

NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 13, 2012

The North Ogden City Council convened in an open meeting on November 13, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the North Ogden City Council Chambers at 505 East 2600 North. Notice of time, place and agenda of the meeting was delivered to each member of the City Council, posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on November 8, 2012. Notice of the annual meeting schedule was published in the Standard-Examiner on January 16, 2012.

PRESENT:	Richard G. Harris	Mayor
	Kent Bailey	Council Member
	Justin Fawson	Council Member
	Cheryl Stoker	Council Member
	Brent Taylor	Council Member
STAFF PRESENT:	Ron Chandler	City Manager
	Annette Spendlove	HR Director/City Recorder
	Bryan Steele	Finance Director
	Jon Call	City Attorney
	Craig Barker	Community Development Director
	Gary Kerr	Building Official
	Mel Blanchard	Public Works Director
EXCUSED:	Wade Bigler	Council Member
VISITORS:	Kevin Burns	ReAnn Burns
	Adam Hunsaker	Cameron Hunsaker
	Nate Hunsaker	Jonathan Hunsaker
	Drew Hunsaker	Zack Johnson
	Brian Russell	Rachel Trotter
	Tamara Briggs	

Mayor Harris welcomed those in attendance.

Jon Call offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consideration to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2012 City Council meeting.**
2. **Consideration to approve business licenses.**

Council Member Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Fawson seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Bailey	aye
Council Member Fawson	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Taylor	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTIVE AGENDA

Mayor Harris invited anyone who may have a comment to approach the podium to speak.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mel Blanchard, Public Works Director, referred to the snow plow map. He explained City Staff met last week to go over the snow plowing procedure. He explained during normal working hours, 8am to 4:30pm, he will make the decision as to whether they can just salt the road or if the roads need to be plowed. After hours an on-duty police officer will make that decision and call the person on-call. He said the on-call person will call Scott Felter and he will decide whether they need to plow or salt and sand the roads. Their response time is 30 minutes. When they come in and start all the equipment so it is all running and warm by the time the rest of the crew gets in. He said regardless of what time of day it is they will clear the main routes first. He explained in the past they did not plow the roads until the snow reached 3". He pointed out that there are some other cities that do not plow until the snow level reaches 4". He said they will be changing that policy slightly. He said they will have the police officers call them quicker and they will begin applying salt quicker or begin plowing during the first inch of snow. He said they will plow the school zones with the main routes except during holidays and weekends. He said if the main routes are not done then it doesn't do any good to go into the subdivisions. Once the main routes are cleared they branch out into the subdivisions into two route teams. He explained the process of clearing the roads and cul-de-sacs.

Mel Blanchard explained that when they are plowing they cannot stop to help any residents because the insurance will not cover them. He said they will call the officer on duty to assist them with getting help. They do not allow staff to stop and talk to the citizens because it slows them down. He said they may get complaints that the snow plow blade is in the air. The reason they do that is because every truck has a designated area. If a truck leaves the shop and drops its blade to get to its designated area and that snow doesn't get cleared complete it will freeze and it may be hours before the truck can clear it completely.

Mel Blanchard explained they are using a brown salt so citizens can see it on the road. He said they stopped using sand on the road years ago. He said they found sand does give some abrasion, but the down side is it ends up in the storm drains. He said they do not custom plow. They offer a basic service to get it from the middle of the road to the curb and gutter.

Mayor Harris asked how many plows they have out during a snow storm. Mel Blanchard said they have four 10-wheelers, six bobtails, five pick-ups. He said they have 17 employees. He said it takes all employees to clear the roads within a 10 hour period. He said they try to hit every street in the City before they leave. It is the driver responsibility to check the subdivision they are assigned and make sure the roads are clear. He said if there is a street missed they will go back out. He explained they do not salt every road. He said they will salt those that they know have caused problems in the past, such as Fruitland Drive and Mountain Road. He said they try to clear the roads as fairly as possible so no one gets left out.

Council Member Bailey asked if the procedures and policies are available to the citizens. Mel Blanchard explained all the information is included in the newsletter. Council Member Bailey asked if the map is in there as well. Mel Blanchard replied no, and explained it is too big to include, but people can call or see

it at the City Offices. Council Member Fawson asked if it is online. Council Member Bailey said it would be good to refer residents to the procedures. Mel Blanchard said he can talk to the residents also.

Mayor Harris asked how many roads they have to plow. Mel Blanchard stated they have approximately 88 miles of paved roads to plow. A portion of those are double lanes in each direction and some are six lane roads. He said some of the roads are just big enough you cannot clear them in a single pass. It takes two trucks going in both directions to get the roads clear. He said 3100 North takes four trucks to clear the snow. If it keeps snowing it will take them longer.

Mayor Harris clarified that a single storm that starts and stops is close to 1,000 lane miles. Mel Blanchard replied that is correct. Mayor Harris commented that is a lot of work and it is amazing it all gets done.

Council Member Taylor thanks Mel Blanchard and his staff for all their hard work. He asked if there is a problem with cars parked on the road in snow storms and what takes place if that happens. Mel Blanchard explained the City has a parking ordinance during the winter months. He said they will call the officer on duty and they will impound the cars and have them towed. He said in the past one of their drivers hit a car that was parked on the road. He said the car was completely covered in snow and the City had to pay for it. He said when they are plowing at night the snow piles blend in. He said he is thankful they have an ordinance because they lose time if they have to go back once people move the vehicles. He said another problem they have are the tractors that plow the snow into the road. The police officers are good about talking to those people to inform them that is prohibited.

1. CONSIDERATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2012 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FOR A SANITARY SEWER RATE INCREASE IN SILVER SPRINGS SUBDIVISION FOR THOSE NORTH OGDEN RESIDENTS THAT ARE CONNECTED TO OGDEN CITY SEWER, DUE TO THE INCREASE THAT OGDEN CITY HAS APPROVED AND IS BEING PASSED ON TO THESE RESIDENTS.

Bryan Steele, Finance Director, reviewed the 1998 interlocal agreement with Ogden City on the Storm Water Sewer and Sanitary Sewer. He explained the agreement requires the City to pass along any rate increase from Ogden City.

Council Member Taylor asked if those affected will be notified. Bryan Steele replied yes, they will send a letter. Council Member Taylor asked if they received any type of explanation on the increase. Bryan Steele replied no, it would be up to them to research. Council Member Bailey asked if they will be notifying the residents the reason for the increase. Bryan Steele replied yes. Council Member Bailey asked if these residents know they are connected to Ogden City sewer system. Ron Chandler explained the City will be notifying residents that Ogden City has proposed a rate increase, which North Ogden City will pass along. He said they will not speak for Ogden City as to the reason for the increase. Council Member Taylor asked if the increase has already been approved by Ogden City or can they still go to Ogden City's meetings to ask questions and voice their concern. Bryan Steele replied that he understands the increase has already been implemented.

Council Member Fawson motioned to set a public hearing for November 27, 2012 to receive comments for a sanitary sewer rate increase in Silver Springs Subdivision for those North Ogden residents that are connect to Ogden City sewer due to the increase that Ogden City has approved and is being passed on to these residents. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Bailey aye
Council Member Fawson aye
Council Member Stoker aye
Council Member Taylor aye

The motion passed unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE NORTH OAKS COVE PHASE XI.

Gary Kerr reviewed the memo and said the Building Inspection Department will hold 10% of the funds for some sidewalks. He said this item is similar to agenda item three. He explained staff has been working with the developer for approximately a year to finalize this subdivision. He said with final approval the City will take over all responsibilities for the improvements. He said the only exception is there have been some sidewalks that have been installed recently and they will hold 10% of those funds. He said the City will release the rest of the funds and the City will take over all the improvements. He explained there was an issue with one street intersection that deteriorated and the developer fixed the road. He said the subdivision is located in the north part of the City and a little south of The Cove Subdivision.

Council Member Taylor asked why the roads deteriorate so quickly and is there a potential problem with the rest of the road. Gary Kerr replied that this happens sometimes. He said he does not know if it is a shift that happens. He said the asphalt had been installed for five years before it happened. Council Member Taylor said it sounds as if it is more situational and does not have to do with the quality of the road.

Council Member Bailey motioned to give final approval of North Oaks Cove Phase XI. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Bailey aye
Council Member Fawson aye
Council Member Stoker aye
Council Member Taylor aye

The motion passed unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE NORTH OAKS COVE PHASE XII.

Council Member Fawson moved to give final approval for the North Oaks Cove Phase XII. Council Member Stoker seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Bailey aye
Council Member Fawson aye
Council Member Stoker aye
Council Member Taylor aye

The motion passed unanimously.

4. **CONSIDERATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2012 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON AN ANNEXATION PETITION FROM GEORGE HALL LOCATED APPROXIMATELY AT 1400 E 2900 N.**

Annette Spendlove reviewed the annexation process. She stated the City Council has already accepted the petition. Setting a public hearing is the next step in the process. She said it has already been noticed in the paper for three consecutive weeks.

Council Member Bailey moved to set a public hearing for November 27, 2012 to receive comments on an annexation petition from George Hall located approximately at 1400 E. 2900 N. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Bailey	aye
Council Member Fawson	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Taylor	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **CONSIDERATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2012 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON AN ANNEXATION PETITION FROM WESTSIDE INVESTMENTS LOCATED BETWEEN 750 EAST AND 4325 NORTH.**

Annette Spendlove explained this is the same process as agenda item four. She said City Council has accepted their application and this is the next step of the process. She explained this area is located above The Cove Subdivision. She said Westside Investments is the owner of the property and they are requesting to be annexed into the City.

Council Member Fawson moved to set a public hearing for November 27, 2012 to receive comments on an annexation petition from Westside Investments located between 750 E. 4325 N. Council Member Stoker seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Bailey	aye
Council Member Fawson	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Taylor	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

6. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-22-3B OF THE NORTH OGDEN CITY ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING SIGN HEIGHT.**

Craig Barker referred the City Council to the staff report included in the packet. He gave a brief background of the proposed Ordinance. He said the Planning Commission received an application for a commercial sign on a unique piece of property. The property had some sloping and there was a question as to how to measure the sign height. He said the City Council requested the Planning Commission review that and consider a remedial effort in how to measure sign height. He said the Planning Commission held a public hearing approximately two weeks ago to receive input from the public and they have provided a copy of those minutes in the packet. He said he has provided a more complex diagram with how to measure the height of a sign. He explained they recently changed the sign ordinance to allow more types of signs and larger signs. He said this proposal is a continuation of updated the sign ordinance.

Craig Barker explained the proposal only refers to free-standing signs and read the amended ordinance.

Council Member Fawson said he did not see a response to Council Member Bigler's question regarding whether the sign in question would be approved within the proposed amendments. Craig Barker replied he would need to look at their diagram again.

Council Member Bailey asked the affect this proposal will have on current signs. Craig Barker replied there would be no affect; they will all be grandfathered in.

Council Member Bailey said he likes what the Planning Commission has done and appreciates the research. He said there was some discussion about utilizing some of the same verbiage with the signs that are attached to buildings and using the building height as a guide. Craig Barker replied the Planning Commission is discussing it now. He said they are discussing temporary signs and the total signage. He said they plan on speaking with the businesses before they make any changes.

Council Member Bailey said he saw the email from Council Member Bigler and has the same question in regards to whether this amendment will solve the issues for the sign in question. Craig Barker replied he would need to review it.

Council Member Bailey asked once City Council votes how the petitioner will be notified. Craig Barker replied the City Attorney will notify the petitioner.

Council Member Fawson motioned to accept ordinance 2012-19. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Bailey	aye
Council Member Fawson	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Taylor	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 4-2012, RULE XV PARAGRAPH 8 AND ADD A PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE THAT DEAL WITH THE MEDIA POLICY.

Jon Call stated the change in the media policy came from a discussion they had a few City Council meetings ago. He said the original paragraph eight incorporated two thoughts. He went

over the proposed changes. He said in paragraph eight they removed “verbal” and “telephone” requests. He said he is hoping the Council will have a discussion about the policy and they can decide what to change.

Council Member Fawson said he is not opposed to the media contacting them however they want, he just wants to make sure all elected officials are copied on the communication out. Jon Call said that language came from the original paragraph eight. Council Member Fawson said he is not sure they want to restrict the media on how they can contact us. He said he requests that they respond in writing and that way everyone is copied on that. Jon Call said it might be helpful to know how the request came in, much like a GRAMA request. Council Member Fawson said the original intent was that if someone calls they would summarize the request in writing and send that to the other elected officials.

Council Member Bailey proposed they strengthen some of the language in paragraph nine, so they get some of the same coverage. He suggested changing “encouraged” to “should” in reference to sharing the information with the City PIO as well as the elected officials. He said there is nothing regarding the responses to the personal points of view and proposes they add a sentence that mirrors what is in paragraph eight. He said they have something that deals with the request as well as something that deals with the response to the request. He said he appreciates all the work that has gone into this.

Council Member Taylor said the proposal in paragraph eight that Council Member Fawson referenced will clarify that requests can come in every form. He said in regards to the language in paragraph nine, his recommendation is to strike the “verbal” and “telephone” for the same reasons as were previously discussed. He said in paragraph nine he asked for this language to separate an official statement from an individual elected official’s expression or opinion on something. He said he would rather they keep the word “encouraged” rather than “should”, so it does not control them. He said he prefers they leave personal points of view between the individual and the Council Member and remove the requirement that they provide a copy to all elected officials.

Council Member Fawson said he supports Council Member Bailey’s changes to the paragraph. He said he thinks it is important that the communication is public and that all other members of the Council are informed. He said to him it comes down to the information that they need. He said Council Member Bigler made a point about the interpretation of the law and even though it is their opinion it can be misconstrued as fact or policy. He said if they make a mistake it is in their best interest to include those who can provide clarification.

Council Member Taylor said the language written and proposed was an effort to protect the rights of personal expression and if this were a good policy the Council would have seen other levels of government using similar logic. He said Congress does not require copying other members, or does any other governmental body he has heard of, if they were to speak to the media. He said there is probably a reason why this requirement would be infringing on the Council Members’ free speech. He said personal points of view are not under that control.

Council Member Stoker said she agrees with what is being said about how the media contacts them, but she doesn't think there should be controls put on these communications. She said she doesn't see it being a control on what is being said. She said she thinks the reason for this is to allow others to know what is being said. She suggested using the word "courtesy". She said she doesn't see that as infringing on anyone's rights.

Council Member Bailey said in the language he proposed he used the word should and he doesn't have strong feelings about it, because obviously there are no words that are binding on anyone in anyway. He said they are establishing City Council policy and this is how they would like this communication to take place. He said whether it does or does not there is no penalty associated with it. This is just what they would like to happen. He said they could use the word "should" or "encouraged" because they mean the same to him. He said he thinks section nine, that deals with responses should be separate from the section that deals with requests.

Council Member Fawson said we have rules that govern the way the Council has conducted meetings. He said if he was out of order there would not be any punishment for him, he would just be out-of-order. He said there is no restriction on the content of what Members are saying and he sees this policy in the same way. He said he doesn't see it as an infringement on his free speech rights. He is giving everyone else the courtesy of understanding his opinion or his view point on a certain opinion.

Council Member Taylor asked if anyone would support using this same logic for every discussion they have with constituents. He said a lot of information in this City goes out via discussions with constituents over the phone, when they are out, or via email and those conversations are not shared with everyone. He said everyone would probably agree the expectation that they would have to share all that information would be inappropriate. He said it doesn't make sense to him to apply regulations in the discussion with the media. He said there is not penalty, but he does not want to ignore an ordinance regardless of there not being a penalty. He said he would like to make a change so there is a compromise and move forward. He said in regards to the content there is no direct restriction to the content but it can serve that purpose. He said he received many emails from other Council Members when he did not follow the media policy in regards to the content of what he said. He said there were also a lot of comments stating the intentions of the policy were to create a more polite atmosphere between the Council. He said whether that was the intent the end result was to control what people were saying and if it has to be shown to everyone on the City Council then something different might be said than what would otherwise be said.

Council Member Bailey added the reality is communications between elected officials and individuals and communication with the media are different. He said the media has the power to take whatever was said and broadcast it. He said there is a responsibility on part of the media to ensure what is being reported is accurate and reflects the intent of the message that has been shared with the media. He said his support for this policy comes from a number of situations where the message has been inaccurate either intentionally or unintentionally. He said in some cases this could have been forestalled if we had known in advanced what was said. He said that gives other Council Members the opportunity to help clarify the response if it is not accurate and that would help prevent the drama. He said the media requests can come in whatever way they

would like. He said when they come in they would like them shared with the other elected officials and the PIO. He said they would like the responses shared in the same way through common courtesy. He said he would really like for them to move forward on this. He said he would accept using the word “encouraged” instead of “should”.

Mayor Harris said they are talking about the Council’s Rules and Procedures; in other words how they deal with each other. He said they talked a lot about courtesy and how they deal with one another. He said he thinks that is an important part of what they ought to be doing. He said he personally would like to see the word “courtesy” in paragraph nine somewhere. He said he would also like to see everyone abide by it.

Council Member Taylor said courtesy is very important. He said it is not a fair representation to say sharing what you say to the media is a courtesy and not sharing is a lack of courtesy. He said the things you say to the media are not a secret. He said anything said to the media is for public consumption and will be used in that fashion. He said to cast it as a courtesy is not a fair situation to set up. He said there is a good reason why two newspapers with different viewpoints have criticized this policy. He said it is not that he is trying to be difficult to work with, but there is a problem with this policy and he would support the language proposed by Council Member Bailey to include the term “courtesy”.

Ron Chandler said he recommends on the last sentence they include the wording “PIO or designee.” He said that way he or anyone designated can respond by email or in writing.

Jon Call clarified that stated requests do not need to be made in writing. He said the first sentence becomes problematic because they cannot contact elected officials and the PIO at the same time. Ron Chandler clarified in number eight they were going to eliminate “verbal” and “telephone”. He said anything that comes to him asking for the City’s official policy will be in writing and it will be responded to in writing.

Council Member Fawson said they can change that statement to say the request can be summarized in writing. He said they can also incorporate Ron Chandler’s changes and he would like to see Council Member Bailey’s changes in paragraph nine.

Council Member Fawson said he likes the courtesy specification and would like to include that.

Council Member Fawson moved to approve Resolution 11-2012. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion.

Council Member Taylor commented that the language looks great, except the word courtesy. He disagrees with including the word courtesy and said he thinks that word makes it a morale or courtesy issue. He said the problem with this policy is ensuring the right to express personal opinions and the freedom of speech.

Council Member Taylor moved to amend the motion to remove the word “courtesy” from Resolution 11-2012. Council Member Stoker seconded the motion.

Council Member Stoker agrees with the language in paragraph eight and nine and believes it all stems from individual rights. She said she thinks courtesy needs to be removed to protect everyone's rights. Council Member Fawson said it is more about clarification than anything and he said he is fine with the change.

Council Member Bailey recommended removing the word "verbal telephone". Council Member Taylor accepted those changes to the amended motion.

Council Member Fawson referred to the portion that refers to the designee for the PIO. He said he does think it is clear who the designee would be. Ron Chandler said if someone else is the designee they would need to follow the same rules and that is why he wanted that word included.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Bailey	aye
Council Member Fawson	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Taylor	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION AND OR/ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Mayor Harris gave a brief background on the Economic Development Committee and stated they have been in operation for at least 18 months. He said they have had a number of businesses, community members, Council Members, and Planning Commission on the committee. He said they have done a lot of work in the past; amendments to the sign ordinance, Economic Development Plan, along with a number of items that are critical in moving the City's economic development forward. He said the City appreciates the work that has been done. He pointed out they have gone on to the next level by hiring a professional to take over some of the economic development tasks. He said it is appropriate the size of the committee be increased by including all Council Members as members of the Economic Development Committee. Mayor Harris proposed they add Council Member Kent Bailey, Council Member Wade Bigler, Council Member Justin Fawson, and Council Member Cheryl Stoker to the Economic Development Committee. This is in addition to the existing committee members, which already includes Council Member Brent Taylor.

Council Member Bailey moved to accept the appointments to the Economic Development Committee. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

Council Member Taylor commented that it is great to have all the Council Members on the Committee. He said the Committee has done so much including making suggestions to amend ordinances to make a healthier business environment.

Council Member Fawson applauded the Economic Development Committee as well and said the hiring choice made for the Economic Development Director was great and he is happy to be on the Committee.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Bailey	aye
Council Member Fawson	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Taylor	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Russell, 1151 E. 3400 N., said he was here the night they passed the original media policy. He said he is glad it has been softened, but still sees it as restrictive in the flow of information. He said it appears that there is something to hide or there is some desire to have a “group think” happen with the Council. He said he does think this is harmful and would rather have an effective Council rather than a courtesy one. He said he does believe they can have both. He said courtesy should not be mandated it is just something they do. He said the restrictive policy is wrong because the purpose he sees for the press is to be a watchdog of the government. He said the feeling he has is that you don’t believe you need to be watched. He said that is one of the reasons he comes to the meetings to see what is going on and that is one of the reasons he reads the paper. He said he thinks you are restricting that and it is a wrong thing to do. He said he agrees with what Council Member Taylor said earlier in response to the entire thing; that he has compromised to have something that is a little more workable. He said he fears the “group think” thing and thinks it is harmful in the restriction of being able to say the things they would want to say openly. He said he is saddened that they haven’t scrapped this part of the policy. He said he still believes it is important to earn the respect rather than mandate it. He said he is referring to the respect of the media.

10. CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR, AND STAFF COMMENTS.

Council Member Bailey said he had no comments and thanked Mel Blanchard for the plowing update.

Council Member Fawson said he appreciates the process of open discussion and he feels the media policy has extended that somewhat into their discussions with the media. He asked Ron Chandler about the pole transfers and said it looks like they have started on them. Ron Chandler stated they are about halfway done transferring them. Council Member Fawson asked if he had a timeframe. Ron Chandler said it takes about two days when there is clear weather. Council Member Fawson asked when he will be providing a presentation on the changes to the website. Ron Chandler replied at the next City Council meeting. Council Member Fawson echoed the Mayor’s comments and his appreciation for the veterans in the community. He said he hopes next year they can publicize the veteran’s event better.

Council Member Stoker said she is happy they have softened up the media policy and she feels like they obviously have nothing to hide and they all say what they feel. She said everyone has the right to say what they think and feel. She said she is grateful for all the hard work the Mayor and staff have put in and the timely responses. She said she did go to the veteran’s reception. She said it was in the newspaper

and discussed in the City meetings. Mayor Harris said they did not have as many veterans as they would have liked.

Council Member Taylor said he appreciates the second look at the media policy and they made a good compromise. He said he read an article this week about the Johnson Administration and “group think”. He said there were claims that the group was too friendly; that they were unwilling to disagree with each other. He said there are times they disagree and it can be challenging on a personal level. He said he respects everyone and will always be courteous. They need to be able to disagree.

Council Member Bailey said as a final comment to the media he would appreciate it if when it shows up in the paper that it finally is reported that there were no prior restraints on communication. He said every media report that has come up about the media policy has included somehow we are censoring or that before anyone can respond they have to copy other Council Members. He said there was never any prior restraint in the media policy. It was a matter of letting one another know so they do not have to read about it in the newspaper.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

Council Member Fawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Bigler seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Bailey	aye
Council Member Fawson	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Taylor	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Richard G. Harris, Mayor

S. Annette Spendlove, MMC
City Recorder

Date Approved