

55 Hawkes has been in discussions with him. Jeff Jorgensen asked Sgt. Italdasano to ask Chief
56 Hawkes to give a summary of the situation to the City Council.
57 Lloyd Berentzen also asked Jeff to provide a summary on the status of nuisance issues on the
58 Lauritzen property resulting from the clean up of the Canyon Gates subdivision area.
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60 **New Business**

61 **Public Input Forum**

62 Keith Larson, the Emergency Services Director for Bear River Health Department, said that the
63 health department is very concerned about doing anything that will help prevent the spread of any
64 disease that may affect the community in a very bad way. He discussed the potential for a
65 pandemic with the bird flu and presented various statistics; and further explained that the Utah
66 Department of Health has a contract with the Federal government to purchase Tamiflu at
67 discounted rates for use by municipalities. The Bear River Health Department would store the
68 medicine and distribute it to emergency essential personnel in local cities in the event of a
69 declared flu pandemic. He discussed the costs and process of distribution, and further explained
70 the dosage and the course of treatment considered to be the most effective. The council
71 discussed that since this medicine would primarily be for emergency essential personnel,
72 someone would have to identify those types of positions in the city. The City Council was in
73 possession of a letter including information about this, and Mr. Larsen noted the letter said the
74 deadline for North Logan to purchase Tamiflu was February 29, 2008; but that the absolute, last
75 deadline is the end of May which will allow the city some time to make a decision.
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77 **6:45 Public Hearing to receive public input on proposed revisions to the city's Annexation Policy** 78 **Plan.**

79 Jeff Jorgensen presented the plan and displayed an overhead orienting those in attendance to
80 the various areas being considered for annexation, and further detailed those areas. He
81 explained that this is a change to the general plan. He continued to explain the process, and the
82 discussions that took place with various parties in relation to their interest in whether or not to
83 annex into the city.
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85 *Mayor Watkins opened the public hearing at 7:00 pm*

86 *Mayor Watkins closed the public hearing at 7:00 pm as there were no public comments*
87 *forthcoming.*
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89 **Consider for adoption a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$1,300,000** 90 **aggregate principal amount of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2008, of North Logan** 91 **City, Utah; and related matters. This is a refinancing of the existing bonds for the library building.**

92 Dave Miner, a Financial Advisor with Municipal Bond Consulting, explained the details of the re-
93 finance, and the benefits of adopting the resolution, specifically in relation to what would be saved
94 due to the new, lower interest rate. He said the city is required to post a notice intending that they
95 are going to do this; and that the public would then have 30 days for which to respond and file
96 any objections; after which they are barred from raising any claim. He further described the
97 process and said the full realization of the savings is experienced in the final two years of the
98 bond. Per questions from Elaine Nelson and Lloyd Berentzen, Steve Soulier explained that the
99 library will not be able to obtain the benefit of those savings until the end of the eighth year; and it
100 was also explained that what occurs with the money will ultimately be decided upon by the City
101 Council.

102 Steve Soulier mentioned that the Library Board was invited to the meeting in order to hear Mr.
103 Miner's presentation and asked the Mayor's permission to allow them to ask Mr. Miner any
104 questions or express any comments. A brief discussion of comments and questions for
105 clarification took place. The Library Board stated their support of this resolution.

106 Jeff Jorgensen discussed the current financial situation and details of the library's budget and
107 financial status; and said this is a savings to the city, not just to the library.
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109 *Kevin Dustin made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more*

110 *than \$1,300,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2008,*
111 *of North Logan City, Utah, for the purpose of refinancing the existing bonds for the North Logan*
112 *Library. Al Moser seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.*
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114 Discuss a variety of issues relating to possible budget changes including but not limited to:

- 115 - How to proceed with funding of economic development initiatives including covering
116 the costs of work already done and budgeting for technical support for the rest of the
117 fiscal year.
- 118 - The replacement of the City's Deputy Recorder upon his retirement.
- 119 - Ideas to provide for assistance in weed control enforcement – may include hiring an
120 intern.
- 121 - Possible budget changes for the library fund relative to different staffing scenarios.
- 122 - Increased funds needed for snow removal operations.
- 123 - Other line-item accounts that are over spent or nearly so - as needed.

124 Jeff Jorgensen explained the issue of health benefits and explained the conversation he had
125 regarding this, with other local city administrators. He said that Utah Local Government's Trust
126 and PEHP are being separated; and further discussed what that will mean, and how North Logan
127 City can manage their health care issues; and further explained that Utah Local Government's
128 Trust is going to serve its members by acting like an insurance broker and help cities find the
129 most cost and benefit effective plan. Per a question from Steve Soulier, Jeff explained that the
130 plan will be based on the city's health history, rather than the city's size.

131 Jeff Jorgensen and the City Council discussed the replacement of Tom Northenor, and the
132 possibility of hiring someone in the "interim" to overlap his position until he retires, in order to best
133 learn his job. The City Council discussed this at length, and how best to proceed. Per a
134 comment from Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff agreed that due to the nature of the position, it would be
135 beneficial to have someone come in during certain times when there are more complicated job
136 requirements occurring. The City Council generally agreed that having the previously discussed
137 seven month overlap is too long a time period. Kevin Dustin discussed the possibility of hiring
138 someone closer to the retirement date and contracting Tom back as a consultant to aid the new
139 person during certain times of the year that require more training, such as when the audit takes
140 place. Jeff also discussed the possibility of restructuring Tom's position by replacing him with an
141 accounts payable clerk and a city recorder and including within the new recorder's job
142 requirements, some of Jeff's duties as the City Recorder.

143 Jeff Jorgensen and the City Council discussed weed control; and Jeff said that Kim Arnell
144 expressed an interest in possibly including this as part of his regular job assignment. Per a
145 question from Steve Soulier regarding what the job entails; Jeff said it includes identifying
146 problem areas within the city, writing letters to property owners; and further, if necessary, sending
147 this information to the county to have them spray the offending properties for weeds. The new
148 person would also be responsible for charging the errant land owners for these services. Steve
149 Soulier asked if something could be done to manage this in conjunction and compliance with
150 other local cities within the county. The City Council agreed to discuss this further at a later date.

151 Steve Soulier mentioned the response received when the position for Library Director was
152 opened up wider for applications. He further discussed how the Library will proceed in filling the
153 position, and also mentioned that it will mean a savings to the budget. He also explained the
154 need for the Library to acquire a new computer system for cataloguing and for searching; as the
155 Athena system that the Library currently uses is quite antiquated, and not very effective.

156 Jeff Jorgensen discussed the various expenditures the city has experienced for snow removal
157 and salt requirements, and that it is suggested that the annual allowance be raised from \$24K to
158 \$45K in order cover the reality of the costs. He said this amount would also cover the additional
159 costs associated with the snow removal for overtime and staffing.

160 Jeff further continued to discuss other assorted costs and expenditures for various line items.

161 Mayor Watkins said that at this point, Strategy 5 is not in need of any additional funds; as Ernie
162 Bleinberger has not done additional work at this point. Mayor said the city is currently awaiting
163 response from the potential hotel client.

164 Jeff Jorgensen further discussed the costs associated with economic development; particularly
165 Strategy 5; and the City Council discussed how to proceed with the deal and the negotiations;
166 and the importance of doing so cautiously. The City Council expressed their various concerns in
167 relation to Strategy 5. The City Council agreed that \$6K (\$1K per month for the rest of the year)
168 plus enough funds to cover the IFP (invitation for proposals) being sent out is a reasonable
169 amount to continue with the deal for the rest of the year.

170 Jeff Jorgensen reviewed the document regarding the potential changes to the fee for business
171 licenses with the City Council; and discussed the various associated costs and the reasoning
172 behind the changes; which includes guidance from the Utah League of Cities and Towns. Jeff
173 said this is not a money maker for the city and discussed the ramifications of making the costs too
174 high without appropriate justification. The City Council discussed with Fire Chief Jon Keller what
175 inspections actually entail. The City Council continued to discuss the costs, as well as how they
176 relate to other cities in the area; and Mayor Watkins said he was concerned that ours would end
177 up being the highest in the valley. The City Council asked Jeff to bring back a list comparing
178 other cities' fees to what North Logan's were. The City Council agreed to review that information
179 and made a decision at that time.

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

182 Mayor Watkins mentioned a bill that the legislators in Salt Lake City are trying to pass which
183 would make mandatory the publishing of the minutes [from City Council and Planning
184 Commission meetings] within fourteen days, and that simply having the tape of those meetings
185 available will not suffice. He said he feels that this bill is likely to pass and we will have to do our
186 best to ensure the minutes are done expeditiously.

187 Per a question from Steve Soulier regarding the status of the water issue; Mayor Watkins said
188 that it seems a decision will be made shortly, and that the Utah league is supporting the last
189 amendment, which he said essentially limits the right of the engineer to make any
190 unchallengeable decisions on anything; and also that it will also define non-use provisions; and
191 will give the cities some protection in being able to get water rights and hold them without losing
192 them.

193 Mayor Watkins also mentioned that he met with members of the County Council that afternoon,
194 and the discussion was raised regarding the level of interest in the county-wide library system
195 that has been recently discussed. He discussed his comments he gave at the meeting, and
196 continued to discuss this further with the City Council. The City Council agreed that it would be
197 wise to be open to discussions on this matter, and open to seeing if there were possible benefits
198 to North Logan participating in a count-wide library system.

199 Per a question from Lloyd Berentzen, Mayor mentioned his discussion with Logan City regarding
200 potentially "straightening out" North Logan City's west border along Main Street, including with it
201 200 West; which could mean a potential gain of some Main Street frontage for North Logan City.
202 He said the details are yet to be determined or worked out; but that there could be some potential
203 benefit in having the City of Logan and North Logan City share a common roadway at 200 West.

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205 **Executive session (closed) to discuss the purchase of real property and pending litigation.**

206 *Steve Soulier made a motion to move into closed session in order to discuss pending litigation.*
207 *Al Moser seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously. This*
208 *occurred at 8:39 pm.*

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210 Minutes for this meeting written under separate cover.

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212 *Steve Soulier made a motion to adjourn the executive session and move back into the regular*
213 *City Council meeting. Al Moser seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed*
214 *unanimously.*

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217 *Lloyd Berentzen made a motion to adjourn. Steve Soulier seconded the motion. A vote was*
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The meeting adjourned at: 8:45pm

Approved by City Council:

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Jeff Jorgensen/City Recorder