clara's Fire Department. They would work for our city.

- Mayor Rosenberg asked about the costs. Would we have to reopen budgets or anything like that?

- Chief Flowers said we would be working with the budget we have right now and for the next year he doesn't see a huge increase in costs unless we make decisions on some personnel. There will be no surprises this year.

- Herb Basso asked about the certifications that need to be enhanced. Will the cost of the certifications be in the budget? He also asked how many full-time fire there are in our city and Ivins.

- Chief Nelson said himself and Tyrel.

- Chief Flowers said that we are looking at getting two more full-time. We have 15-18 part-time and about 25 volunteers. The volunteers are basically, strictly fire.

- Herb Basso talked about offering a benefit package for the volunteers and that will help with the problem of getting them. He said he wants to present that idea to Council down the road. It's a good program. He asked about the stipend for the volunteer.

- Chief Nelson said their stipend is paid fiscal yearly. We have already paid for last year and we have to wait until our call numbers come in. Ivins does it a little

differently but we can probably come together and make that work. Combining is a good idea. We have had an explosion in call volume and we don't have a lot of personnel and staff to complete all our needs. Training for our personnel and Ivins is the same and the requirements are the same and as we come together they will be running more calls and get more experience. They will have opportunities to work for Utah Fire Rescue Academy in instructing. The possibilities are endless and we'll push for every possibility we can.

- Herb Basso said he had asked about how often they check fire hydrants and they told him "when they can". He said that is alarming. He said we want our fire hydrants to work and when you don't have enough manpower to put a schedule together to check those hydrants then we have a problem. This isn't a criticism. This is a need.

- Chief Nelson said they just completed the ISO inspection. ISO said they believe this combining will dramatically improve the department's rating for the better. He also talked about expanding the fire department's training grounds. He is also pushing DXATC to expand their training.

- Chief Flowers talked about how EMS personnel are restricted to what they can do whereas when fire and rescue are combined they can respond to every one of the calls.

- Jarett Waite asked if there would be any layoffs with combining.

- Chief Flowers said no. There will be some diminished hours for some part-time people but no layoffs right now and they will be expanded. Those who are committed employees are going to like this. There will be a little bit different pay structure so they will be receiving a little more money. There are a couple of employees that come in once or twice a month so we will probably no longer use them.

- Jarett Waite asked about personnel moving from an EMS to a fire rescue. Is that a desired field? Will people want to be in that position?

- Chief Flowers said that the EMS fire rescue is what everyone is going to now. A lot of times now dual certifications are required.

- Chief Nelson said that there may be people who don't want to do fire. There will be jobs for those people.

- Jarett Waite asked how the wildlands fire crew is affected by this.

- Chief Nelson said they shouldn't be affected at all.

- Herb Basso asked about the new equipment. Is there anything with taller ladders or more vertical access?

- Chief Nelson said no but that is something we are going to pursue in the future.

- Chief Flowers said they have a ladder truck now but it's an older truck and we'll have to look at that in the future.

- Tode Hafen said she is impressed with the work that has been done on this and it makes sense and she would support that decision.

- Jerry Amundsen asked if there were any negatives or concerns with this proposal.

- Chief Flowers said that his fear is that something comes along that is a surprise to them that they didn't anticipate. He wants to get good quality, committed people. He explained about the costs of training and equipment.

- Herb Basso asked about the ambulances.

- Chief Flowers said operationally there are three. He said in the next 3 or 4 years we will be looking at getting a new one. Right now, we are in solid shape. They are serving both cities already.

- Ken Sizemore asked if this has already been presented to Ivins City Council and if so

what was their response.

- Chief Flowers said it hasn't been formally presented. He said they have one Council member that is on the fire department and is very supportive of this and thinks it's a great idea. He said he believes their Council will support the idea.
- Ed Dickie said Ivins has a regular City Council meeting tomorrow night and they are bringing this idea to them.
- Chief Nelson said they are looking at the Rachel station as the hub.
- Ken Sizemore asked that if we continue to grow as we are, could this end up being a unified fire authority such as in Salt Lake County eventually. He asked about there being two fire chiefs or one fire chief.
- Chief Nelson said there would be one. He also talked about the first thing happening would be a remodel of the Rachel Fire House because it will be the hub and there will need to be sleeping quarters to it. The full-timers will work out of the Rachel Station.
- Mayor Rosenberg asked if there was still a station planned for Kayenta.
- Chief Flowers said they are still in negotiations for that.
- Herb Basso said that if we decide to move forward both cities will need to add their projections of growth, stations, coverage and line that up with their General Plan growth so we can see down the road how many stations are going to be needed. We know both cities are going to grow.
- Mayor Rosenberg asked how the impact fee analysis works. Will there be one study that covers both cities. Are the impact fees for police in both cities different?
- Ed Dickie, City Manager said that both cities do their own.
- Mayor Rosenberg said they become based on the fee they have to start paying.
- Wally Ritchie said there can't be a combined impact fee on something like this but he suggests doing impact fees in conjunction with each other probably by the same consultant so everything is covered and each city will have their own impact fee. It will include new master plans for everyone and take into account the growth. Next year we would work together to do new capital facilities plans and impact fees and studies.
- Mayor Rosenberg asked when it is in the City's budget cycle to do public safety.
- Ed Dickie said that it's been awhile so one is probably coming up. We are doing water this year. It could be next year. It's good timing for this. We are at a tipping point. Both cities are in a position with the services to provide this. It makes sense since police has worked well to combine this too.
- Nick Hallman has been with fire since 2008. He thinks this is a good merge to happen. This is going to have to happen realistically. Our teams work well together. He is for this combining.
- Mark Youngberg, Deputy Chief of Santa Clara Fire Department, said over the last ten years he has watched the volunteer numbers dwindle. With the possibility of merger and getting people that can respond at any time, it's awesome and will make sure our cities are protected. He said they bring on volunteers and get them trained and then lose them to full-time departments. If we can get this combination made, we can bring on advanced EMT's as part-time employees. He is excited about this and looking forward to seeing where this goes.
- Mayor Rosenberg said that a motion can't be made tonight but there seems to be a lot of favorable response to moving forward with this.
- Ken Sizemore said that what Council has heard gives confidence to move forward

with a more formal structure.

- Tode Hafen said it makes sense to her. Neither city has enough population to justify the equipment that would serve the citizens better alone.
- Ken Sizemore said that it is a concerning trend, watching the volunteer roster go from 35 to 12 and it will continue to decrease and we are going to have to address this issue head-on eventually. This is happening across the nation.
- Herb Basso said that leadership wise is that something we want to look at.
- Ed Dickie said that Dan Nelson is the chief and will be the chief.
- Mayor Rosenberg said it is his understanding that Mayor Hart and the City Manager support Dan Nelson as chief also. He told Dan to make this happen.
- Ed Dickie said the agreement will have the same breakdown as the police agreement as far as each cities cost which is 55, 56, 45, 44 for our City. The revenue would still be from wildlands and the EMS. That will go back in to the department for the costs and each city pays their portion. That's a 50-50 share with the revenue.
- Tode Hafen asked about a report of the incident that happened two weeks ago, how is the dog?
- Chief Flowers said that the K-9 is fine. He talked about the carjacking and standoff. The suspect is in the hospital and the charges against him are significant. The investigation has been turned over to the Major Crimes Task Force. He will be prepared by the next City Council meeting to give a more detailed brief on this. He was impressed with our officers.

2. Discuss Purchase of New Sewer Truck.

- Jack Taylor, Public Work Director, said that a few years ago, they put together an agreement with Ivins City regarding the sewer trucks. Ivins needed a sewer truck so we worked out an agreement that we would share the old one and also purchase a new one that would give us two sewer trucks that we could share. The agreement has worked great. This year we are making our last payment of this existing sewer truck. Enviroclean Intermountain came to the City and said they are not going to make this type of truck anymore. They will be changed to a gas engine. They have four of the old designed truck left and the Public Works Department and Ivins definitely want one of these trucks with the diesel because they run better and our trucks are getting old. Ivins is for it and he has talked to each member of the Council and they seem okay with it. We want to make the same agreement with Ivins and we'll just change the growth numbers and that will change our percentages a little bit. We will go down a little bit. The first truck, the old one, we own outright and we would like to sell it. We could probably get close to \$80,000 out of it. Our payment for the new truck will be almost identical, if not just a little bit more because the new truck is more expensive. It would be budgeted for next year so when we set up the loan, we would have it started in the next year's budget. He said they are working with the bank and it will be a 3.05% interest. The second truck will be a backup. The new truck is going to cost \$400,000 but it has all the equipment on it and they will deliver it. He wants to get the Council's approval and then he'll get all the numbers together. Ivins is going to talk to their Council tomorrow. Then he'll bring the agreement back to Council with all the information on the loan.
- Mayor Rosenberg told Jack to make it happen.

- Jack Taylor said they will bring it to the next Council meeting.

3. Staff Reports:

Jack Taylor

- They did the chip seal today. There were a couple of complaints. He thinks it went well. They put up flyers a week in advance and they went to the school and talked to the school. The school called all the parents and sent them an email also. They also did the parlant and had this on the webpage. It wasn't put on Facebook and that was a mistake. The road was closed down at 6:00 a.m. The complaint from people was that there was a long detour to get from the north side of Canyon View to the school.
- Jarett Waite said there weren't enough signs and he had a hard time getting his kids to school. He said the timing was a little bit off.
- Tomorrow (Thursday) they will be sweeping and cleaning up all the chips. Friday, they will put the fog seal down over the top. It takes 30 minutes to dry so the road shouldn't be closed that long.
- Ken Sizemore asked why the chip seal instead of the seal that is on the other roads.
- Jack Taylor said the issue is the structure of the road. Right after the road had been done they started noticing some unraveling. They realized there was a problem. Western Rock came over and said they were going to go out about 10 feet on each side of the road and rotomill about an inch and then do an overlay over the top of the road. Western Rock did that. He asked them to tear out the road and redo it but Western Rock said they would make it right. Now it's 3/12 years later you can see cracks and fractures all over but the issue is the road is dry and it doesn't have enough oil in it. It's not expanding and shrinking like it should so it's fracturing. Western Rock came over and looked at it again and the best he could get them to do was the chip seal. Because of the many cracks there are slurry seal doesn't do it justice and we wouldn't get the wear we need to get.
- Ken Sizemore asked how long this chip seal will last.
- Jack Taylor said it will probably give us five or six years before we start seeing cracks coming back. We'll see how it does then and possibly chip seal it again. If it's not bad, then we could possibly try a slurry seal on top of it. He doesn't know what it is going to do. It should look nice after it's done.
- We are working with UAMPS on the Veyo Power Plant. They have asked Santa Clara City to take care of this plant so we are working with UAMPS on an agreement to pay us for the time we spend out there to take care of that plant. It should bring some revenue into the City. If it takes too much time for our employees, we are going to have to add another employee in the agreement at UAMPS cost. Jack will be up to League of Cities and Towns and he will meet with UAMPS and work on the contract and hopefully have it at the next City Council Meeting for review. We may want to ask them for a vehicle to drive back and forth to Veyo.
- A bushing blew off a transformer in the Heights and it took a little while to get it fixed.
- Ken Sizemore said he has noticed a sewer, gas odor along Lyman Hafen's Street and along Canyon View. Are there any issues?
- Jack Taylor said that there are a couple of low spots that have to be cleaned up once a year. Dustin tries to get through the whole system once a year. He will have Dustin look at those areas.
- We are waiting for the engineers to get back with us on the hillside.

- We selected the engineering company for the bridge. We are having a meeting tomorrow with the bridge committee at 3:00.
 - Power and relaying has been done on the glockenspiel. There are some issues with the garage doors. They stop at a certain point instead of keep winding and then they stop at the bottom and we can't get it to stop. We have called the company and they told us to keep spinning it and we have spun it for hours. We can't get the doors adjusted. Right now, we are working off a timer and it gives us so much time to go down and then turns the power off. It will work. The guy from the company said he will fly down here on Saturday and see what the issue is if he has to. We could put some limit switches at the bottom so when the door comes down it will hit the limit switch and it will automatically shut them off.
 - Mayor Rosenberg said the glockenspiel is going to be an impressive final product just from the mechanical engineering that went into it.
 - Tomorrow the painted walls of the glockenspiel will be put in and then next week they will bring the characters and we will mount them. We should be ready to go by Monday.
 - There is a lot of construction going on and lots of inspections.
 - Jarett Waite said he has been programming the chime for the glockenspiel. The plug has some parameters that aren't working. He is trying to adjust it. He is hoping the company can take care of it. He will let Jack know if there needs to be more relays ordered. He asked if the doors can be closed for the night.
 - Tode Hafen said that right now she would prefer it to run every hour until 9:00 p.m.
 - Jarett Waite said it can hardly be heard in the City Offices. It is the same volume as the old chimes.
 - Tode Hafen said that if there are complaints, changes can be made but for right now that is how it will be. It won't run earlier than 8:00 a.m. She said she has people lined up to make donuts for the unveiling. There will be tables set up and the road will be closed from 7 p.m. There will need to be chairs set up in the shade across the way and a sound system. We will also need to have some small water bottles. There will be no charge to anyone. It will be a short program. The Mayor will do a welcome and then she will acknowledge the volunteers. The Mayor of Midway is going to try and come. She said they have taken a lot of pictures and will have them put together for that night.
- Jack Taylor said they are starting the ten-foot sidewalk and the planters at Café Rio.
- Crew is working at Gubler Park to get the irrigation and power going to the planters there.

Fire Chief Nelson

- Ty and his crew are in Boise, Idaho fighting fires there.
- They helped St. George with a structure fire, Goodwin Cabinets.

Brad Hays

- Scott Bannon, Code Enforcement Officer, had a complaint from Southwest Behavioral Health Center about the binnies down on the SITLA property and the trash going over to their property and people are dumping mattresses. Brad said he was also having the same problem at the binnies on Canyon View. He asked the City Council if they would consider having the binnies removed. He said he doesn't think the City is getting any revenue from them like in the past. He said that at the Canyon View site they have had to routinely haul things off such as televisions, pools, furniture, swing sets. It is a continual cleanup for the

City.

- Mayor Rosenberg said they have told the Solid Waste District to come and pick the binnies up and they asked the City to let them stay. He said they have worn out their welcome. If the problem is continuing, let's get them moved. There will still be the binnies at Gubler. Since we have signed up for the recycle program, we are fine asking to have the binnies removed. Let's get ahold of them. They can add some additional binnies at Gubler. There is a donation green box on Lava Flow that will have to be removed too.
- Brad Hays said they could put the donation binnies at Gubler too. But he would like to have all the binnies removed from Lava Flow and Canyon View.
- Jack and his crew are going to start working on the west Gubler parking lot. The grading and the curb have gone out for bid. The bid closed out Thursday, August 31. There was only one bidder, SunRock. Their bid came in at \$130,200. Staff would like to go ahead with that and start construction. We expected the bid to be \$100,000 or less but with all the contractors being as busy as they are, no one else is available and to them that is a small job because Jack's crew is going to do the road base and the pavement and the landscape work. Dustin's crew starts on the irrigation this week. SunRock is one to two weeks out after the documents are signed. He is not sure if it will be done before Senior Games.
- Mayor Rosenberg said they have 60 days to do the work once they start but they can only shut it down for two weeks.
- Ed Dickie said it doesn't need to come back to Council because it has already been approved and it's coming in below budget.
- Mayor Rosenberg said to make sure it doesn't require a formal Council action if so it will have to wait until September 27 unless we advertise a Special Meeting. Is everyone on the Council comfortable going with SunRock? If not, it will have to be rebid and it will be delayed even more. He told Brad to check the ordinance and make sure he is on solid ground doing it that way. If we do need to have a special meeting, we can advertise one and do it when we are all together.
- Mayor's Walk - meet up at the park on Thursday at 8:00. The directions are in the newsletter. Meet at the trailhead. Brad will bring some water. Mayor Rosenberg wants to spotlight the adventure park.
- Brad Hays said Washington County is looking at bringing a large mountain bike race into the area sponsored by Iron Man. They want to bring that here and they are looking for venues throughout the County. It's a world-class event, a big event. They will ride for 4 days. They are thinking late October or early November. There are a lot of big sponsors that come in and market it. Is that something we would be interested in trying for? It will start small and could grow into thousands. They want 8 acres at least and restrooms and a place to camp. They take care of the port of potties and things like that.
- Mayor Rosenberg said to talk with them about logistics. We need to fully understand the logistics before we sign up for that.
- Tode Hafen asked if we agree to do this when would be the first time.
- Brad Hays said it would be next fall. Gubler could be the base for it. They are asking about Santa Clara. He will get more information and get back to Council.

Ed Dickie

- The City got an appeal from the appellants concerning the Verizon tower. Matt Ence can update Council on that at the next meeting.

- Robert Fuller is going to try and get with Council while they are in Salt Lake.

Mayor Rosenberg

- The Regional Water Supply Agreement Administrative Advisory Committee met. We have a lunch Monday at noon at the Water District. He asked if Council was coming. They are going to be talking about the Impact Fee including starting to pay for the Lake Powell pipeline.
- The COG met and bought some additional right of ways in Hurricane and changed some of the rules, which makes them more user friendly for the cities. We can get up to 30% on the engineering on a corridor study done, reimbursed from the COG. They will also pay for appraisals even if the property owner backs out.
- The Trust is doing a law enforcement officer “beyond the badge” program. It’s a recognition for law enforcement. He asked Ed if any nominations have been sent in.
- Ed Dickie said he has talked to Bob about it to see if he has someone in mind.
- Mayor Rosenberg said that if the City has an officer that is deserving he would love to see him get nominated.
- Mayor Rosenberg has the World Senior Games bonus ticket, opening ceremony tickets, golf tournament tickets, gold cup tickets and opening concert and celebration tickets. If Council wants tickets, come and see him. He has four of each.
- Tode Hafen went to the Kayenta Arts Festival and it went well. It is a nice facility. They are still trying to fund raise. One of their events is during Swiss Days.

4. Executive Session: None.

5. Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Chris Shelley – City Recorder

Date Approved: _____