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**Minutes of the North Logan City  
City Council  
Held on August 1, 2012  
At the North Logan City Library, North Logan, Utah**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lloyd Berentzen at 6:35 p.m.

Council members present were: Kristen Anderson, Roger Anderson, Nancy Potter, Damon Cann and John Bailey.

Others present were: Alan Luce, Brian Locke, Steve Soulier, Janet Soulier, Brad Slater, Lynn Nelson, Karla Eames, Michael Russell, Kristi Green, Kay Moser, Al Moser, DeeAnn Michaelson, David Michaelson, Tonya Diaz, Adam Zit \_\_\_\_\_(illegible), Sarah \_\_\_\_\_(illegible), Gary Bunce, Matt Wilkinson, Nina Lynn Bills, Dorothy P. Bills, Ryan Karren, Ulysses Black, Joni Black, Chelsey Hawkes, Rob Italasano, Bob Christensen, Chad Hawkes, John Malechek, Val Potter, Heidi Benson, Cole Lindsay, Mitch L. Schiffman, Jaye Hawkes, Vincent Shammas, David Fausett, Steven Moore, Lee Tansock, Salvador Toscano, Alicia Toscano, Eric Hansen, Christie Hansen, Casey Fisher, Angela Fisher, Duane Huff, J.M. Hawkes, Kevin Duke, Ward Wessels, Gordon Jones, Steven Goodwin, Mark R. Hurd, Birch Benson, Lee Roderick, Bill Camden, Jason Killinen, Tighe Coriander, Brandon Stirland, Terri Gass, Jim Gass, Jon Landeen, Jack Draxler, Carlos F. Anderson, Bryan Cox, Donnett Hawkes, Judy Cannon, Gavin Cannon, Shanna Duke, Matthew Wood, Dennis Simonson, George Marshall, Nadine Schoonmaker, Nolan Krebs, Craig Pet \_\_\_\_\_(illegible), Kenneth Reese, Bra \_\_\_\_\_(illegible) M \_\_\_\_\_(illegible), Petty Giles, Kevin Christensen, Clark Puffer, Jacob Hola, John Italasano, Kim Hawkes, Lydia Embry, Alan Collins, Cordell Batt, Scott Bennett, Jeff Jorgensen and Marie Wilhelm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Al Moser.  
An invocation was given by Val Potter.

**Adoption of Agenda**

*Nancy Potter made a motion to adopt the second revised agenda as presented. Damon Cann seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Nancy Potter, John Bailey, Roger Anderson, Damon Cann and Kristen Anderson voting in favor.*

**Approval and Follow-up of Minutes of July 18, 2012 City Council Meeting**

To be approved at next meeting.

**Follow-up**

Nothing at this time.

**Review of Action Items**

Jeff Jorgensen reviewed the action items list with the council.

**New Business**

**Receive presentation from the Cache County Sheriff regarding providing North Logan City and Hyde Park's police services for a fee in place of the North Park Police Department.**

Mayor Berentzen introduced the item and explained that this presentation is being done per invitation from North Logan City to the Sheriff's office, to review what services the Sheriff's department may be able to provide North Logan City.

Lynn Nelson expressed his respect for the North Park Police Department and gave a presentation outlining the scope of capabilities of the Sheriff's office, and explained what their department could provide to North Logan City. He said he couldn't give an accurate cost estimate, as he did not have enough time or sufficient detailed information to put that together, and because he had been out of town; however he gave an estimate of what they might be able to do, to save North Logan City approximately \$300K per year. He gave the council a handout with some information and suggested North Logan City put a group together to help him define the services wanted by the city and hence allow him to compile a budget or a contract.

59 Mayor Berentzen said he recognized that Sheriff Nelson did not have a lot of time to get this  
60 done, and said he got a budget from the department for the cost per officer and discussed the  
61 cost comparisons he had made. He discussed the various options that are available and asked  
62 Sheriff Nelson about various items, including whether a drain would be put on the Sheriff's  
63 department, both logistically and financially, if North Logan City contracts with them. Sheriff  
64 Nelson said that *would* be the case, and further stated that they would have to carefully choose  
65 which items they could deal with. He also said they would not deal with North Logan City  
66 ordinances, nor traffic issues, except in emergencies.

67 This was discussed further. Sheriff Nelson said the cost they use in contracting currently is \$56  
68 per man-hour, and that is how they determine their contracts.

69 John Bailey said as he has followed the budget hearings each year with the county; the Sheriff's  
70 department has consistently claimed a shortage of staff and funds, and that salaries tend to be on  
71 the bottom of the scale. He asked how taking on so much more responsibility [in contracting with  
72 North Logan City] would not be a burden. Sheriff Nelson discussed his department's funding  
73 situation. John said he would like to review that more closely.

74 Damon Cann said the biggest concern he has heard from people is the issue of decreased  
75 response times, which the Sheriff addressed, and said that it would essentially be the same as it  
76 is now.

77 Mayor Berentzen referred to Sheriff Nelson's earlier comment about the North Park Police  
78 Department serving as back up to the Sheriff's department; and asked that if there is no longer a  
79 North Park Police Department, whether Sheriff Nelson would worry about not having enough  
80 coverage, as they would no longer have the North Park Police Department to help back them up.  
81 Sheriff Nelson responded, and said he did not think that coverage would be affected.

82 Kristen Anderson discussed that the \$300K savings figure they suggested is not likely accurate,  
83 which she further commented on.

84 The council continued to discuss with Sheriff Nelson how much coverage they could really  
85 provide at a savings, particularly when the Sheriff's department is already "spread thin".

86 Damon Cann asked what kind of long term commitment North Logan City would have with the  
87 pricing of services. Sheriff Nelson said that the current contracts have been at their price for six  
88 to eight years. He said they renew their current contracts each year, but would be very agreeable  
89 to a longer contract, such as a five-year agreement.

90 John Bailey said a large part of the City's revenues come from property taxes; but also from  
91 business who located in North Logan City *because* North Logan City has its own police  
92 department, and saw that as an advantage. He asked what kind of assurances the Sheriff's  
93 department could give to those businesses who are concerned that their services may diminish;  
94 which Sheriff Nelson addressed, saying he is committed to meeting the needs of North Logan  
95 City.

96 Nancy Potter said that she has heard from a lot of residents about this, and also read the citizen  
97 comments in the Herald Journal. She said probably 97% or more do not want North Logan City  
98 to go with the Sheriff's department. She said she would prefer to pay more taxes to keep the  
99 City's own police department because she knows the kind of services they give. She said she  
100 was really frustrated with this discussion, because she said she feels we shouldn't even be doing  
101 this in the first place, because she really likes our police department; and that the residents feel  
102 the same way. (For the record, the people in the room applauded in support of her comments).

103 Mayor Berentzen discussed the kind of relationship he has with Chief Kim Hawkes in terms of a  
104 personal and timely response he receives from Chief Hawkes (and his department).

105 Sheriff Nelson addressed this and said the concerns of the citizens mean a great deal to him,  
106 which he further explained.

107 Mayor Berentzen thanked Sheriff Nelson and his staff for coming to the meeting at the City  
108 Council's invitation. Mayor Berentzen opened the time up for a few of the attendees to give  
109 comments.

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111 Clark Puffer said that forty years ago, he was on the Roy City Council for eight years and  
112 explained some of the issues he dealt with while there, including some that he said were very  
113 similar to North Logan City. He said the city of Roy also had a presentation from the county  
114 about potentially combining with their police force, which they decided not to do. He said forty

115 years later, he is certain that if the Roy City was asked whether it was a good idea to maintain  
116 their own police force, you would have that 97% who would still be in favor it, which he further  
117 explained; including that they did much better in terms of cost, in staying with their own police  
118 force.

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120 Eric Hansen explained the following four points: 1) we get good service and citizens have a good  
121 relationship with the North Park Police Department; 2) we ought to bring government closer to the  
122 people and keep a local police department. 3) we should not change, unless there is a  
123 compelling reason to do so; and, 4) it would be more difficult to reverse the process if we make  
124 this change now. He said there are many more benefits derived from keeping our own  
125 department than any small costs savings we might gain.

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127 Jim Gass, North Logan resident and Smithfield City Manager, said that Smithfield City had an  
128 option twelve years ago, to leave the county and form their own police department. He said as  
129 City Manager, he was the only person at the time against that decision. He said he is very tight in  
130 terms of their budget. He says now, twelve years later, he would *never* change; that he would  
131 stay with his own department. He explained the detailed process their City went through at that  
132 time in order to make a decision, and said that their Mayor at that time made the right decision.  
133 He said the Sheriff's do a good job; but that there is something about having your own  
134 department. He reiterated his comments further and also said that if one reviews the calls of  
135 service for North Park Police Department compared to the Sheriff's department, the county would  
136 have to almost double their service, i.e., their ability to handle those calls. He said that North  
137 Park Police Department is likely 85% of what the county handles. He commented further. He  
138 said all of the agencies in the valley complement and support each other, and this makes for a  
139 better, overall, county-wide policing ability.

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141 Hyde Park Mayor Bryan Cox asked the City Council to take the time to explore and understand all  
142 of the issues at hand very carefully, in making their decision. He said that Hyde Park City has  
143 gone through this same process and considered this; and that they are going to have to revisit  
144 this if North Logan City decides to go with the county. He asked the council to give this the due  
145 diligence that it deserves; as it impacts North Logan, Hyde Park and the county.

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147 Jack Draxler, former mayor of North Logan and state legislator, said he commended the City  
148 Council and Mayor Berentzen for being open to all possibilities in servicing the citizens. He said  
149 when he was North Logan City Mayor, there were two items that North Logan City citizens  
150 mentioned to him most about what made North Logan City one of the best communities in the  
151 valley to live in; one being the library, and the other was having their own police force. He said  
152 we should stick with the North Park Police Department. He said the costs are not excessive, and  
153 said he knows that the council demands accountability and conservatism in the budget, as does  
154 Hyde Park. He said there is something special about [the City] having its own department for  
155 many public safety reasons, including traffic, investigations, response times, dealing with  
156 businesses, etc. He said two of the City's most important sales tax contributors, Wal-Mart and  
157 Kmart, have an amazing relationship with North Park Police Department. He said North Park  
158 Police Department has extremely quick response times if they apprehend a shoplifter; and also  
159 deal with after hours "mischief", including the recent incident of pallets being burned behind the  
160 stores; and said our department was right on top of that. He said we should remain with what has  
161 been very effective, as well as cost efficient.

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163 Dennis Simonson said he retired from Logan Police Department five years prior, and also from  
164 working with L.A.P.D. before moving to this area. He said even the L.A.P.D. is broken down into  
165 "divisions", then to "areas", and then officers are assigned to those areas in order to make them  
166 familiar and personal with the issues and people of those areas. He said there is increased  
167 ownership and pride with that kind of situation. He said he supports the retention of the North  
168 Park Police Department, and said he would also pay more taxes to keep them.

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170 David Fausett said he has several family members who work in police-related fields. He said he  
171 has spoken to neighbors; one who commented that Chief Kim Hawkes does whatever needs to  
172 be done; and that his neighbor remembers taking his boys to school and that Chief Hawkes was  
173 the crossing guard for that intersection. He said he did not want to be derogatory towards the

174 Sheriff's department, however he said he did not envision a county deputy serving as a crossing  
175 guard, if it came down to it. He said the majority of North Park police officers live in North Logan  
176 and Hyde Park, and said those officers are serving the community 24/7. He referred to Hyde  
177 Park City deciding to remain with the North Park Police Department and that the extra costs were  
178 worth it. He also mentioned that Chief Kim Hawkes recently received commendations for the  
179 outstanding job does with the [local] school's D.A.R.E. program. He said he too would pay more  
180 taxes to keep the North Park Police Department.

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182 Lee Tansock said she came from Roy City and remembers the days of having a Highway Patrol  
183 and Weber County Sheriff's office. She said she agrees with the comments that were made  
184 before her, including what was said by Clark Puffer. She said she lived in a city that did not have  
185 its own police force and that her family *chose* to move to North Logan *because* of the way this  
186 police force represents itself and protects its citizens. She said she feels very, very strongly  
187 about having that available to her, and was one of their main reasons for moving here.

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189 Al Moser said that if you really look at this contract [from the Sheriff's department], it is clear that it  
190 would be more of a benefit to their department than it would be to the North Logan. He said that  
191 North Logan does not need to believe that all of these fixed costs won't come to us, because  
192 there is no doubt that they *will* come to us. He said that he would take the savings they are  
193 presenting with a "grain of salt".

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195 Becky Merit said she is the Loss Prevention Supervisor for a local retailer [Kohl's] for the last  
196 seven years; as well as for a previous company in North Logan for three years before that. She  
197 said in her position, the primary focus of her job is to apprehend shoplifters. She said often the  
198 detention of these shoplifters requires the quick assistance of law enforcement officers, and said  
199 that consistently, the North Park Police Department has gone above and beyond in assisting her  
200 in many situations where the detaining of a shoplifter would not have otherwise been possible.  
201 She continued to read her comments from a letter she submitted to the North Logan City Council.  
202 She said she has worked in many other states and communities where she has not seen the  
203 dedication that she has seen with the North Park Police Department.

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205 John Bailey said he was glad the council took the hour to do this. He said he has been clear on  
206 what the he thinks the City should do with this issue; but that it is has not been clear where the  
207 citizens stand on this. He said he has been frustrated with the lack of citizens' response to this  
208 issue in all of the public hearings and opportunities the City has held in order to get citizen input.  
209 He said time after time, the City did not hear anything from the public. He said it has been very  
210 helpful at this meeting to hear the public's response, and to see where the majority of the City  
211 really stands on this issue.

212 Damon Cann concurred and said it is now abundantly clear to him that we have the right level of  
213 police services and is now much more comfortable allocating tax dollars for a police building, than  
214 he was a couple of weeks ago.

215 Nancy Potter said she grew up in North Logan and described the positive relationship she has  
216 had with the police department through the years, and said she doesn't know if the citizens would  
217 have the same kind of relationship with the Sheriff's department. She said she thinks the North  
218 Park Police Department officers know how much people appreciate them, and said she hopes  
219 they know how much she appreciates them.

220 Kristen Anderson thanked the Sheriff's department for being at the meeting; and also said she  
221 concurred with the previous statements, and is glad to hear from the public.

222 Roger Anderson said the reason for having this meeting was never to question the quality of the  
223 North Park Police Department; that it was simply an issue of costs. He said he has had no idea  
224 what the citizens felt about this issue because of the lack of public response; but that he now  
225 knows that he has the support of the citizens.

226 Mayor Berentzen expressed appreciation to Sheriff Nelson and his staff for coming to the meeting  
227 and giving the presentation; and also said we appreciate the services we get from the county.  
228 Sheriff Nelson commented as well and thanked the council for the opportunity and expressed  
229 support and compliments to the North Park Police Department.

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231 Consider for approval a list of *findings of fact* outlining the council's reasons for denying approval

232 of the Development Plan/Agreement and Preliminary Plat for The Cove @ North Logan, a mixed-  
233 use townhome project located at the southeast corner of 400 East and 2200 North. Following  
234 approval of findings of fact the council will vote whether to reaffirm their decision from last  
235 meeting disapproving the development plan that was presented.

236 Mayor Berentzen introduced and briefly explained the item.

237 Jeff Jorgensen explained that the council should reference the current list, which includes the  
238 changes that Cordell Batt received from City Attorney, Bruce Jorgensen, which Jeff briefly  
239 explained. Jeff further discussed the list he made from the comments the Planning Commission  
240 members made at their meeting two weeks ago. He said there may be additional things to add,  
241 which he briefly explained.

242 Mayor Berentzen said the list should contain all of the issues, including input from the Planning  
243 Commission, and that there should only be one list.

244 Damon Cann said he would like to see the Planning Commission's findings incorporated into one  
245 document. He discussed waiting until those findings are put together.

246 Kristen Anderson concurred that she would like to approve just one [all inclusive] document.

247 Jeff recommended waiting until the next meeting for the council to approve an all-inclusive list, to  
248 which the council agreed. Per a question from Mayor Berentzen about the current list being  
249 accurate and using it as the "base" document; John Bailey said that he thinks it accurately reflects  
250 the concerns that the council have. Damon concurred.

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252 Discuss proposed changes to the city's FY2013 municipal budget including discussion about  
253 financing and constructing a new police department building for the city.

254 Mayor Berentzen introduced the item and said he feels that it is a workable budget. He  
255 commented further.

256 Jeff said he will send the council the detail of this budget. He said it is very close to being  
257 finalized. He further explained some of the changes and reasoning behind some of the included  
258 numbers. He mentioned the issue with the court costs and what the problem had been, which he  
259 explained was essentially due to a mistake in the way for which the clerk's wages were being  
260 budgeted. He continued to discuss the changes.

261 Roger Anderson asked about the possibility of bonding in the event of a need, which Jeff said is  
262 possible and further explained.

263 John Bailey expressed his concern about the potential of misjudging something; in light of the fact  
264 that the council cut so much from this budget in the spring, but then staff was able to find roughly  
265 \$750K for the police building. Jeff explained the various ways this was accomplished.

266 John Bailey reiterated his concerns about using money slated for other projects that keep being  
267 postponed.

268 Mayor Berentzen mentioned the sewer upgrade that will need to take place next year, as well as  
269 the need to find an additional water source. Mayor Berentzen reiterated his feelings that we do  
270 not need to bond.

271 Nancy Potter commended the staff for getting together and trying to be very conservative; and  
272 that all of the departments have cut back so that they could take this hit for one year in order to  
273 proceed. She said she appreciated their willingness to give up some of their needs.

274 Damon Cann concurred. He also asked about the sidewalks to Greenville, as he feels this is a  
275 very important safety issue. Jeff said they are postponed until the next "year"; but will be there  
276 when kids are there.

277 The consensus amongst the council was that Jeff will have a "cleaned up" copy for the council to  
278 approve at the next meeting. Jeff asked for approval from the council to begin the process of  
279 requesting proposals from general contractors to get bids on the police building. Jeff said he  
280 recommended at least doing that, as the planning stage needs to begin.

281 Jeff addressed various questions from the council regarding costs for this. He also discussed  
282 travel and training for the City Council. He discussed the upcoming Utah League of Cities and  
283 Towns convention and trying to have potential savings in hotel accommodations, as well as other  
284 aspects of it.

285 John Bailey said that won't amount to a lot, but is certainly reasonable in the spirit of things.

286 Jeff said we will continue the newsletter and discussed how certain aspects of it could be

287 reduced.

288 The council agreed to allow Jeff to request proposals for general contractors for the police  
289 building.

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291 Consider an ordinance specifying the compensation of elected and statutory officers of North  
292 Logan City.

293 Mayor Berentzen introduced the item and briefly explained the ordinance.

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295 *Nancy Potter made a motion to adopt the ordinance. John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote*  
296 *was called and the motion passed unanimously with Kristen Anderson, Roger Anderson, Damon*  
297 *Cann, John Bailey and Nancy Potter voting in favor.*

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299 **Reports from city officers, boards, and committees**

300 Chief Kim Hawkes gave a report on the temporarily building they are moving into. He said taping  
301 and mudding has begun and this should be done Saturday, and painting will begin next week. He  
302 discussed the work the officers have been doing.

303 Mayor Berentzen commended the number of officers who are working so hard on this. He said  
304 he is very impressed at the job they are doing and that they are working so hard to do this, on top  
305 of their regular jobs.

306 Chief Hawkes discussed the help Kim Arnell has provided on this, as well.

307 Chief Hawkes further discussed some of the costs and savings that they have been able to  
308 manage. He expressed that the department is excited about being ready to move in and provide  
309 service to the public.

310 Mayor Berentzen said the police department has provided a lot of voluntary time.

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312 Scott Bennett discussed the timeline for the budget. He also mentioned that the audit is  
313 scheduled for the second week in October, and it will be November before we receive an audit  
314 statement from the auditors.

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316 Nancy Potter discussed how well the events went for the 24<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and said that  
317 staff did a great job.

318 Jeff mentioned the dinner that took place, and that the scouts did a really good job.

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320 Executive session (closed) to discuss the competence of individual(s).

321 *Nancy Potter made a motion to move into Executive (Closed) Session for the purpose of*  
322 *discussing the competence of individual(s). John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was called*  
323 *and the motion passed unanimously with Nancy Potter, John Bailey, Roger Anderson, Damon*  
324 *Cann and Kristen Anderson voting in favor. This occurred at 8:30 p.m.*

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327 The Mayor, by signing below, certifies that the only issues discussed during the Executive  
328 (Closed) Session was the competency of an individual(s) City employee(s); and therefore no  
329 written minutes were kept.

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Certification by Mayor Lloyd Berentzen

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338 *Damon Cann made a motion to close the Executive (Closed) Session and return to the regular*  
339 *City Council meeting. Kristen Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion*  
340 *passed unanimously with Nancy Potter, John Bailey, Roger Anderson, Damon Cann and Kristen*  
341 *Anderson voting in favor. This occurred at 8:53 p.m.*

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345 *Damon Cann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Potter seconded the motion. A vote*  
346 *was called and the motion passed unanimously with Nancy Potter, John Bailey, Roger Anderson,*  
347 *Damon Cann and Kristen Anderson voting in favor.*

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349 The meeting adjourned at: 8:54 p.m.

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351 Approved by City Council:

August 15, 2012

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353 Transcribed by Marie Wilhelm


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Scott Bennett/City Recorder