MINUTES OF HARRISVILLE CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 23, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
363 West Independence Blvd
Harrisville, Utah 84404

Present: Mayor Bruce Richins, Council Member Jeff Pearce, Council Member Grover Wilhelmsen, Council Member Michelle Tait, Council Member Jennifer Jensen, Council Member Michael Murtha.

Staff: Bill Morris, City Administrator, Jennie Knight, City Recorder, Brett Hadley, Police Officer.

Visitors: Ruth Pearce, Jacob Schlegel, Gary Robinson, Ann Richins, Patricia Young, Colby Green, Shay Green, Drieu Bott.

7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Call to Order.**

Mayor Richins called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors.

2. **Opening Ceremony.**

Council Member Murtha led the pledge of allegiance and conducted the opening ceremony.

3. **Consent Items.**
   a. Approve the minutes of June 9, 2015 as presented.

Mayor Richins commented he appreciates the concise minutes. Jennie Knight informed Council a few clerical errors were corrected.

MOTION: Council Member Tait motioned to approve the consent items for June 23, 2015. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. All Council Members voted aye. Motion passed.

4. **Business Items.**

   a. Discussion/possible action to approve Harrisville City Resolution 2015-10; vote on Transportation proposal, a resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, relating to House Bill (HB) 362 (2015) which authorizes a 0.25% local option sales tax dedicated to transportation; requesting Weber County to submit the proposal for public vote in November 2015; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Richins explained this resolution shows the city's support and requests Weber County include a proposed transportation tax on the ballot. Mayor and Council gave a

brief discussion on the transportation tax. The county will be the deciding factor on whether or not this is included. Council Member Pearce asked if this is a state wide proposal. Bill Morris explained this is a county wide item. Each of the 29 counties is eligible and each will decide whether to include this proposal on the ballot.

MOTION: Council Member Tait motioned to approve Harrisville City Resolution 2015-10; vote on Transportation proposal, a resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, relating to House Bill (HB) 362 (2015) which authorizes a 0.25% local option sales tax dedicated to transportation; requesting Weber County to submit the proposal for public vote in November 2015; and providing an effective date. Council Member Wilhelmsen seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.

Council Member Murtha	**Yes**
Council Member Jensen	**Yes**
Council Member Pearce	**Yes**
Council Member Tait	**Yes**
Council Member Wilhelmsen	**Yes**

Motion passed 5-0.

b. Discussion/possible action to approve Harrisville City Resolution 2015-11; a resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, adopting the 2015 Tax Rate, Tax Year 2015.

Bill Morris explained every year we have to estimate how much revenue we will receive from property tax. Although this number was received in time to include in the final budget, we must adopt the certified tax rate that will be set for the following year. Bill Morris showed the slight decrease in the 2015 tax rate. This resolution reflects the decrease. Council Member Wilhelmsen said this is a good thing. Bill Morris confirmed that although the tax rate decreased, property values have gone up.

MOTION: Council Member Pearce motioned to approve Harrisville City Resolution 2015-11; a resolution of Harrisville City, Utah, adopting the 2015 Tax Rate, Tax Year 2015. Council Member Murtha seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.

Council Member Murtha	**Yes**
Council Member Jensen	**Yes**
Council Member Pearce	**Yes**
Council Member Tait	**Yes**
Council Member Wilhelmsen	**Yes**

Motion passed 5-0.

5. **Public Comments -** ***(3 minute maximum)***

Gary Robinson, 234 W. Independence, said on a positive note he is pleased effort was made in getting UDOT to change the conditions on Highway 89. He expressed his

disappointment that the legislature considered increasing the sales tax. Weber County sales tax is higher than Davis County. The legislators should have gone back to UDOT to make cuts. They need to spend more wisely. He also suggested including a Heritage Days slide on the marquee. Mayor Richins said there was a half page advertisement in the newsletter.

6. **Mayor/Council Follow-up:**

Mayor Richins gave a synopsis of what took place at the meeting with UDOT. The attendees were the UDOT Regional Director and two others from their staff, two from the charter school, Gene Bingham, Mayor Bruce Richins, Council Member Michelle Tait, Max Jackson, and North View Fire Chief. Everyone was well represented and felt like UDOT representatives were very open by listening. Everyone expressed their concerns. The director said he could make a decision but didn't think that was appropriate without speaking to his engineer. Today Mayor Richins was contacted by UDOT's director. He said they will open the median to return access to North Harrisville Road; with a left onto and out of. In conjunction they will construct the median at the north end to allow for a left turn into the school. As it stands there is no access; the median will also be extended to the north; to prevent people turning right out of the school and then trying to immediately make a u-turn. He was encouraged with the outcome of the meeting. He spoke with some of the UDOT people before and after the scheduled meeting and he felt like at a minimum North Harrisville Road access would be returned.
Council Member Wilhelmsen asked if any explanation was given as to why the median was installed all the way to the light. Mayor Richins said their explanation was that by putting the median across North Harrisville Road pedestrian traffic would have to go down to the light to cross the highway. He did not necessarily agree with that.
Council Member Tait commented they actually want people to make u-turns at the Larsen Lane intersection. Council Member Wilhelmsen said that is a death trap.
Council Member Tait said it is also encouraging that UDOT delayed the resurfacing project so they could make a change to the median. She said she feels like we got more than we thought we would. Mayor Richins thanked Council Member Tait for her input during the meeting and said she was very controlled on this emotional issue.
Council Member Tait said she hoped to get a compromise and if UDOT felt like these were rational ideas, they would be more open to returning access. Mayor Richins said they provided a copy of the written petition and also the council minutes from the last meeting. They were encouraged by the residents that were vocal on this issue. Council Member Tait said UDOT seemed to have irrational reasoning. Mayor Richins said Gene Bingham commented about how well he thought the meeting went and he has been in a lot of meetings with UDOT. Council Member Tait asked if they gave a timeline of when access will be returned. Mayor Richins said it's too soon to know when the work will be completed.

7. **Adjourn.**

Mayor motioned to adjourn at 7:21pm.

8. **Heritage Days Work Session**

Mayor Richins called the work session to order. Council Member Jensen asked Council Member Pearce if he had enough prizes for bingo. Council Member Pearce asked how many games to expect to handle. Council Member Tait said she would do a variety of games averaging about 10 games per hour. Council Member Pearce said he has some volunteers lined up. Council Member Jensen said she will pick up some candy and other items to use as prizes. Council Member Jensen also said she has a number of gift cards that could be used as prizes. Ruth Pearce said they will save the camp stove as the grand prize.

Council Member Jensen asked how many gift cards Council Member Wilhelmsen will need for the Harrisville's Got Talent show. Mayor Richins said he has some from Chili's. These could be used for the participants. Mayor and Council discussed what type of gift card to give for the participants. They gave discussion on who will be providing entertainment. Council Member Wilhelmsen said he will be paying $100 to the performers who are performing for 30 minutes.

Jennie Knight reminded Council they need to submit any requests for payment at this evening's meeting to meet staff requirements.

Council Member Jensen informed Council she is meeting with Walmart on Wednesday morning at 10:00am to select items for donation. Council Member Tait asked for candy for the youth city council. Mayor and Council gave discussion about what kinds of items need to be purchased. Council Member Tait said she ordered the items for the cake walk.

Council Member Murtha said he has a combination of bib numbers totaling 125. Mayor and Council gave discussion about how many participants were included in the 5K last year. They also gave discussion on the logistics for power at the finish line. Council Member Murtha asked Council Member Jensen to pick up glow sticks. Council Member Jensen said she has medal for the winners. Council Member Murtha said the banner will be out front of the building in the morning. He has everything else in place and will be working on soliciting runners.

Council Member Jensen said the mass gathering permit is finished. Pat Young asked Council Member Murtha if his wife could check with the Black Dog Watch group to see if they are planning to have animals on site. She also said she has communicated with a vendor with inflatable balls. He will be submitting his application. She suggested putting him on the upper side of the park. Council Member Jensen said her only concern is that no one will see him. Pat Young said he has logos and she will be putting together signs showing where his booth is located. This will also attract people from the splash pad.

Council Member Jensen informed Council she will be paying the Cliff Hanger vendor to come. This will be a cost of $1500. The vendor will be collecting money from participants. She said the reason why she wants them to collect money is so parents don't leave children unattended. Jennie Knight reminded Council staff will need copies of their insurance.

Mayor and Council gave a short discussion on how many vendors are participating this year. Council Member Jensen said a few activities will depend on participation. Ann Richins asked if someone is getting water for the frozen t-shirt contest. Mayor and Council gave a discussion on the logistics of the events on the stage.

Mayor Richins said he lined up the cars for the parade. Council Member Jensen said she will pick up the candy for the parade. Mayor and Council gave discussion on what and where to buy items.
Mayor Richins motioned to adjourn at 8:08pm.

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BRUCE RICHINS
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JENNIE KNIGHT
City Recorder
Approved this 14th day of July, 2015