

1 NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

2  
3 July 11, 2013

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5 The North Ogden City Council convened in an open meeting on July 11, 2013 at 5:32 p.m. in the North  
6 Ogden City Council Chambers at 505 East 2600 North. Notice of time, place and agenda of the meeting  
7 was delivered to each member of the City Council, posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office  
8 and posted to the Utah State Website on July 10, 2013. Notice of the annual meeting schedule was  
9 published in the Standard-Examiner on January 30, 2013.

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12 PRESENT: Richard G. Harris Mayor  
13 Kent Bailey Council Member  
14 Justin Fawson Council Member  
15 Brent Taylor Council Member

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17 EXCUSED: Wade Bigler Council Member  
18 Cheryl Stoker Council Member

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20 STAFF PRESENT: Ronald F. Chandler City Manager  
21 Nicole Smedley Deputy City Recorder

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23 VISITORS: Brian Russell  
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26 Mayor Harris welcomed those in attendance.

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28 Council Member Taylor offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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31 **AGENDA**

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33 **1. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING**  
34 **POLL WORKERS AND THEIR COMPENSATION**

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36 A memo from City Recorder Spendlove explained Utah Municipal Election Code 20A-5-602 requires the  
37 governing body to appoint poll workers and alternate poll workers and Utah Municipal Election Code  
38 20A-5-602(4)(a) requires the municipality to compensate the poll workers for their services. The City has  
39 asked Weber County to select poll workers they are familiar with because those poll workers have the  
40 background and training to do the job well.

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42 Mr. Chandler stated that he spoke to Jennifer Morrell from the Weber County Clerk’s office regarding  
43 this process; she informed him of how poll workers are selected and the only requirement is that they are  
44 a registered voter in the county in which they will be working. He stated the County tries to select people  
45 that have three to four years of experience of working elections. He stated they begin with the  
46 appointment of the poll manager and the poll manager then makes recommendations for the other  
47 workers, who are people that they have usually worked with in the past and they have experience. He  
48 noted this process is carried out in consultation with the election officer from each respective city and in  
49 North Ogden’s case that is the City Recorder. He stated he also asked Ms. Morrell about the fact that  
50 there is only one alternate poll worker and Ms. Morrell stated that she felt that would be sufficient

51 because the City is actually overstaffed; there is a requirement to have four workers per location and there  
52 are actually six assigned to each location. He added, finally, that there are two version of a proposed  
53 resolution before the Council for consideration; one includes the changes that were made to the list of poll  
54 workers. He explained the duplicate names were removed from the list and the person that was listed as  
55 an alternate is no longer listed as a regular worker as well. He stated there is also a worker whose name  
56 was misspelled and that has been corrected as well. He explained the reason he asked Mayor Harris to  
57 call tonight's meeting is that it is necessary to select poll workers 15 days prior to the commencement of  
58 voting; the last day to make the appointments would be next Monday night.  
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60 Council Member Fawson asked if some of the poll workers will be moved to alternate positions since the  
61 County feels the polls will be overstaffed. He stated if the City really only needs six poll workers, but is  
62 electing to pay eight. Mr. Chandler stated the impression he got from Ms. Morrell on election day the  
63 poll manager will determine if all workers assigned to a location are needed and, if not, they will be sent  
64 home. Council Member Fawson asked if their election pay will be prorated for the hours they actually  
65 work. Mr. Chandler stated he is not sure how that is handled. He added that poll workers that are  
66 overseeing early voting are compensated at a rate of \$10.00 per hour and poll managers are compensated  
67 at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. He stated that those working just on election day are paid a rate for the entire  
68 day. Council Member Fawson suggested that issue be reviewed and maybe it would be better to only call  
69 upon the workers as needed rather than paying them the entire daily amount for only working a few  
70 hours.  
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72 Council Member Bailey asked if only experienced poll workers with three or four years of experience are  
73 ever used, how does anyone new become a poll worker. Mr. Chandler stated he did not ask that question  
74 so he does not know the answer. Mayor Harris stated that he does not know everyone on the list, but he  
75 knows that all of them have been poll workers in every election. He stated the City has an election every  
76 couple of years and sometimes every year. Council Member Bailey asked how someone interested in  
77 helping would be selected by the County. He stated he would be interested to know the answer to that  
78 question.  
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80 Council Member Fawson stated the Council received a comment that expressed concern about  
81 endorsements by poll workers and he wanted to address that quickly. He stated that if someone wants to  
82 serve in a civic way – the compensation is minimal so he considers it service and he appreciates those  
83 people willing to be poll workers – he would not want to hold them back based on their political  
84 endorsements. He stated that everyone knows it is illegal to discuss the election within 200 feet of a  
85 polling location and he has never heard of that occurring. He stated he would be absolutely shocked to  
86 hear of a poll worker influencing any voter in any way as they came to vote. He stated he personally does  
87 not have a concern about anyone on the list swaying voters one way or the other and those that are  
88 civically involved would probably be more inclined to endorse a candidate and he would hate to restrict  
89 them based on that. Mayor Harris added that having watched elections from his office he would guess  
90 that 99.9 percent of the people that come to vote do not know who the poll workers are; they do not  
91 recognize anyone. Council Member Fawson stated that one of the poll workers mentioned in the  
92 comment actually stood up in the last election when he was on the ballot and stood by him in line to  
93 ensure that there was no electioneering taking place; he knows they enforce the rules very strictly. He  
94 stated it did not bother him and he appreciates their caution.  
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96 Council Member Taylor stated that Council Member Fawson has raised a good point, but he would be  
97 interested to know how many poll workers are hired to oversee early voting. He asked if it is based on  
98 turnout on a daily basis. Mr. Chandler stated there are three poll workers on duty at all times during early  
99 voting – one poll manager and two poll workers. Council Member Taylor stated he would support  
100 Council Member Fawson's suggestion about calling for extra help if necessary as a cost saving effort. He  
101 then added that he also does not have a concern about the people that have been hired as poll workers for

102 the election. He stated that he does not know most of the people named on the list and he is sure there are  
103 more than those that have been mentioned that are openly supporting a candidate or candidates. He stated  
104 he also does not believe any poll workers would be doing any politicking at a polling location.

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106 **Council Member Bailey moved to approve Resolution 6-2013. Council Member Fawson**  
107 **seconded the motion.**

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109 **Voting on the motion:**

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111 **Council Member Bailey            aye**  
112 **Council Member Fawson        aye**  
113 **Council Member Taylor        aye**

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115 **The motion passed unanimously**

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118 **2. ACTION TO APPOINT A MAYOR PRO TEM TO ATTEND THE NORTH VIEW**  
119 **FIRE AGENCY MEETING ON JULY 16, 2013**

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121 Mayor Harris stated that when the Fire Department was under three cities it was called the North View  
122 Fire Agency and the three mayors of those cities comprised the board of directors for that organization.  
123 He stated that when the citizens voted to create a separate district it became the North View Fire District  
124 and their board of directors, after a lot of discussion, was composed of citizens elected to the position. He  
125 stated there are a couple of citizens from each community that have been elected to those positions and  
126 they also have a couple of professionals in appointed positions to offer direction. He stated the mayors of  
127 each city were specifically excluded from being part of the board and he does not know exactly why, but  
128 maybe it is because the citizens felt the mayor's would dominate the board and meetings. He added all  
129 assets of the Agency were required to be transferred to the District and he thought that had been taken  
130 care of, but a final vote is needed to complete that process. He stated his recollection is that everything  
131 had been transferred except for a little strip of land that was part of the property on which the fire station  
132 is located; it had to be resurveyed and re-described and to his knowledge that was the only business left to  
133 be taken care of and once the transfer was complete the fire agency was to be dissolved. He stated this is  
134 the final bit of business that will take place next Tuesday; a meeting of the board of the old Agency has  
135 been called and he is hopeful the vote to transfer the final assets to the District will take place. He asked  
136 if a member of the Council is available next Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. to be appointed to represent the City at  
137 that meeting. He stated he will be out of town.

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139 Council Member Bailey stated he is available.

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141 **Council Member Fawson moved to appoint Council Member Bailey as the Mayor Pro Tem to**  
142 **attend the North View Fire Agency meeting on July 16, 2013. Council Member Taylor seconded**  
143 **the motion.**

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145 **Voting on the motion:**

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147 **Council Member Bailey            aye**  
148 **Council Member Fawson        aye**  
149 **Council Member Taylor        aye**

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151 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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**3. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Fawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion.**

**Voting on the motion:**

**Council Member Bailey        aye**  
**Council Member Fawson       aye**  
**Council Member Taylor       aye**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.**

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Richard G. Harris, Mayor

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S. Annette Spendlove, MMC  
City Recorder

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Date Approved