

NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2011

The North Ogden City Council convened in regular session on December 13, 2011 at 5:30 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 December 11, 2011. Notice of the annual meeting schedule was published in the Standard-Examiner on January 1, 2011.

PRESENT:	Richard G. Harris	Mayor
	Martha Harris	Council Member (by telephone)
	Ron Flamm	Council Member
	Carl Turner	Council Member
	Dave Hulme	Temporary Council Member
STAFF PRESENT:	Annette Spendlove	City Recorder/HR Director
	Dave Carlson	City Attorney/Economic Development Dir.
	Debbie Cardenas	Finance Director/Acting City Manager
	Gary Kerr	Building Official
	Mel Blanchard	Public Works Director
	Jason Reney	Culinary Water Supervisor
	Julia LaSeure	Deputy City Recorder
EXCUSED:	Brent Taylor	Council Member (deployed)
	Wade Bigler	Council Member
	Edward O. Dickie III	City Manager
VISITORS:	James Mackley	Marilyn Harris
	Larry Residori	Justin Fawson
	Helen Taylor	Eric Thomas
	Molly Rands	Gary Rands
	Rachel Trotter	Kent Bailey
	Cole Spicker	

WELCOME

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 5:35pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. He stated that Council Member Bigler and Edward O. Dickie III are excused this evening. Dave Carlson, City Attorney, gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Flamm moved to allow Council Member Harris to participate by phone. Council Member Hulme seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Hulme	yes
Council Member Turner	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration to approve Business Licenses.
2. Consideration and/or action to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2011 City Council meeting.
3. Consideration and/or action to set January 10, 2012 as the date to hold a public hearing regarding amendments to the Roylance Farms PRUD Phase II plat.

Council Member Flamm moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Hulme	yes
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Harris	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Jim Mackley, 2803 N. Hwy 89, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and read from a document which is included as Attachment A.

5. YOUTH CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION.

J. T. Barnes, Youth City Council Mayor, stated that the Youth City Council (YCC) has had a busy year. They attended the Local Official’s Day at the Legislature in January. In February they made Hero Packs for children whose parents are deployed. In March they went to Utah State University where they competed against other YCCs throughout Utah. In April the YCC held an Easter egg hunt at North Ogden Park and helped the Kiwanis with a road side pickup. In May they held elections and recruited for YCC. They worked in June planning for the July event. In July they participated in the Cherry Days Parade. In August they helped out with the Arts Festival and the Children’s Corner booth. In September they held a Back to School Dance for kids from 9th to 12th grade which was in honor of September 11; the cost for admittance was non-perishable foods that were donated to the food banks. In October the YCC helped the Kiwanis with another roadside pickup. In November they did the turkey drop to help 3 deserving families; they bought each family an entire Thanksgiving dinner and left it on their porch. For December they will continue to help with the Santa House in Bicentennial Park. Mayor Harris thanked J. T. Barnes for the explanation.

Kelsey Spaulding, YCC Advisor, said she has been involved with the YCC since 9th grade and still helps out. She thanked the City Council for their support and their example and said they are the ones the YCC is fashioned after. She stated the YCC members do a wonderful job and they have learned service to the community, to others and to themselves. The members of the YCC work hard and plan these events for themselves and the rest of the community. They learn time management; they learn to listen to others and they learn to be leaders. Ms. Spaulding mentioned several former North Ogden YCC members who have gone on to do great things. She thanked the City Council for supporting us and being wonderful examples.

Melissa Brown, YCC Advisor, thanked the outgoing City Council members. She said they have been great to work with and she has loved to get to know them. She mentioned that it is exciting to see a new chapter begin and get to know new Council members. She expressed hope they can support the YCC in the future and work with them on things in the community.

Marilyn Harris, YCC Advisor, said years ago North Ogden City had a YCC but after some time it fell away. Mayor Muirbrook asked Richard G. Harris to start it up again and he did for a number of years with different advisors. She said six years ago he asked her to help. She said she was a history major and she loved how government works and how it serves our country and the freedoms that we enjoy. So she was really happy to take this opportunity to serve. She explained that the YCC is specifically organized to mirror the city government and they train future leaders. They follow the City organization and they vote as a group for a Mayor who is the YCC Chief Executive and each age group has a representative and those are the legislators and there is one Councilperson At-large. The Mayor appoints the Mayor Pro-tem, Recorder, Treasurer and other officers as we need them. She said they function so well that this past year other communities have contacted this group to copy the way the North Ogden YCC does things. At Utah State University they have Council competitions and there is usually 300-400 kids, 35 Councils are there. Every year since she has been going they have placed in the top ten, sometimes as high as 2nd and 3rd. She said the group earns about \$2,500 at Cherry Days and the Kiwanis always gives a good donation and with the Council's help the YCC can provide their services. She thanked Annette Spendlove, Council Member Flamm and Edward O. Dickie III for their support and service in driving the group down to different functions. The YCC members are very frugal with their funds and serve the City well. She said the great humanitarian, Albert Schweitzer wrote "The three best ways to teach is by example, by example, and by example: and she thinks they have been well-taught. She said while they have been teaching these things about leadership she has been trying to do some reading. She read "Profiles in Courage" and "The Patriot's Handbook". She said she has learned a lot about governing and what our founding fathers really had in mind; it has been very good for her. She said one of her favorite quotes about service was written by J.R.R. Tolkien and it says "Yet it is not our part to master all the tides of the world, but to do what is in us for the succour of those years wherein we are set, uprooting the evil in the fields that we know, so that those who live after may have clean earth to till." She said she thinks that's very good and the Council has been a good example. She expressed a specific thank you to Council Member Flamm, Council Member Harris and Council Member Turner.

Mayor Harris excused the YCC to go to their meeting.

6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE A BEER LICENSE FOR EL DURANGO RESTAURANT.

Dave Carlson, City Attorney, explained that under the new State laws regulating alcohol the City's role is very limited. The only things the City regulates are zoning and building codes. He said most of the detail in licensing is handled by the State and we do background checks. This restaurant is applying for a beer license. They meet all the requirements of the City and we recommend approval. The City typically requires background checks every year but because we are almost at the end of the calendar year we recommend approval for 2011 and 2012 so they won't have to renew until the end of next year.

Council Member Hulme moved to approve a beer license for El Durango through 2012. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Hulme	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPOINT TWO (2) NEW MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Harris stated that he has the right and responsibility to recommend members for appointment to the Planning Commission. He explained we recently had two vacancies on the Planning Commission. Dave Hulme is temporarily filling Council Member Taylor's seat and Cheryl Stoker has been elected to the Council as well. Mayor Harris recommended appointing Larry Residori and Eric Thomas to fill the seats on the Planning Commission. He asked Mr. Residori and Mr. Thomas to each make a short introduction.

Larry Residori said he wants to serve because he feels he has been very blessed. He served 20 years in the U.S. Army and wants to do the same for his community. He has a Master's Degree and an MBA with experience in cost analysis and schedule analysis. He said he thinks he can offer something to the Planning Commission.

Eric Thomas, 873 E 3450 N, feels it is an opportunity to serve. He has spent his whole life in North Ogden and most of that time was spent developing North Ogden City. He has done work throughout northern Utah and with that background he feels he can be a valuable asset to the City and the Planning Commission. The need for planning of the future of the community and ensure we can make proper planning decisions.

Mayor Harris stated he would like to appoint Eric Thomas to Dave Hulme's term which expires January 31, 2015 and Larry Residori to Cheryl Stoker's term which expires January 31, 2017.

Council Member Flamm moved to appoint Eric Thomas to Dave Hulme's term which expires January 31, 2015 and Larry Residori to Cheryl Stoker's term which expires January 31, 2017. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Hulme	yes
Council Member Turner	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET.

Debbie Cardenas, Finance Director/Acting City Manager, referred to the information the City Council received prior to tonight's meeting and stated these are things that could not be foreseen during the budget process but need to be added. In the General Fund we needed to remove the old lap pool impeller that wasn't working due to a lightning strike. The item listed as #3 can be removed. We were required to trim the trees around the new museum in order for the museum to be insured through our company. We had an employee add insurance benefits which were not in the budget. The sound system in the Council room stopped working and had to be replaced. There is a security camera at the pool that needs to be replaced. A computer in the Planning Department needs to be replaced. In the Capital Projects Fund we had to put in a parking lot at the Community Services building in order to comply with our ordinances. In the Water Fund we have had several pieces of equipment that have failed that we needed to replace immediately; the motor in well #2 located on 2100 N 800 E that was leaking and did fail, the pump at the 1050 E booster station #2 and a submersible pump on well #1. We also need to drill two exploratory holes which is a continuation on our attempt to get another well within the City. We do have a water right that was granted to us by the State. It is a 50 year water right and is set to expire in 2013. We need to show that we are trying to get that well up and running; if we don't we risk the possibility of losing that right. One of the areas we want to drill in is right below the North Ogden Canyon Reservoir. In the event that one comes up dry

we want to be able to immediately move to another sight over by the old gravel pit by Halltree Subdivision on 1325 E. so we are asking for an additional \$60,000. She stated that this item wasn't in the packet because this just happened in the last couple of days. The staff in the water department budgets for radios on our meters. We have approximately 50 of them that fail each month that have to be replaced. So they have anticipated that and budgeted for that. They had \$40,000 in the budget for those. We had a very unusual month last month and instead of 50 of them failing they had 230 that had to be replaced. We have wiped out the budget at this point and still have several months left so we need to come up with additional \$14,100 for the replacement of all those radios.

Mayor Harris opened the Public Hearing at 6:19pm.

There were no comments.

Council Member Flamm moved to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Hulme seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Hulme	yes
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET.

Council Member Hulme moved to approve Ordinance 2011-21. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Hulme	yes
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

10. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS.

Dave Carlson explained that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money typically goes to lower income cities to complete projects. Because North Ogden is not a low income city (entitlement community), we are not automatically given a certain amount each year. We can still get CDBG funding but it is through a grant application process. We have to have a project in mind and make application based on that project. This Public Hearing is required in order for us to apply for funding. People can make recommendations for the projects to be done. He said that Gary Kerr, Building Official, will describe the project and answer questions.

Gary Kerr, Building Official, stated that this hearing is being called to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Wasatch Front Regional Council, in which North Ogden City is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$900,000

in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Guide and interested persons can review it at any time. Gary Kerr read several of the eligible activities listed including, construction of public works and facilities such as water and sewer lines, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. He explained that later in this meeting we will be amending our 5-year Capital Improvement Plan that shows which projects the City has identified as being needed in our community. Also eligible are loan programs for private businesses which would then hire low income persons and the program can also pay for housing rehabilitation for low income homeowners or for persons owning rental housing for lower income persons). Gary Kerr, Building Official, indicated that in the past North Ogden City has been successful in receiving Community Development Block Grants; they being the North View Senior Center, a water line in the Green Acres area, we were also awarded a low interest loan program grant where we loaned money to our citizens to remodel or repair their homes. Gary Kerr said we are looking at street improvements in the Green Acres area. Mayor Harris mentioned there is not much money available and our Region covers four counties. The City has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan". This list shows which projects the city has identified as being needed in the community. It was asked that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak. The clerk will include your names in the minutes and we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing. There were no suggestions from the audience.

Council Member Turner asked if this is a matching grant. Gary Kerr said it can be but doesn't have to be. It would be better for us if we could match an amount and we are hoping for a 50/50 match. Mayor Harris said we will use our Class B funds that we will be expending anyway to match any grant.

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing at 6:28pm.

There were no comments.

Council Member Hulme moved to close the public hearing on CDBG projects. Council Member Flamm seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Hulme	yes
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

The hearing was adjourned at 6:29pm.

11. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS.

Mayor Harris stated that this item is pulled.

12. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN.

Gary Kerr explained this is a Public Hearing on amendments to the 5-year Capital Improvements Plan. The Green Acres street improvements have been added to the plan and we think we can qualify for CDBG funds on this project.

Mayor Harris stated this Public Hearing is to include that one project to the plan.

Council Member Turner asked whether we will ask for \$75,000 for example and put in the other \$75,000. Gary Kerr replied that is correct.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:30pm.

There were no comments.

Council Member Turner move to close the public hearing on amendments to the 5-year Capital Improvements Plan. Council Member Flamm seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Hulme	yes
Council Member Turner	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:31pm.

13. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN.

Gary Kerr stated that we need this approval in order for us to submit the CDBG grant application.

Debbie Cardenas stated that since the City Council approved the amendments to the budget, we added \$60,000 for the drilling of the two wells so item G will change from \$400,000 to \$460,000. She said item 6C needs to be pulled from the list.

Council Member Flamm moved to approve the amended 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Hulme	yes
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

14. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN AND CERTIFICATION AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Dave Carlson, City Attorney, explained the only purpose for doing this is to comply with the federal requirements to receive CDBG funding. It is not likely that this policy would ever be used by North Ogden City but in order to receive funds the federal government requires that we have this resolution in place. We already have something like this in place but it is very outdated; we are just updating it. Staff recommends adoption of this Resolution.

Council Member Flamm moved to adopt Resolution 21-2011 approving the residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan and certification. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Hulme	no
Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes

The motion passed 3 to 1.

15. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 11, OF THE NORTH OGDEN CITY CODE REGULATING FACILITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

Dave Carlson explained that this is to comply with federal regulations regarding changes to our Zoning Ordinance to bring us into compliance. Local governments have gotten into trouble with this issue in the past by not complying with two laws. The judgments were up to \$3 million in the recent past. Our City ordinance is modeled after the State law and the State law is not in compliance with Federal law. There are a number of things being changed.

Group homes are a permitted use and that is being made clear. The way the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) work is that you cannot treat group homes any different than any other family in the community. You have to treat them exactly the same as any other family in a single family residence. You can't regulate them differently. So we make it clear that this is a permitted use and this is an area where cities get themselves into trouble. The requirement of 24 hour supervision for recovering drug addicts within 500 feet of a school is being taken out because you cannot require 24 hour supervision of adults. You can require adult supervision for facilities that house minors because then you're not treating them different than any other family; it is assumed that minors require adult supervision. The proximity restriction that says you can't have two of these within 1,500 feet of each other is being taken out because you can't do that either; that is being replaced with the current language in the law. We are striking out the requirement of meeting all building codes and standards of the ADA. The language we are replacing it with is similar but can be enforced. The ADA does protect them but it doesn't regulate them because these are not public buildings; they are treated as private residences. He stated this has gone through the Planning Commission and they recommend the City Council adopt these changes to the ordinance.

Mayor Harris opened the Public Hearing at 6:51pm.

There were no comments.

Council Member Turner moved to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Flamm seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Hulme	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

16. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE UTILITY RATE CHANGES.

Debbie Cardenas, Finance Director, stated the Public Hearing was held at the last City Council meeting for utility rates. The recommended rate increases are as follows:

- Water \$.49
- Sewer \$1.79; which includes an increase for Central Weber Sewer District of approximately \$1.67
- Storm water \$.25
- Garbage \$.27

For a total of \$2.80

She said these are estimations based on balances at a certain point in time. She reminded the Council that last fiscal year the water fund had a loss of \$141,171 and for fiscal year 2010-2011 we projected another operating loss of \$163,000 in the water dept. That is why we are recommending the increase of \$.49. The Capital Improvement projects that were approved tonight are all related to the Enterprise Fund and are included in this study.

Council Member Hulme asked when these changes will go into effect. Debbie Cardenas replied the changes would be effective in February and would appear on the March bills. Council Member Hulme asked, if the Council approves the changes, how and when the residents will be notified. Debbie Cardenas said we can include a note on the next two utility bills. Council Member Hulme replied that is excellent.

Mayor Harris said if a motion is made to approve the changes it needs to include certain language. Annette Spendlove said the motion would need to include the Consolidated Fee Schedule so as the motion is made it should include a statement about inclusion in the Consolidate Fee Schedule. She said staff would bring the Consolidated Fee Schedule to the City Council on January 10, 2012 to be annexed.

Council Member Hulme moved to amend the utility billing rates by increasing water by \$.49, sewer by \$1.79, storm water by \$.25 and garbage by \$.27 for a total of \$2.80 to take effect for February 2012 to appear in the March bills and amend the Consolidated Fee Schedule to reflect the same. Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	no
Council Member Hulme	yes

The motion passed 3 to 1.

17. PUBLIC/COUNCIL COMMENTS.

There were no comments from members of the public.

Council Member Harris thanked the Council for allowing her to participate by phone this evening and for the great City Council members and Mayors she has served with. She wished good luck to the incoming Council members.

Council Member Hulme said it has been a pleasure working with the City Council.

Council Member Turner said the Parks and Trails Committee meeting is tomorrow at 5:30pm. They are converting to a 501(c)(3) and will be electing officers. He asked everyone to please come. He thanked the City and the residents for allowing him to serve in this position and added that it has been great. He expressed his best wishes to the new Council members.

Annette Spendlove said on January 10, 2012 at 4:00pm we will hold an open house to honor the incoming City Council members and those members who are leaving.

Debbie Cardenas thanked Council Members Harris, Flamm and Turner for the privilege of working with them.

Mayor Harris echoed those sentiments. He said the next meeting is on January 10, 2012 and invited everyone to attend the open house and reception that evening at 4:00pm. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

18. ADJOURNMENT.

Council Member Turner moved to adjourn. Council Member Flamm seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Turner	yes
Council Member Harris	yes
Council Member Flamm	yes
Council Member Hulme	yes

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Richard G. Harris, Mayor

S. Annette Spendlove, MMC
City Recorder

Date approved

**Replace Socialism with Constitutional Government – Address to North
Ogden City Council Meeting December 13, 2011**

Good evening Mayor Harris, North Ogden City Council Present and Future, and my fellow citizens. To establish justice and public tranquility requires that each of us accepts the responsibility to recognize that not only we, but also our fellowmen have divinely given rights. Among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Because of their divine origin, these rights are sacred, and according to John Locke, a famous philosopher, these cannot be voluntarily given up without incurring divine displeasure.

The Constitution of the United States was set up to secure those rights. However, it can only be properly understood with deference to the divine source from which it sprang. Because our founding fathers recognized that it is the nature of almost all men to exercise unrighteous dominion when they have a little authority as they suppose, they instituted the Constitution with principles to check unbridled power and to balance differing, but legitimate interests. It has been called the greatest work ever struck by the hand of man.

Yet, in reality, the Constitution came about through good and wise men who gave deference and respect to the only true source of knowledge and power – that Divine Source to whom I also give the utmost deference and respect. Under the watchful hand of providence we can secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessings of providence and access the freedom to assist others to do the same. To do so requires that we understand the principles of the Constitution as understood by our Founding Fathers. Then, we can practice those principles in exercising our political power. This will encompass the principles of right, responsibility, accountability, and will not leave out justice or charity.

In practicality, let us recognize that we have a great deal to do. If we take it a step at a time, it will not seem overwhelming. The next step before us is to replace Socialism with responsible, fiscally conservative, and more proper government – eventually embracing Constitutional principles even at our local government level. Socialism is defined as the control of the means of production. Life requires that we produce from the bounteous resources God has provided for us. Socialism controls, restricts, and even prohibits the use of those resources, thus eventually leading to hunger, starvation, and war.

Do not be deceived. Socialism is a Godless philosophy. Its foundation is the temptation to use the unfettered will of man alone. Without a divine source of strength, or a chief cornerstone, it is founded upon the sand of the philosophies of men. Therefore, the foundation is un-secure and any government which builds upon it must fail. The Socialistic -isms of Communism and Fascism have proven greatly destructive in our world. Besides the 6 million Jews and 8 million or more others believed to have been massacred by the Nazis, we know that the Russian Communists murdered millions and as many as 30 million Chinese were murdered by the Mao

regime. That is not to mention the many destroyed by the Cuban, Vietnamese, Korean, and Cambodian Communists. That is the final result of Communism.

Now is the time to replace Socialism in North Ogden government with something better – Eventually much better! Start by recognizing where socialism is present. It may be overt or imbedded. Regardless, like a cancer it must be removed. Please note that I am not referring to government officials at this time. Each of us, no matter our failings in the past, has an opportunity to do better, to recognize our mistakes, our misunderstandings, and our opportunities to reverse, to correct, to improve, and yes even to repent. Although time is short, it is not too late! May I propose that those currently in power in the Administration search your souls to see if you are willing to consider these things very seriously and show the community where you stand – whether to replace socialism or not.

On the agenda tonight are numerous proposed actions, your actions or non-action regarding them will signal your intent to our community.

With Reverence to God, I ask that God may bless all present tonight and all of North Ogden!

Jim Mackley, President of the Freedom Coalition

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