

CITY OF DELTA, UTAH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 3, 2007

PRESENT

Gayle Bunker	Mayor
Kiley Chase	Council Member
Bruce Curtis	Council Member
Glen Swalberg	Council Member
Betty Jo Western	Council Member

ABSENT

Robert Banks	Council Member
Kaela Jackson	City Attorney

ALSO PRESENT

Gregory Jay Schafer	City Recorder
Stanley K. Robison	Justice Court Judge
Lt. Roger Young	Millard County Sheriff Department
Roberta Dutson	City Resident
Cecil and Ava Losee	City Residents

Mayor Bunker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated that notice of the meeting time, place and agenda had been posted at the City Building and provided to the Millard County Chronicle/Progress and to each member of the City Council at least two days prior to the meeting. City Recorder Gregory Schafer acted as secretary.

Council Member Glen Swalberg offered opening remarks following which Mayor Bunker led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a Regular City Council Meeting held April 10, 2007 were presented for consideration and approval. Following review, Council Member Bruce Curtis MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held April 10, 2007, as presented. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Glen Swalberg. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council reviewed the accounts payable, a copy of which had been given to them two days prior to the meeting. Following review, Council Member Betty Jo Western MOVED to approve the accounts payable dated May 3, 2007, in the amount of \$93,526.83. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Kiley Chase. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of unfinished business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: 2007 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR ROBERTA DUTSON AND CECIL LOSEE

Mayor Bunker invited Mr. Losee and Mrs. Dutson to come forward to receive their awards as the Delta City 2007 Volunteer of the Year. Mayor Bunker noted it takes a great many volunteers in order to have a successful community and the efforts of many of those volunteers goes unseen by residents and this is especially so for the volunteers we are honoring this year, Mr. Losee and Mrs. Dutson.

Mayor Bunker presented an award plaque to Cecil Losee and to Roberta Dutson for the volunteer service they provide to our community and thanked them for their service.

LIEUTENANT ROGER YOUNG, MILLARD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Lt. Roger Young presented Council Members with a packet of materials including statistics for the first quarter of 2007. The materials indicated that there were seventeen reported accidents in Delta City, and eighty-five citations issued with a total of 108 violations. There were 461 calls to the dispatch center for service within Delta City during the first quarter. There were a total of 350 cases that required reports be written during the same time period. Thirty-two people were arrested within Delta City during the first quarter, consisting of eleven females and twenty-one males; there was one first degree felony, four second degree felonies, eight third degree felonies, two Class A, thirteen Class B, and four Class C misdemeanors. All individuals involved were adults.

Lt. Young feels there has been an increase of crime, partially due to people being more willing to contact law enforcement when they see something appearing suspicious. In addition, local law enforcement is seeing crimes that had not previously appeared in this area, such as counterfeit checks / money orders and individuals "scamming" residents.

STAN ROBISON, JUSTICE COURT JUDGE: REPORT ON 2007 JUSTICE COURT CONFERENCE

Justice Court Judge Stan Robison thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the justice court. Judge Robison reported that he is required to attend thirty hours of training every year in order to retain certification as a justice court judge. Information obtained from the 2007 justice court conference indicates that, if legislation is approved, the state may be taking over the justice court system in 2009. Judge Robison explained the implications of a state operated municipal justice court system and encouraged Council Members to discuss the situation with representatives of the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: DELTA CITY TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Mayor Bunker reviewed the tentative budget for the coming fiscal year and noted that the total is \$4,532,511. The amount reflects an upcoming airport project, the new drinking water well project, and a growth in Class C Road Funds. The budget is tentative and will be adjusted in the upcoming budget work session. Mayor Bunker requested approval of the tentative budget at this time

Following discussion, Council Member Glen Swalberg MOVED to adopt the Delta City Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, as presented. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Bruce Curtis. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: DELTA CITY FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Mayor Bunker stated that a work session needs to be scheduled for discussion of the final budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Following discussion, Council Member Betty Jo Western MOVED to schedule a budget work session on Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Kiley Chase. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: DELTA CITY FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Mayor Bunker stated that a public hearing needs to be set to receive public comment on the Delta City Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Following discussion, Council Member Glen Swalberg MOVED to set a public hearing on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the Delta City Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Bruce Curtis. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion.

There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Mayor Bunker called attention to the information provided to each Council Member regarding employee health insurance. Mayor Bunker, City Recorder Gregory Schafer and Public Works Director Alan Riding met with an individual who presented new options for health coverage but, when it was learned that the insurance renewal rate would be an increase of only 3.9% over the rate for last year, it was felt that it would be best to renew the Public Employees Health Plan which employees have been using for the past several years. The 3.9% increase in premium is the smallest increase in a number of years.

Following review, Council Member Glen Swalberg MOVED to approve renewal of the Public Employees Health Plan Preferred Care Option II health care coverage for City employees during the coming fiscal year. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Betty Jo Western. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION UPDATE

Mayor Bunker reported that Fire Chief Lynn Ashby has been looking at fireworks for the centennial Fourth of July celebration. Chief Ashby has learned the fireworks will be a synchronized program set to music rather than random fireworks. The budget for fireworks was set at \$10,000 for this year.

The centennial committee met last night and Chairman Shamo is still working with the Guinness World Records™ to hold the world's largest bunny hop just prior to the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The information she has received at this time appears that we will be able to set the record. In addition, it was suggested that tee shirts be printed with logo stating "I hopped on the Fourth of July" and include "Delta Centennial 1907-2007." A \$2.75 quote has been received for the shirts and it was suggested they be sold for \$5. The committee requested that 2,000 shirts be purchased for sale. Mayor Bunker asked Council Members to think about this matter to determine whether we want to purchase the shirts and, if so, in what quantity.

Mayor Bunker noted that he had mentioned the Council's desire to eliminate vehicle parking along Main Street during the Fourth of July parade and received positive comments from centennial committee members. Mayor Bunker reported that the children's parade will be held at 7:00 p.m. this year, followed by activities, a short fun program and music / dancing in the park. Root beer and brownies will be served. Mayor Bunker also discussed ideas Council Members had previously discussed regarding additions to the celebration on the Fourth of July in recognition of the centennial year.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ALAN RIDING: UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

In the absence of Public Works Director Alan Riding, Mayor Bunker reminded Council Members that clean up will take place this Saturday for properties lying north of Main Street and will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup> for those properties lying south of Main Street.

Planting of the flower beds in the park is in progress and will be completed soon. The irrigation system in the City Park has been replaced to provide more effective irrigation for the park.

The storm drain project is on-going. A meeting was held with representatives of UDOT last week. UDOT was planning to begin work on Main Street this week and have the project completed by the end of June but the project was delayed when they realized the problems needing to be resolved prior to beginning their work. The project is now scheduled for later this summer.

A meeting was held today in preparation for letting bids for drilling the Ridge Top well. Award of contracts should be completed soon; it is hoped the project can begin sometime in July.

A Cinco de Mayo celebration is planned for the City Park on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Several Public Works employees attended a truck rodeo in St. George last week and Scott Ross placed second in the competition.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that the Delta High School graduation committee has requested funds for their graduation night festivities. One hundred dollars was provided to that program last year and it has been determined that the funds can come from the alcohol funds received from the State of Utah. Council Members concurred with using alcohol funds to support the Delta High School graduation activities.

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Mayor Bunker reminded Council Members of the "Between Fences" display which will be in the Delta City Library beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>. The Delta City Library is one of only six sites in the state where the exhibit is being displayed. There will be a short program at 2:00 p.m. on May 19<sup>th</sup> to officially open the exhibit.

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Mayor Bunker reported that a gas transportation line is being installed from Salt Lake City to Las Vegas and the line will be running through Delta. Delta has been selected as the construction headquarters for the installation and they will be here for approximately eighteen months. The office will house approximately ten employees and the company will be looking for housing for

those employees.

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Mayor Bunker felt that the Centennial Celebration held in April was excellent. He provided a copy of the program from the Children's Statue dedication to each Council Member. The program is included in these minutes for future information:

#### CHILDREN'S STATUE DEDICATED

On April 13, 2007, friends, family and school children joined with school personnel from both Delta North and Delta South elementary schools, along with Delta City employees for a dedication ceremony. Clergy representing many denominations in the Delta area also attended.

We recognize that it takes a community to raise good citizens. The importance of education, as well as values taught in our churches, is vital to a well rounded citizenry. Blessings of peace and thanksgiving for our children were given. The children's statue will be a gentle reminder to all of us to safeguard, love, protect, and cherish our children.

#### Dedication Ceremony:

Welcome: Holly Nissen, First Grade Teacher, Delta South Elementary  
Centennial Project: Mitchell V. Myers, Principal, Delta South Elementary  
Location for the Project & Thank you to Delta City

Public Works people: Susan Stefanoff, ELL Teacher, Delta South Elementary  
Remarks: Delta City Mayor Gayle Bunker

#### Clergy:

Delores & Dale Palmer, Faith Christian Fellowship Church

Yvonne Hatt, Catholic Church

Dennis Stefanoff, Bishop, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Roger Killpack, Stake President, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Thank you: Pat Roundy, Fifth Grade Teacher, Delta South Elementary

We invite everyone to come to the park and enjoy the Centennial gift given by the students and adults from each elementary school. It is our hope that for years to come it will provide a peaceful place for everyone to enjoy.

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Council Member Kiley Chase reported that he has been approached by some mothers asking if the

City would consider installing a water feature of some kind near the play center in the park to provide some relief from heat in the park during the summer. Council Members agreed. Council Member Chase will look into the cost of acquiring some type of water feature for the play area.

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Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments, questions or other items to be discussed. There being none, Council Member Kiley Chase MOVED to adjourn the meeting. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Betty Jo Western. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bunker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

  
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GAYLE BUNKER, Mayor

  
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GREGORY JAY SCHAFFER, City Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: RCCM 06-07-07

