

**SANTA CLARA CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020
MINUTES**

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH, met for a Work Meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 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 Pro Tem Jarett Waite
Council Members: Jarett Waite, Wendell Gubler, Ben Shakespeare, Denny Drake and Leina Mathis
City Manager: Brock Jacobsen
City Recorder: Chris Shelley

Others Present: Brad Hays, Parks & Trails Director; Corey Bundy, Building Official; Randy Hancey, Fire Chief; Tom Nisson; Kathy Tolleson, AGC of Utah; Lance Haynie

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tem Waite called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and introduced the City Council. He excused Mayor Rick Rosenberg who is out of town and also Jack Taylor, Public Works Director, who was going to be addressing Item #2.

2. **Working Agenda:**

A. General Business:

1. Air Quality Task Force presentation. Presented by Kathy Tolleson.

- Kathy Tolleson, District Manager for AGC of Utah, said that years ago Contractors formed an association to protect Contractors. This association is 98 years old in the State of Utah. Their motto is skill, integrity, trust and responsibility. She talked about the Air Quality Task Force and they asked the contractors to monitor the dust as it related to the construction industry. They have been consistently monitoring and collecting data on air quality and using that data to help keep our construction companies in compliance. They highly encourage responsible practices on job sites. The Task Force is made up of AGC members, SUHBA members, City Officials and some concerned citizens. She said they all work together to address this issue. Contractors are asked to comply with the top ten dust control measures: to create and follow a dust control plan; pre-water areas prior to excavation activities; install and maintain track-out pads on jobsites; establish designated parking for jobsite personnel; limit access points for construction sites; cover truck material loads on public highways; reduce speeds on haul roads (max. speed 10 mph); maintain water systems on crusher plant operations; create crusting of top soil on non-working projects; and

stop operations on high wind day (30 mph+). She talked about the task forces' goals: to increase public awareness through industry efforts and set up air quality booths at City office lobbies on a rotating basis. They also wanted to create a video and informational packet to display at city offices and other places that would be appropriate. They also wanted to review air quality data and any complaints about construction activity. She showed the video to the City Council. She said they want to work with the local communities. She said that they are asking the local communities to purchase a purple air monitor and place in areas of interest or problem areas within each city. They are \$229. She asked for the City to purchase one or more of these monitors. She said the monitors run off of power and Wi-Fi. She said that every month their committee looks at these monitors. She also requested that the City put up a display/booth in Town Hall for a month or two on a rotating basis.

- Mayor Pro Tem Waite asked where the purple air monitors are mounted and how they are mounted.

- Kathy Tolleson suggested putting them outside of Town Hall or at any location the City chooses to mount it. She said that Wi-Fi is preferable because you can get it in real time. She said the monitors that use Wi-Fi are \$229 and the ones that don't are \$259.

- Ben Shakespeare said that it is important to have water meters put in as soon as people get building permits so there can be access to water.

- Corey Bundy, Building Official, said they have a preconstruction meeting with any big development and let them know what is expected of them in the subdivision process which includes water quality and where they can get a hydrant meter and how to hook it up and what is expected of them.

- Mayor Pro Tem Waite asked Brock Jacobsen, City Manager, if he had any opinions about putting up a display at Town Hall.

- Brock Jacobsen said they will need to find a spot big enough to put it up.

- Mayor Pro Tem Waite said he thinks we will be okay with putting it up.

- Kathy Tolleson said she would set it up and bring all the literature for it.

2. Street Impact Fee Amendment discussion. Presented by Jack Taylor, Public Works Director.

- Mayor Pro Tem Waite said this item will be tabled because Jack Taylor is out of town.

3. Public Safety Impact Fee discussion. Presented by Brock Jacobsen, City Manager.

- Brock Jacobsen said that Tom Nisson from Sun Rise Engineering has worked with Staff on this Impact Fee. He said that it was in 2012 when Santa Clara City and Ivins City combined their two police forces. A capital facilities plan was done at that time. That was the last time that was done so it is past due to do this now. He said Staff has been working with Sun Rise Engineering on this and he shared with them some of the concerns he had on the cost. He turned the time over to Tom Nisson for the presentation.

- Tom Nisson, Sun Rise Engineering, talked about the historic growth rates in Santa Clara. They looked back all the way to 1970 and in that 50 years the City has on

average had a growth rate of 7.3% per year. He said the build out projections on this plan will be in 2035 which is about 6,384 ERU's total. He said the population build out projection is about 20,300. He said that the growth rate is not the dictating force of the plan. The City could grow faster or slower and it can be adjusted accordingly. He talked about the existing public safety facilities within the City. The City has Station 1 at just under 2,000 sq ft, Station 2 which is just over 6,000 sq ft and the Law Enforcement Facility in Town Hall which is just over 4,000 sq ft. He talked about the response time from each facility. He showed Council the heat maps that are based on call data. It shows the areas that have the higher density of calls. This map is helpful in determining where new facilities and infrastructure could be placed. He said with the projected growth the additional need for the City would be 11,178 sq ft of additional ft for facilities, which is just for Fire and Rescue. The Police facilities weren't included because Ivins City may be building a new Police facility sometime soon. He said after talking with Staff in sounds like we are good there. He said a lot of the sq footage that would be needed for the fire and rescue would be the bays for housing the equipment and apparatuses.

- Denny Drake asked how Tom established the number for the additional sq footage projected to be needed.

- Tom Nisson said they established what an ERU was. They based that on the sq footage of homes because commercial ERU's should be charged by the sq ft as they are much bigger buildings so they figured out what the average sq footage of homes were for Santa Clara and what the growth projection would be and times the sq footage by the growth rate and that is where the 11,178 sq ft.

- Denny Drake wanted to clarify that there is no benefit in getting larger. It is going to be the same expenditure per ERU as we grow. He asked if density levels have no bearing.

- Tom Nisson explained how the impact fee can go up.

- Brock Jacobsen said that in doing this the level of service would maintain the same. The level of service could be changed in the plan.

- Denny Drake said he doesn't want to lessen the service but if we are going to consolidate our community into more density areas that are closer to get to it doesn't take a fire engine as long to take care of a high density as it does to take care of a single-family residency.

- Tom Nisson said that with an increase in sq footage you are going to have to increase in Staff and have more calls. He said that with this plan we are trying to keep that same level of service and to do so they recommend some improvement: a new Rachel Drive building added to the existing Fire Station with living quarters and additional bays; a new Santa Clara Valley Fire Station which may be an existing facility; Rachel Drive Station improvements; a new apparatus; the City Hall Law Enforcement debt service; some miscellaneous engineering that will happen with these improvements. He talked about the impact fee analysis calculation. The total cost of projects from new growth is \$4,333,000 with 88% of that being impact fee eligible which comes out to be \$3,967,000. The new number of ERU's is 3,671 and 3,444 of those are residential so the residential costs would be \$3,718,000 for \$1,080 per ERU. Commercial is based of the sq footage so the average sq footage per ERU is about \$2,299 for the projected commercial units which is about \$0.47 per sq ft for commercial. He said that if the City were to build a new fire station the cost would be

about \$200 more per ERU to build the new building.

- Mayor Pro Tem Waite asked if the projected residential units and the projected commercial units numbers were based off growth or land that is available.
- Tom Nisson said it is based off the data of existing residential and commercial and the ERU's and used the growth rate to figure the numbers.
- Mayor Pro Tem Waite said he feels that the projection of 3,400 homes is high that there is not room for that many more homes in Santa Clara. This does not include the South Hills. Are we looking at our actual zoning and the land still available?
- Tom Nisson said the numbers came from the Water Master Plan
- Brock Jacobsen said they are taking into accountability what is owned and what could be developed. The South Hills/BLM land has been taken out of our impact fee analysis.
- Ben Shakespeare asked about the apparatuses that were listed.
- Chief Randy Hancey said that would include the ladder truck and updating or refurbishing our current apparatuses. He said a ladder truck could cost up to \$1 million.
- Ben Shakespeare asked what the commercial fee is right now.
- Brock Jacobsen said that there isn't one. It is all one impact fee. Public Safety doesn't have a separation, commercial or residential. There is no commercial aspect to it at this time.
- Ben Shakespeare said we don't have a lot of commercial and he is concerned about putting on more impact for public safety. He also has some concern on the residential end.
- Tom Nisson explained that the number would be amount that the City wouldn't be able to go over. The Council can determine what the impact fee should be set at. These numbers are just showing what the amounts would be with the improvements that are coming up but the number are just setting the highest amount that the City could ask for. It is still up to the municipality to determine what that fee is.
- Brock Jacobsen said his concern was about the new station in the Valley and whether to use the old town hall or new property. That would be the cheaper route to use the old town hall. He doesn't want the impact fee to climb but it would if we went the route of buying property and building a new station.
- Ben Shakespeare has a concern about buying a new ladder truck and suggested making a deal with St. George City to buy one from them.
- Chief Hancey said that our current ladder truck is 25 years old and needs to be refurbished or replaced. This is a need we are going to have in the near future.
- Brock Jacobsen said the projects listed in this are what we felt are needed but this is Council's discretion to decide what we need.
- Mayor Pro Tem Waite asked how future equipment needs would be worked out with the agreement with Ivins City.
- Brock Jacobsen said he believes it would be split exactly how the agreement is: 55% Ivins City and 45% Santa Clara City. When it comes to larger items there would have to be a discussion with them.
- Mayor Pro Tem Waite said that with this impact fee plan we are calculating the whole cost. Would we adjust that for the split with Ivins City?
- Brock Jacobsen explained how it would work with the City paying only 45% of those costs.

- Chief Hancey talked about the extra cost to service commercial buildings such as extra hydrants, fire connections with the sprinkler system, possibly more calls because there is more traffic going in and out.
- Ben Shakespeare talked about determining the impact fee per acreage instead of sq footage. Commercial will be built into businesses that generate funds back to the City.
- Brock Jacobsen talked about funding options for equipment and grants that can help pay for the equipment. We will always try to get grants.
- Leina Mathis asked if it was common in other cities to have a commercial impact fee.
- Tom Nisson said he could look into that. He thinks it is. He thinks some of the surrounding cities do.
- Brock Jacobsen said the street impact fees are broken out with a commercial aspect and power is done based on meter size and commercial will be higher as well as water meters. He said a public hearing will need to be held on this. The question is if Council is ready to have this public hearing set for the end of the month or does Council want this brought back for more discussion first? He said that he has sent this over to SUHBA and they will want to come and discuss this. He said that once the public hearing is done and we adopt this there is a 60-day wait period before it takes effect.
- Mayor Pro Tem Waite said he would like to see the equipment fee split different. This would take a call to Ivins City. He would like to keep the impact fee as low as possible.
- Denny Drake said that we should also protect our current residents by doing as much as we can to keep their property tax as low as we can so in reviewing impact fees we need to look at what growth is going to actually cost us. When we are doing our planning we need to plan for Santa Clara not Ivins/Santa Clara.
- Leina Mathis said we want to know what Ivins City is planning also because we don't want to get caught with them saying we need to come up with a lot of money for their projects.
- Brock Jacobsen said that they could be collecting in their impact fees the money to buy a large apparatus as well so we need to find out what they have in their impact fees also.
- Denny Drake said it sounds like we are not ready for a public hearing. He feels that we need to establish what we want to set the impact fee at for both commercial and residential and then have the public hearing.
- Ben Shakespeare suggested having a Work Meeting with Ivins City to discuss public safety and what their plan is. Since our agreement is with them we should be talking together face to face so we are all on the same plan.
- Brock Jacobsen said that we will get with Ivins and get this back on an agenda to have another discussion with some additional data and invite Mayor Hart or the City Manager to join us for a meeting.

4. Quarterly Financials discussion. Presented by Brock Jacobsen, City Manager.

- Brock Jacobsen said that for the quarter ending Dec.31, 2019 total revenue for the City was \$3.8 million. Of that \$1.7 million in taxes and franchise fees, \$104,000 licenses and permits, intergovernmental revenue which includes reimbursement that comes from Ivins paying their share of the Fire/EMS and the Justice Court. Charges

for services were \$573,000, which includes garbage, Wild Land, street maintenance fee and those types of services. Fines and Forfeitures, which is the Court fines and penalties, are \$113,000. Miscellaneous revenue is \$864,000. Swiss Days and the Pageant are \$37,000 and transfers in from Enterprise funds are \$125,000. He explained the miscellaneous revenue. The majority of that comes from the reimbursement from the Council of Governments (the COG) on the corridor land purchases as well as the Chapel Street bridge that they helped purchase those right of ways for. There is also some money that came in for some sediment removal on the Santa Clara River. \$75,000 came in for that to help pay for that to be done. There was \$35,000 that came in from Ivins City to help with the purchase of the asphalt layer that we purchased from Washington City. Ivins City bought in at 55%. There was also \$20,000 that came from a health insurance refund from PEHP for the group plan. He explained that the revenue side of the expenditures was \$2.7 million. He said that based on budget everyone is staying pretty close to where they should be. Parks & Trails is a little bit above where they should be and Swiss Days and the Pageant the majority of their expenditures happen in the first quarter of the year. He said that for the second quarter revenue over expenditures is just over \$1 million. He showed a graph of the revenue to Council. He explained that with the Justice Court, Fire and EMS the expenditures are split with Ivins at 55%-45% but the revenue is split 50%-50%. He talked about the expenditure. He said that the Police, Administration and Parks & Trails are the ones with the highest expenditures for the second quarter. He said that ambulance services have collected \$112,000 so we are a little bit ahead there. He talked about the new agreement with Med USA and our cost for them is less so our charges will be able to be a little bit more using Utah code. This will begin in April. He said that current year property taxes are at 80% so it shows high for that right now. The highway tax is collected at 74% and the franchise tax from cable is at \$10,000 and the room tax is already at \$33,000.

- Leina Mathis said that the new vacation rentals are required to have a management company that takes care of the taxes. Are there some outside of that requirement that are not paying taxes?

- Brock Jacobsen said we have some rentals that are within the existing communities that are on Air B&B or VRBO. State legislatures passed a law stating that you can't use the advertising on these sites to go and shut them down. He explained how the property management works within the different vacation rental projects.

- Denny Drake asked if the City charges a licensing fee for rentals. He said this is a fee that shows that you are recognized as a renter and it helps when power has to be shut off or anything like that. It would be good to get the Air B&B's and VRBO's to pay a licensing fee.

- Brock Jacobsen said we do not have a landlord license in Santa Clara. He talked about the Enterprise Funds. For the Water our charges for services were just over \$1 million. There was other revenue of \$131,000. The total revenue was \$1.2 million and expenditures were at \$700,000 so there was revenue over expenditure of \$490,000. He talked about the timing of the bond payments. With our bond payments this year interest and principle are almost \$400,000 and we have paid \$27,000 of that. He explained that our rates are on a tiered system so the more that is used the more you pay. He said talked about the Sewer Fund. The charges for services were \$362,000 and \$22,000 in others for a total of \$385,000 and expenditures are at \$355,000 for

revenue over expenditures of \$30,000. The sewer expenditures are at 43%. We have no bonds. The General Fund has a loan from the Sewer fund and we pay back \$25,000 a year. We borrowed it from them to purchase the property across from the City Offices.

- Denny Drake asked about the reuse water from the regional plant. Contract wise we are supposed to get reuse water back because of the water that we ship into it. Our percentage is supposed to come back in reuse. He would like to know if it is in a contract.

- Brock Jacobsen said he will check on that. He showed the comparison of where we are to previous years and it is pretty comparable to 2019. He talked about the Electric Fund. Charges for services were \$2.7 million, other revenues were \$240,000 for a total of just over \$3 million and expenditures were \$2.5 million for revenue over expenditures of \$465,000. None of our bond payments have been paid yet and that is just over \$400,000. The power purchases are just over 50% and the other ownership costs of the plants we have are at 50%. He talked about the big cost of purchasing the metering equipment. It was about a \$750,000 project, which is split between water and power. We just got our second shipment of meters and about 1,000 have been installed so far. The water meters are here and training is going on that. They will start installing them next week. The Storm Water fund is looking better and better. Charges for services is \$247,000 and other revenue is \$32,000 for a total of \$279,000 and expenditures at \$272,000 so revenue over is \$6,800. We have a couple of bonds in Storm Water as well as maintenance. He talked about impact fees. For streets we have collected \$76,000. For parks \$169,000. Public Safety, \$40,000. The expenditures we have are Streets, \$1.8 million, Parks, \$116,000 and Public Safety, \$16,000. This coming year will be the first payment on the CIB bond for the bridge. It is an interest only. It is \$52,000 for this coming fiscal year. The coming year will be principle and interest which means it will go up \$90,000. We will be using impact fees and highway tax. He said the City is in a pretty good financial position. He said concerning the enterprise funds the biggest concern is making sure we have a fund balance in there for renewal and replacement as our system ages to be able to do the improvements we need to improve the infrastructure. He said that Town Halls payments have been paid a lot by the impact fees and that is going to become less and less so we need to make sure we can still make that payment as it goes into the General Fund.

5. Streaming City Council Meetings discussion. Presented by Jarett Waite, City Council Member.

- Mayor Pro Tem Waite recognized Lance Haynie who is in attendance. He is a volunteer firefighter for the City and a resident and has expressed interest in helping with this. He talked about the research he has done on this project and his input on where he thinks we should go forward from here. He said at the last Community Education Channel Board Meeting they talked about the future of the CEC changing and one way they thought they could support the cities better would be to provide support for streaming the meetings whether that was buying the equipment for the cities and setting it up and then having Staff run it. The School District was at that same meeting and said that they don't stream their meetings because of ADA requirements. Jarett did some research on this and found out that any public entity that

wants to stream or provide any video product online has to have closed captioning as part of that stream with a 99% accuracy. He has been trying to find out what other cities are doing with this. He said that YouTube does offer a subtitle closed captioning service but it is not very accurate. This puts a little worry for the CEC on streaming meetings. He said he feels that we should just follow the rules and set it up right from the beginning and make sure we have all the information we need about this. If we would like to make our City Council meetings more available for the citizens, which is the real goal, we can either stream live video, record our meetings and post that video or we can post audio files of our meetings. He talked about the audio file. He said that right now we are recording this meeting and when it is done Chris can put it in an mp3 file and give it to Kristelle and she would post it on the website. Then a citizen can download it and listen to it. He said the minutes are really good but there is more that you can get from an audio file. This would be an easy way to improve access for our citizens. There would be no cost for this. He said that if we want to have video available of our meetings, which probably wouldn't have a lot of views, we need to weigh the cost versus the use. He contacted a company that provides this and we could do live, closed captioning and use YouTube service and that is probably close enough that it wouldn't cause a problem and that would be free. To follow the law a Staff member would have to go back and watch the entire meeting and edit that file that YouTube outputs so that it is actually 99% correct. Someone would have to watch every single meeting from start to end. He said that doesn't seem very viable. He said he found a vendor that does it for \$0.60 a minute for closed captioning live video and is about 80% accurate. He said there are some resources that take the video and they will close caption it. That costs between \$1.00 and \$2.40 per minute. We probably have about 6,500 minutes of meetings per year. We would be spending about \$6,500 a year for closed captioning up to \$15,500. That is a fairly significant cost just for the closed captioning let alone the equipment we would need and City Staff time to get everything posted and done right. If we do want to install video equipment the CEC might cover that but maybe not. It's probably about \$10,000. He would like input from the Council.

- Lance Haynie said with just posting audio you could have the inverse of the closed captioning with someone who is deaf so now you are running into the same problem. Does a video that is posted that is not live still have the ADA requirements? He said he would love to be able to do this. Audio is great for him too. He is happy to help in any way he can.

- Ben Shakespeare said that based on the emails the audio would serve what most people want. They want access to the meeting. It could be posted the next day and they can listen to it.

- Brock Jacobsen said it is much quicker then sending it off. It would be posted the next day.

- Mayor Pro Tem Waite said closed captioning is 1 to 4 days depending on how much you want to pay for it. He hasn't heard of any problems with it being posted for listening but he has not looked into the legalities of it concerning those who are deaf. It is all about access and because we post minutes as well, audio is fine. He said that whether it is live or post you have to close caption it for either one. He asked Council if it would be worth Staff time and another \$6,500 a year in our budget to make our videos available.

- Ben Shakespeare said that we have the written minutes and if you have the audio of the meeting to go along with that, that serves the needs. He said the audio makes more sense. It serves the purpose.
- Leina Mathis said it gives an added benefit because you could also include the Planning Commission Meetings as well and there are no additional costs. But if you wanted to include those meetings on the video you would be doubling the cost. There are a lot more discussions that happen at Planning Commission because of the public hearings that would be more of a concern to the citizens.
- Mayor Pro Tem Waite said that the only concern with that is that a posting is not a live thing. He thinks a lot of citizens would love to not come to the meetings but feel like they are still part of the meeting, which is the point of live streaming it.
- Denny Drake said that the people who are really interested come to the meetings. He guesses that there would only be 2% viewing on any of it. The general public would probably prefer not to pay to have it. If you are going to have to deal with all the issues of ADA he thinks it is far better not to do video.
- Leina Mathis said if it is hard for citizens to come to a 5:00 meeting they are not going to be home live streaming it anyway so providing an opportunity to hear it or listen to it at another time when it is convenient for them and still getting the information is more helpful.
- Denny Drake said that what we have on our website is mostly what most people would look at and read anyway.
- Leina Mathis said that if we do this she would like to see it on a front page, very accessible, so people aren't having to point and click numerous times. It needs to be easily accessible.
- Lance Haynie said there are ways to track engagement and see the number of people listening or viewing. If there are only a few it might not be worth the effort. The tracking is free. You could see how many are listening and when they are listening.
- Mayor Pro Tem Waite asked Brock if this needs to be on an agenda or can we just make the decision to start posting the audio file.
- Brock Jacobsen said he thinks we can just start doing that. He talked about how Kristelle will put it on the website.
- Mayor Pro Tem Waite said he needs to know if going back to the CEC they want to install the system for the City will we be okay with that. Do we want that equipment in our building or would we prefer to baby step this and see what the response is to the audio.
- Council members all said they would like to baby step this.
- Denny Drake asked what the CEC's fee would be to come in and film the meetings.
- Mayor Pro Tem Waite said there is a new Dean over this and he has had experience in broadcast. Right now it is based on how much we put into the CEC as how many production hours we get. We get about 70 hours a year. That would cover about 20 meetings. We have never used it for City Council meetings. We have had them cover the parade and the pageant. He said the CEC posts a lot on YouTube.
- Brock Jacobsen said we pay \$1 per resident to the CEC.

6. Review Development Fee Schedule. Corey Bundy, Building & Zoning Official.

- Brock Jacobsen said that Corey had to leave for an emergency so he will try and

cover this item for him. This is dealing with two fees: the annexation fee and the variance and appeal fee. Currently our annexation fee to annex or de-annex into or out of the City is \$500. Corey would like to change this fee to \$1,000. Based on the time and the cost that is associated with this including the cost of the City Attorney, the City Planner, Corey himself and surveying we are not covering our costs. Currently St. George City charges \$1,000 as well. He explained that we just barely did a de-annex and we are having to do another one.

- Wendell Gubler asked if the City is basically paying for this right now.
- Brock Jacobsen said the applicant pays \$500 but that is all they pay so if the cost is above that it is the City's expense.
- Denny Drake said the survey alone has to cost more than \$500.
- Brock Jacobsen said he doesn't know what the cost of an annexation or de-annexation is.
- Ben Shakespeare said he doesn't have a problem with raising it to \$1,000. There is a lot of time that the City puts into this. For the work that goes into it \$1,000 is where it should be.
- Brock Jacobsen said the other fee is a variance and appeal fee. Right now it is at \$100 plus \$1 per notice that has to be sent. He said that an appeal just took place for Dick Kohler on his project and he thinks that sparked this because of the cost of getting an Appeals Board together. We will have to have Corey discuss this with Council a little bit further. We would have to have a public hearing on these fees so we will have to bring this back maybe next week.

3. Staff Reports:

Fire Chief Randy Hancey

- They had a lot of medical calls over the weekend. They are finishing up a lot of training. There is an EMS certification this Saturday for the current EMT class. They are currently doing Wild Land training and then they will have a Fire 1 Structure class. They just had winter fire school and a big convention at the Dixie Center for fire fighters. Tomorrow they will start burning the wash behind Harmon's. They have some other burn projects they will get going on too.

Brad Hays

- The Lava Flow trail is out for bid now. The trail will run from Rachel Drive to the substation on Pioneer Parkway. There will be a trail and bridge and improvements to Rachel Drive. That road will be expanded so that doesn't dip down. The trail will come up and meet the existing trail at Gubler Park so there will be a crosswalk there. St. George City is going to pay Santa Clara to put in a 12" irrigation line under that trail. That trail should be done by the end of March and then we will have an opening for it.
- There has been a lot of vandalism in the parks recently, especially at Canyon View Park. The vandalism has happened mostly to the restrooms. They are going in and ripping all the amenities off the walls and spray painting and writing graffiti. He said they are looking at trying to put in some security cameras. That is something they will bring back to Council. He hasn't seen graffiti this bad in a long time.
- Leina Mathis asked if the restrooms are open for 24 hours.
- Brad Hays said they have electric locks on them. They lock at a set time.

- The Swiss Memorial Park is moving along. They have the foundation in for the bathroom and for the pavilions. They have the area cut out for the sidewalks and the memorial foundation poured. They will be done with their part of it by mid-March. We have a grand opening scheduled for May 14 or 15. We will have a ribbon cutting and do a Movies in the Park and have a local celebration.
- He got the RP&P back from the BLM and it has been signed so it is a done deal.
- Parks crews have been working on Pioneer Parkway and removed a lot of bushes and cleaned it up. It looks a lot better and will be a lot less maintenance. They also installed all new irrigation in the planter boxes downtown. They have also been working on the hillside. They have planted over 1,000 bulbs of red and white tulips all over the City and they should be coming up pretty soon. We have been doing a lot of work at Heritage Square. We have been working on the ball fields at Gubler Park and have had someone come in with a dethatching machine. We are hoping to have better drainage there.
- Our first baseball tournament this year is taking place this weekend at Gubler Park. We will have tournaments every weekend from now until the end of March. April and May is exclusively for Little League so the tournaments will end then.
- The Little League lights are due here on Feb. 24 and the power company will install the polls and the new lights. He asked Ben Shakespeare if he knows someone who can do the electrical work.
- Ben Shakespeare said he knows someone who can help with that.
- Brad Hays said that the power department's plate is full with installing the new meters.
- On Feb. 15 we have a Sun Marathon at Gubler Park. They start at Gubler and go up to Ivins then out to Gunlock and they come back. There are about 500 people that participate. This is the third year for it.
- On March 7 there is the Red Mountain 55 K that starts at Gates Lane and finishes at Unity Park.
- On March 13 & 14 we have the Epic Tru Grit bike race here at City Hall.
- The cover for the staging area and start gate for the BMX track is approved and they will start putting that in. They are meeting tomorrow afternoon to go over expenses and see where we are at through the end of the project. We are \$128,000 into the project out of the \$158,000 we got from the County.
- Mayor Pro Tem Waite said the completion date for the track is March but the big race won't be until June.
- Brad Hays said they still need to have someone come in and compact the sandy areas of the jumps and hoops and we need to put the perimeter fence in and the concessions and bleachers. It is coming along.
- Leina Mathis asked about the flags on Santa Clara Drive. She said that some of the posts don't have flags such as the posts coming up the hill.
- Brad Hays said that the wind is so strong in that area that the flags get torn and shredded pretty quickly.

Brock Jacobsen

- He said that we need to fix the 2nd turn on the BMX track. There needs to be something that supports the mound of dirt. There will be a cost but it is something we have to do to provide support.
- Brad Hays said he is concerned about the area outside the perimeter fence down by Little League. He said that Brooke has been talking to some people about doing some stone

retention on the 2nd turn.

- Brock Jacobsen said the League of Cities and Towns Spring Conference is April 22-24 at the Dixie Center. He asked Council if they want to attend.
- Leina Mathis asked what those days would consist of.
- Brock Jacobsen said there is usually an opening ceremony. They then have hourly breakout sessions and lunch each day with a keynote speaker. They will have tours throughout the County. They usually have socials at night. He reminded Council that the Fall Conference is in Salt Lake City. He asked who wanted to attend that Conference. (Mayor Pro Tem Waite said he will attend but come back on Friday. Ben Shakespeare said he is not sure. Leina Mathis said yes but she will come back on Friday.)
- The Hills Ph. 3 started moving dirt today.
- We are meeting with the County on Feb. 18th concerning the shooting range.
- The Fire Department is doing their fitness test on Feb. 15 if Council wants to go and do the fitness test.
- The Budget Retreat is Feb. 27 at noon.
- He reminded Council that the tours needed to be rescheduled and does Council want to do the tours before Council Meeting. He will see if he can schedule it for next week.

4. Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Chris Shelley – City Recorder

Date Approved: _____