

56 Elaine Nelson asked about the Energy Sales and Use Tax that Al Moser had previously
57 discussed possibly cutting out. The City Council discussed the pros and cons of eliminating this
58 tax.

59 The City Council continued to discuss the various points in the report.

60 The City Council discussed selling off used police vehicles.

61 Jeff Jorgensen mentioned that they have hired an Engineering Tech / GIS Specialist who will
62 begin February 1, 2008.

63 Mayor Watkins discussed the cemetery dedication on July 24th, and the stone sign that could be
64 made for the site, and asked if there would need to be a revision to the budget for these costs;
65 and Jeff Jorgensen said that there would need to be, and that it would be beneficial to take care
66 of that soon.

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68 Presentation on Healthy Community Award

69 Allen Grunig, from Bear River Health Department, gave a presentation regarding obesity, and a
70 program put together by the State of Utah, designed to help communities become "healthy
71 communities". He further explained the details of the program and said he would like the City of
72 North Logan to become involved.

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74 Budget workshop

75 Elaine Nelson referred to budget 2008 Revision 1 dated August 8, 2007 in regard to line item
76 named "Professionally and Technical Services (Consulting) City Center", and quoted the
77 comment portion of said item which states, "The specific consulting work to be done with these
78 funds will only be done with express approval by City Council. Much of this will be reimbursable
79 through RDA/EDA/CDA funds." Elaine Nelson asked for clarification as to why Strategy 5, Ernie
80 Bleinberger as Principal, was paid \$14,863.00 and \$17,010.00 without express city council
81 approval. Elaine further asked the city administrator (Jeff Jorgensen) why the current budget
82 2008 Revision 2 had this comment section removed. She said she is concerned about the fees
83 not being approved by the City Council. Jeff Jorgensen explained that there have been
84 continuing discussions with the city council about the steps being taken and the progress they
85 were making; but agreed that there were not specific discussions regarding the cost breakdown
86 for the specific services Mr. Bleinberger had been providing.

87 Kevin Dustin asked if she is suggesting that every time we make a payment to someone, it will
88 have to go before the City Council; or can it not just be processed, as long as it is within the
89 budget. Lloyd Berentzen explained that there was a request that with this particular issue, there
90 was going to be some specificity with this item.

91 Jeff Jorgensen said that while everything needs to be clear with how things are proceeding, the
92 work that has been done for this project should ultimately come out of the CDA. Jeff agreed that
93 this needs to be revisited to get it back on track with what the council wanted to have happen.

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95 *Elaine Nelson made a motion that we do not spend any more funds on this specific line item*
96 *unless there is further review by the City Council.*

97 Elaine Nelson said she is very concerned about the funds being appropriated without the City
98 Council's consent, and said she wonders if this is in fact a legal issue.

99 Lloyd Berentzen asked if this has occurred in order to allow the process to move forward more
100 readily and asked if Mayor Watkins had been the person having the main dialogues and
101 negotiations. Mayor Watkins said that was correct.

102 Lloyd Berentzen said he also remembers discussion about the ability of Ernie Bleinberger's skills.
103 Mayor Watkins said that Ernie's technical skills are without question, and that Ernie has done a
104 great deal more work compared to what he has actually been paid.

105 Jeff Jorgensen suggested preparing a specific report detailing the monies spent and the services
106 rendered for the City Council's review, and to include this on the agenda for discussion at the
107 next meeting.

108 Steve Soulier said he'd rather look at that report before making any decisions to make a blanket

109 motion to not spend any more money on this. He said now would be the time to review what has
110 been spent, and decide what should be approved or not, according to what still needs to be done.

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112 *Lloyd Berentzen seconded the motion.*

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114 Lloyd Berentzen said we need to allow the administration to have a certain amount of latitude in
115 order to get things done; but also that the reviews proceed as previously requested.

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117 *A vote was called and the motion passed with three in favor: Kevin Dustin, Lloyd Berentzen and*
118 *Elaine Nelson; and one opposed: Steve Soulier.*

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120 Lloyd Berentzen said he feels that the City Council needs to get to the point where there is a
121 separation between the City Council being a 'legislative body', vs. depending on the
122 administrative arm of the Mayor and the city administration; and to ensure that things are taking
123 place the way the City Council has intended through their legislative powers. He said he does not
124 want to be in the position of having to constantly review line items at the City Council meetings.
125 He said he understands that there may need to be questions asked on some items; but that there
126 needs to be recognition that the administration is intending to do their best, and to trust that the
127 administration is going to do a very good job with various issues.

128 Jeff Jorgensen reviewed and discussed preliminary, noteworthy changes and information within
129 the draft for next year's budget; and how it relates to the current budget, with the City Council and
130 two members of the Budget Committee, Brent Nyman and Eric Hansen.

131 Jeff Jorgensen said there will potentially be a proposed budget revision ready to be passed on
132 Feb. 6th; which will include a public hearing.

133 The City Council, et al, discussed having a regular meeting schedule for the budget committee
134 and determined when the meetings would take place.

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

137 Jeff Jorgensen mentioned that the City Managers Association is offering a "mini-league" training
138 on the evening of Tuesday, March 4th in Hyrum, to discuss various city issues with city council
139 members, city mayors, public works employees, city planners, etc. Jeff said he will give them a
140 schedule for it when it becomes available.

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142 Steve Soulier asked about shut-offs, and said it seems to be an on-going problem. He said that
143 the policy needs to be reviewed again and look at what the problem really is.

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145 Steve Soulier also said he would like to have a better speaker system in the library to allow
146 attendees to more ably hear the meeting. Jeff Jorgensen said he has been told that the main
147 issue is improper microphones, and said he will have someone look into it.

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149 Steve Soulier said on the prior evening, the library board voted to replace the director and to hire
150 someone with the title of "librarian", rather than a new "assistant director". He said he will discuss
151 the salary with Jeff Jorgensen at a later time. He said they are no longer considering hiring a
152 part-time person to handle various library programs. He said they have chosen not to advertise
153 the position for the librarian other than in-house.

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155 Kevin Dustin asked if the city has a policy on advertising open positions, and Jeff Jorgensen
156 explained that they do not, and described how the advertising is typically handled, depending on
157 the position.

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159 Kevin Dustin asked if there was a way that he could receive more of the paperwork he gets from
160 the city office via e-mail attachments.

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162 *Steve Soulier made a motion to close the regular meeting in order to go into closed session.*
163 *Elaine Nelson seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.*
164 *This occurred at 8:15 p.m.*

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166 Executive session (Closed) to consider the acquisition of real property.
167 Minutes for this are written under separate cover.

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169 *Steve Soulier made a motion to close the executive session and move back into the regular*
170 *meeting. Kevin Dustin seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed*
171 *unanimously. This occurred at 8:23 p.m.*

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173 Steve Soulier mentioned the development of the 'Ripplinger' lot, and said that we need to make
174 sure that the water [rights] that are with that land, stay with that land.

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176 *Steve Soulier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lloyd Berentzen seconded the motion.*
177 *A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

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180 The meeting adjourned at: 8:24

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183 Approved by City Council: February 6, 2008

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186 Transcribed by Marie Wilhelm

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188 Recorded by _____
189 Jeff Jorgensen/City Recorder
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