



56 said prior to purchasing the property on which he built his house, he asked the city if he was  
57 going to be able to hook up to the city water main, and was told that he could. He said when he  
58 attempted to do that after he purchased his property, he was denied, and was told that he could  
59 not connect with that line without “putting two semi-truck loads and three hydrants in from above  
60 his house, to a location two and half blocks from his home”. He said connecting his home “about  
61 broke” his family financially. He said the rules and fees charged seem to be different for  
62 everyone. He explained that a friend of his built a subdivision, and put in a pond, and was  
63 unexpectedly required to put in a \$10K storm water sump. He said that two-thirds of the water  
64 going into that sump, however, comes off of city streets, and is not coming out of his  
65 development. He asked if it seems fair that his friend had to go to that kind of expense. He said  
66 the city built a bridge above his own house, and dumped their water onto his property and then  
67 into the canal. He said the canal company admonished him and the city to not dump water in the  
68 canal. He said the city went to great expense to correct that partially; but that a lot of it is still  
69 being dumped into the canal, as well as onto his property.

70 Mayor Watkins asked if Mr. Parrish would put some of these concerns in writing and submit them  
71 to the city, particularly due to the constraints of his time allotment.

72 Mr. Parrish said his fear is that if he builds a house next door on another piece of property that he  
73 owns that is already zoned, he said he would hope that he is not put through the expense of  
74 having to install a sump. He also said that in his area, the property owners had to install  
75 underground electricity at their own expense. He said the city then put up five power poles  
76 across the street from them, where everything else is underground, and put five wires overhead.  
77 He said if it was important enough for the private citizens in that area to go to the expense of  
78 putting the electricity underground, then it is important for the city to have to follow the same  
79 guidelines. He said it was promised before the bridge was put in, or the road construction took  
80 place, that those lines would be buried, and they are still not buried. He said he has several other  
81 examples of where laws were applied to some and not to others. He said he may apply for  
82 another five minutes to address the other items that he did not have time for.

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84 Consider the concept plan for the Murray Subdivision located at approximately 1250 East and  
85 2700 North and using the Flag Lot Ordinance. Being proposed is the division of 5.53 acres into  
86 five lots.

87 Scott Galbraith asked what staff’s recommendation is for the inclusion of curb and gutter,  
88 specifically for 2700 North and 1250 East, as some of the curb and gutter are currently  
89 unfinished.

90 Jeff Jorgensen said staff is divided about what to do; but that he recommends a standard curb,  
91 gutter and sidewalk on both 1250 East and 2700 North, per what the city’s subdivision ordinance  
92 requires. Per a question from Trent Wentz, Jeff also said that the intention is to ultimately widen  
93 out 2700 North to the width that is defined for it in the General Plan.

94 Per Scott Galbraith’s request, Cordell Batt displayed the map and described the location as well  
95 as what curb and gutter design currently exists.

96 Scott Galbraith said he is in support of getting this subdivision approved, but also feels that 2700  
97 North in its entirety is a “disaster” and that how it is built needs to be considered for the future  
98 good of the community.

99 Steve Soulier said his concern is that it is similar to a previously discussed situation, where no  
100 money was put into escrow to pay for the improvements, and the residents will now be facing a  
101 large, unexpected bill. He suggested doing something similar to the Bea Nyman subdivision  
102 where they required them to put money aside in escrow to cover the costs of future development  
103 of the roads so that future buyers would not be unexpectedly liable for the improvement costs.

104 Trent Wentz asked that since this is a minor subdivision, whether it actually requires curb and  
105 gutter; and Cordell Batt said that because it is a minor subdivision, it does not require that. He  
106 said right of way cannot be required to be given with a minor subdivision.

107 Jeff Jorgensen said that if the city needs right of way for a subdivision, however, then a plat is  
108 done and the right of way can still be obtained.

109 Scott Galbraith said that Steve Soulier’s suggestion made sense, and that if the city thinks that

110 curb, gutter and sidewalk will go in eventually, then perhaps monies should in fact be put into an  
111 escrow account. He said he did not feel that the improvements should be put in now, however,  
112 as it will just add to the inconsistency of the current design.

113 Cordell Batt mentioned that when Nyman's Nook went in, the city required curb, gutter and  
114 sidewalk; but that the developers came in and requested that they not be required to do that since  
115 they wanted to maintain the rural quality of the road and for it to be consistent with the area. Jeff  
116 Jorgensen clarified that there was a misunderstanding about what the developers were required  
117 to do at that time and that it came before the City Council who made a determination, and told the  
118 developers they did not have to put in curb, gutter and sidewalk.

119 Trent Wentz asked if this was a situation such as MarDell Parrish was describing; and Jeff  
120 Jorgensen agreed with Trent that the requirements need to be the same for everyone; and that  
121 the subdivision ordinance requires that the subdivision developers put in curb, gutter and  
122 sidewalk.

123 The City Council further discussed setting money aside for improvements, as well as maintaining  
124 consistent requirements.

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126 *Steve Soulier made a motion to approve the concept plan for the Murray Subdivision with the*  
127 *stipulation that funds be set aside in an escrow account to cover costs for curb, gutter and*  
128 *sidewalk at the time the city deems it appropriate to install those improvements. Elaine Nelson*  
129 *seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

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131 **7:00 Public Hearing** to consider a resolution amending the city's General Plan. Specifically  
132 being proposed for change is the transportation element and the associated map. The change  
133 will more precisely define where certain road segments, especially collectors, will be built in the  
134 future or which new roads should be designated as collectors. Being proposed for change in  
135 alignment are 2500 N. from about 1400 to 1600 E. and 3100 N. east of 1800 E. Being proposed  
136 to be added as collectors are 2100 N. from 600 to 800 E., 2900 N. from 200 to 800 E. (mostly in  
137 Hyde Park), 100 E. from 1800 to 2200 N., and 3550 N. from 1600 to 1800 E. Being proposed to  
138 be withdrawn as a master planned collector is 2500 N. (Beck's Lane) east of 1600 E.  
139 Jeff Jorgensen presented the details of the resolution, and the intention to depict more accurately  
140 the map of the transportation element of the General Plan. He suggested having the citizens who  
141 wanted to discuss 2500 North do so following any comments regarding anything else, to which  
142 the City Council agreed.

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144 *Mayor Watkins opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.*

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146 Pat Northenor mentioned some grammatical errors she noted within the document.

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148 North Logan resident Lydia Embry went over her written comments and concerns, which she said  
149 she had submitted.

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151 North Logan resident Russell Goodwin said he felt that the city has a compelling need to retain  
152 Beck's Lane, including the fact that it seems that it will be the preferable route to the North Logan  
153 cemetery. He also said he strongly recommends that the city consider the development of 100  
154 East and suggested "stubbing it out" to the south at 1800 North; similar to the situation of the  
155 thoroughfare through the K-Mart, Kohl's and Wal-Mart parking lot; and continuing it to the north,  
156 ending it at 2200 North. He further stated that it would be beneficial to perhaps connect that route  
157 on 100 East to 2500 North in the future. He further mentioned the land around the originally  
158 proposed site for the ice arena on 2900 North, and urged the city to maintain that piece of  
159 property to be one contiguous piece of property; which could be used in the future for a  
160 community center and recreation spot.

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162 *Mayor Watkins asked if anyone would like to comment on the alignment for 2500 North.*

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164 Per the City Council's request, Cordell Batt displayed an acetate map of the area showing staff's

165 recommendation for the lay out for 2500 North, as well one showing the Planning Commission's  
166 recommendation. Jeff Jorgensen explained that the Planning Commission's recommendation  
167 was slightly different than the one being presented, and that the Planning Commission's  
168 recommendation created some difficult angles and was therefore reworked; and Cordell Batt  
169 explained the factors used in determining the current design, as well as described the affected  
170 properties.

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172 North Logan resident Leo Krebs said he had not heard any discussion regarding the possible  
173 expenses incurred if the affected properties are purchased, and how that price would compare  
174 with the road going straight through instead. He said he wondered if the city realized that the  
175 costs of purchasing those properties could be approximately \$600K. He asked what is wrong  
176 with going straight through the field, and putting two "T" intersections on it, which would slow  
177 down the traffic. He asked why the city does not try to distribute the traffic through the residential  
178 areas onto smaller roads, rather than have it all go down one road, which would be much more  
179 dangerous, and would be traveling past two churches, one park, a library, a school, etc.. He said  
180 he wonders if all of this had been considered and if the City Council is really ready for vote. He  
181 said he would hope that the City Council is not ready to vote in until the issues of expenses, costs  
182 to the citizens, location, etc. are further considered. He further said he felt that homes should not  
183 be removed simply for the sake of having a four-way intersection rather than "T" intersections.

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185 North Logan resident Lyle Israelsen said he has always been an advocate of property rights. He  
186 said when he was Mayor of North Logan, the city would talk to the affected property owners about  
187 what they had planned before any decisions were made, and that at this point, no one had talked  
188 to him about whether or not his property is available for a road. He said it does not make sense  
189 for the road to go through someone's property and affect their livelihood. He asked if the  
190 property is purchased, what happens to the unused portion of the property that is not utilized for  
191 the road. He said he thinks, as a common courtesy, the least the city should do is to sit down  
192 with the individual property owners on a one-to-one basis to discuss the city's plans. He further  
193 mentioned that, in terms of four-way intersections vs. "T" intersections; he does not recall an  
194 accident ever occurring on the road near where he lives at 1700 North and 1200 East.

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196 Lucy Watkins, stating that she represented the D.F. Peterson family trust, proceeded to read a  
197 letter to the City Council from her brother, which she had also submitted. She commented that in  
198 the thirty-five years she spent working in the real estate business, very rarely does a city build a  
199 road, and said that the developers typically do. She said if and when those properties get  
200 developed, the developers will pay for the road. She suggested that the city wait to see what  
201 occurs; and then perhaps the city will not have to go through *anyone's* home.

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203 North Logan resident Gordon Alley expressed his concerns and objections over the situation; as  
204 well as suggested other layout possibilities for 2500 North.

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206 Russell Goodwin said due to population growth that is suggested to occur in this valley, it seems  
207 that 2500 North will, out of necessity, become a major arterial roadway, and said he feels that it  
208 should definitely be made into an 80-foot wide arterial, rather than a 60-foot one. He said an  
209 east/west connector is going to be critical. He also said the he feels that a four-way intersection  
210 works better for an arterial in order to move traffic more efficiently.

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212 *As there were no further public comments, Mayor Watkins closed the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.*

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214 The City Council continued their discussion regarding the various modifications to the land use  
215 element map, as well as other related issues. Scott Galbraith and Trent Wentz both said they  
216 agreed with passing the resolution if the section regarding 2500 North is excluded. Scott  
217 Galbraith said that a time limit should then be put on the discussion of 2500 North so that a  
218 decision can be made in a timely manner.

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221 Discuss changing the speed limit on 800 East and elsewhere in the city.

222 Mayor Watkins said that the city has taken over this road from the state, and can now do with it  
223 what they feel would be best for the community.

224 Jeff Jorgensen explained what the rules are for changing the speed limit on a road, as well as  
225 signage, which is done through the Traffic Safety Board. He said the current Traffic Safety Board  
226 lies within the joint Hyde Park/North Logan Police Department group, who meet monthly. He said  
227 the board felt strongly that the decision on this was essential enough to get input from citizens as  
228 well as the City Council, which is the reason for having this item on the agenda for this evening's  
229 meeting. He also mentioned that an informal pole was taken with the North Logan citizens and  
230 that the majority of them did not want the speed to be lower than the current 40 mph (229 citizens  
231 were opposed to reducing the speed limit; 49 were in favor of reducing it).

232 Steve Soulier mentioned that the safety committee is made up of Mayor Watkins, Trent Wentz,  
233 and himself. Jeff Jorgensen clarified that the committee members also include himself, Jeff  
234 Loosli and North Park Police Chief Kim Hawkes.

235 The City Council continued to discuss the various issues related to lowering the speed limit.  
236 Safety was named as the major factor in favor of lowering the speed limit; particularly for the  
237 residents living along most of 800 East, and the difficulty they have in getting in and out of their  
238 driveways, as well as trying to park along that area. Trent Wentz said he thought a four-way  
239 intersection should be installed at the intersection of 800 East and 2500 North to increase safety.

240 Elaine Nelson asked Chief Hawkes if flashing lights and a crosswalk could be placed in front of  
241 North Park Elementary School since a subdivision is going in across the street; and asked if,  
242 since the subdivision has been approved, whether the lights and crosswalk could be installed  
243 now, rather than having to wait until the allotted number of children required to install them are  
244 living in that subdivision.

245 Chief Hawkes explained that the lights are approved by the state of Utah, and cannot be installed  
246 until there are actually eleven children living in the subdivision, which he said is likely to occur  
247 fairly shortly in this case. He also mentioned that the Police Department in fact put monies in the  
248 budget for this item. He further explained the rules, and what factors determine the allowance of  
249 lights and a crosswalk. Per a question from Elaine Nelson, he said that most people who are  
250 opposed to lowering the speed limit are those who travel to and from locations on that road;  
251 rather the residents who actually live there. He said the time it takes to travel two-and-a-half  
252 miles from a point in Hyde Park and the boundary of North Logan, at 40 mph is three minutes and  
253 45 seconds; vs. four minutes and 54 seconds 30 mph (i.e. a difference of one minute and nine  
254 seconds). He said at 35 mph, it takes approximately 42 seconds less than it does at 40 mph. He  
255 said what is more important relating to speed, is the ability of drivers to recognize hazards and be  
256 able to stop adequately. He further explained that it takes approximately 112 feet traveling at 30  
257 mph to stop a car; and approximately 170 feet to stop while traveling at 40 miles per hour; i.e., a  
258 difference of over 50 feet. He said he does not think that a minute in time is an arguable issue in  
259 reference to traveling throughout the community; rather what is a more crucial consideration is a  
260 safety issue related to the residents backing out onto the street, children that traverse that street  
261 in a variety of ways including to and from the school, the area park, the library, etc., including the  
262 children having to use an unmanned crosswalk.

263 Trent Wentz asked Chief Hawkes about a four-way stop [at the intersection of 800 East and 2500  
264 North].

265 Chief Hawkes explained that he has been professionally informed that a stop sign should not be  
266 used to control speed, because what should drive the ability to put in a four-way stop will be the  
267 amount of traffic that comes from the east and west. He said there are roughly 3,000 vehicles  
268 that travel along 800 East on a daily basis, which is a fair amount of traffic; but is significantly less  
269 than the traffic flowing east and west. He said safety issues of not consistently obeying the stop  
270 signs occur out of frustration from drivers due to the opposing demands of the two road  
271 directions. He said it is preferable for a situation like the one at this intersection is to put in a  
272 traffic light in order to handle the traffic that occurs at the busiest times of day; which he said the  
273 state feels is not appropriate at this point for 800 East and 1800 North, for instance, when they  
274 came out to do a previous traffic study.

275 Trent Wentz asked if the white stripe painted on 800 East has helped.

276 Chief Hawkes said the stripe helps in several ways including helping vehicles maintain a center  
277 lane directive (i.e. away from the curb and off the shoulder) particularly for nighttime travel; as  
278 well as to give the impression that there is a narrower travel lane, which tends to lower speeds.  
279 He said the stripe has only been in place for approximately one week, so there is not solid  
280 information yet as to how effective it has been.

281 The City Council continued their discussion of the issues related to various speed limits. There  
282 was also discussion about lowering the speed limit to 35 mph through the residential area, and  
283 maintaining the 40 mph speed for sections that are not as residential. The general consensus  
284 was that that non-residential section was too small to warrant increasing the speed limit to 40  
285 mph just for that section; and was determined that it would be best to maintain a consistent 35  
286 mph speed limit for the entire length of the North Logan City portion of 800 East; which was also  
287 discussed as potentially encouraging Logan City to also lower their speed limit, particularly near  
288 the USU campus. The City Council also discussed the possibility of raising the speed from 25  
289 mph in some other locations within the city to a speed limit more appropriate for those areas.

290 Kim Hawkes mentioned the instances where elementary schools have been built on roads  
291 designed for travel at a higher rate of speed, and that the city should review those situations  
292 carefully before placing elementary schools, or homes with residential access, on roads that the  
293 city wants to use as collectors or for major traffic flow.

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295 *Trent Wentz made a motion to reduce the speed limited along 800 East from 40 mph to 30 mph,*  
296 *except for the section from 1800 North to the North Logan City boundary to the south which will*  
297 *be 35 mph; as well as for the city to identify other roads within the city that may need to be*  
298 *increased or decreased. Steve Soulier seconded the motion.*

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300 The City Council further debated the issues of whether or not to keep the speed consistent  
301 throughout the North Logan City portion of 800 East, or to have two speed limits, per the motion.

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303 *A vote was called and the motion failed with two in favor (Scott Galbraith and Trent Wentz) and*  
304 *three opposed (Steve Soulier, Elaine Nelson and Mayor Watkins).*

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306 *Steve Soulier made a motion to reduce the speed limited along 800 East from 40 mph to 30 mph;*  
307 *as well as for the city to identify other roads within the city that may need to be increased or*  
308 *decreased. Elaine Nelson seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed with*  
309 *three in favor (Steve Soulier, Elaine Nelson and Mayor Watkins) and two opposed (Trent Wentz*  
310 *and Scott Galbraith).*

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312 Discuss and consider alternative designs for "Welcome to North Logan" sign for south end of the  
313 city at Wal-Mart.

314 The City Council discussed the various design options for the sign. Trent Wentz said he definitely  
315 does not want "The Best Place to Call Home" included on the sign. The City Council agreed to  
316 include verbiage stating "Settled in 1884" on the sign. The City Council also agreed to use the  
317 "Broadview" font.

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319 Discuss City's Emergency Response Plan and lessons learned from the Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> disaster  
320 response exercise.

321 Jeff Jorgensen went over the details of the exercise, as well as the four major objectives  
322 proposed for the event. He further described which incidents the various departments were  
323 responsible for; and how staff and equipment were physically delegated to manage those events.  
324 He explained the computer system that was tested and will be employed during an actual  
325 emergency which will be used to track events from when an incident is first reported, to the point  
326 of its conclusion. He described the calling tree that was utilized to contact the citizens of the  
327 community city-wide, as well as the outcome of that process. He explained that one of the  
328 situations during the exercise was a mock power outage which was used to prompt the city to test  
329 all of the city's generators and back-up power facilities to determine whether they were all

330 functioning properly and sufficiently.

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332 Discuss city policy regarding accrual of sick leave and vacation time for employees while they are  
333 receiving workers compensation benefits.

334 Jeff Jorgensen said the issue is that when someone is on worker's comp leave, the city's policy is  
335 silent on whether they continue to accrue sick leave and annual leave. Jeff Jorgensen mentioned  
336 the information that he gave to the City Council members describing other cities' policies on this.  
337 He said it is really up to our city as to what we do, but with the City Council's input he will put a  
338 resolution together that will specify a policy for our city. Per a question from Elaine Nelson, Jeff  
339 Jorgensen explained that Utah state law states that individual cities can decide on their own what  
340 to do. Elaine asked Jeff what he recommended, and he said he felt that employees should be  
341 able to continue to accrue leave; and explained that the question came up particularly for  
342 extended periods of leave. Trent Wentz said he felt that there should be a cap on the time and  
343 that the city should not be held liable for an indefinite period of time. Steve Soulier said he leans  
344 towards being in favor of the city having something similar to Smithfield City's policy.

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346 The City Council members agreed that the employee can accrue up to one month of leave while  
347 on worker's comp; and that it cannot be used until they have been employed for a full six months.  
348 Jeff asked if that meant that even though an employee may have been with the city for fifteen  
349 years and already has 200 hours of accrued leave and go on worker's comp; that they then do  
350 not receive any additional leave. The City Council discussed this as well as what the cap is  
351 currently for accrued leave; and Jeff Jorgensen agreed to clarify this as well as some of the other  
352 discussed points and to put a resolution together to bring back to the City Council.

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#### 354 **Reports from city officers, boards, and committees**

355 Jeff Jorgensen referred to the hand-out he gave to the City Council members regarding some  
356 purchases the city wants to make, which are all items within the budget. He mentioned the GPS  
357 unit and said \$15K was budgeted to come out of the Water Dept. and \$15K out of the Sewer  
358 Dept. for a total of \$30K. He said the actual unit they are bidding on will cost \$7K less than that.  
359 He referred to \$20K set aside in the budget for a storm water Master Plan survey, as well as  
360 \$36K set aside for design costs for the sewer mains around the City Center area; for a total of  
361 \$56K. He said it was recommended to the city by Sunrise Engineering that for a bit more money,  
362 the city could have a better survey done for the whole city which will be so accurate that it will  
363 help the city with *all* of its design projects, including the sewer projects. Jeff Jorgensen said he  
364 recommends that they use all of the storm water money, some of the design funds and the \$7K  
365 leftover from the GPS unit to cover the costs for the more inclusive survey from Sunrise  
366 Engineering. He also said he would like to do move forward with this quickly, and do it when all  
367 of the leaves are off of the trees; which is the best time to do the aerial photography.

368 The City Council agreed to have Jeff Jorgensen move forward with this.

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370 Trent Wentz mentioned one spot in the Johnson Park subdivision where a sidewalk still needs to  
371 be repaired (he said it is located on the north side of the street, approximately the second house  
372 up). He also mentioned some information he obtained at the League of Cities and Towns;  
373 including an item stating that South Jordan is proposing an annual tax adjustment; which  
374 information he gave to Jeff Jorgensen. He also mentioned material he gathered regarding  
375 eminent domain which he gave also gave to Jeff.

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377 Steve Soulier mentioned the departure of North Logan Library Director Sue Randleman and what  
378 an amazing job he felt she had done for this library. He also mentioned the positive meeting he  
379 had with the Library Board regarding setting priorities for the library, and would like to receive the  
380 City Council's opinions on what are some of the most important items to consider, and to give that  
381 information to the Library Board. He said he would like to recommend to the City Council that  
382 they consider having an interim director for a few months to give the city more time to find  
383 someone well qualified, and to ensure that the process does not occur too quickly. The City  
384 Council agreed that was a good idea.

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Mayor Watkins mentioned the storm water study and said the city would be receiving a proposal from USU with the help of Al Moser and Issa Hamud, which will be from an expert who is going to put together a study on stormwater issues and how to manage it in this whole area, including Logan, Smithfield, Hyde Park, North Logan and the solid waste representatives. He said it will be a very inclusive study costing roughly \$55K, with North Logan City participating and contributing \$15K towards the cost of that study; and said he would like the City Council to consider allowing those funds to be used. He said there will be more information forthcoming at a later date.

Executive (closed) session to discuss the purchase of land on behalf of the city.  
*Trent Wentz made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and move into Executive (Closed) Session. Steve Soulier seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously. This occurred at 9:27 p.m.*

Minutes for this under separate cover.

*Scott Galbraith made a motion to close the Executive (Closed) Session meeting and move back into the regular City Council meeting. Trent Wentz seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Steve Soulier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Galbraith seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at: 10:14 p.m.

Approved by City Council: October 18, 2007

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