

1 **Minutes of the North Logan City**  
 2 **City Council**  
 3 **Held on January 6, 2010**  
 4 **At the North Logan City Library, North Logan, Utah**

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6 The meeting was called to order by Mayor Berentzen at 6:00 p.m.

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8 Council members present were: Al Moser, Kevin Dustin, Nancy Potter, and John Bailey.

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10 Others present were: Jeff Jorgensen, Scott Bennett, and Kim Weis.

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12 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Dustin.

13 An invocation was given by Al Moser.

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15 John Bailey asked what kind of efforts were being made to solicit groups to assist in the Opening  
16 Ceremony. Mayor Berentzen stated that the process could be added to the newsletter.

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18 **Adoption of Agenda**

19 *Kevin Dustin made a motion to adopt the agenda. Al Moser seconded the motion. A vote was*  
20 *called and the motion passed unanimously with Al Moser, Kevin Dustin, Nancy Potter, and John*  
21 *Bailey voting in favor.*

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23 **Approval and Follow-up of Minutes for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 City Council Meeting.**

24 *Al Moser made a motion to approve the minutes for the City Council Meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>,*  
25 *2009. Kevin Dustin seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed*  
26 *unanimously with Al Moser, Kevin Dustin, Nancy Potter, and John Bailey voting in favor.*

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28 **Approval and Follow-up of Minutes for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 City Council Executive**  
29 **Session.**

30 *Al Moser made a motion to approve the minutes for the City Council Meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>,*  
31 *2009. John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously*  
32 *with Al Moser, Kevin Dustin, Nancy Potter, and John Bailey voting in favor.*

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34 **Follow-up**

35 None at this time.

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37 **Review of Action Items**

38 Jeff Jorgensen spoke regarding the new ordinances and revisions, specifically the draft ordinance  
39 for Accessory Dwelling Units. The Planning Commission will be looking at it tomorrow night and  
40 a public hearing will be held in February.

41 The annexation was approved by Lieutenant Governor before the end of the year. Nate and  
42 Andy's Quality Auto Sales is now a part of North Logan and the city will be receiving taxes from  
43 this business.

44 Jeff is still working with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Wasatch Properties  
45 for the right-of-way acquisition at 200 East. So far he has received mostly affirmative responses.

46 The storm water and canals meeting for tomorrow night has been moved to 6:30 pm.

47 Sunrise Engineering has completed the sewer calibration and the City is waiting for the report.

48 There were questions on how far back the City is going to recoup overcharges by Logan City.

49 Jeff stated that it should go back to the point the charges were first disputed.

50 John Bailey asked about the ramp for the green waste bins. Jeff explained that Providence is  
51 being used as an example and by building these ramps it will allow residents to dump into the  
52 bins with minimal effort.

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57 **New Business** #1

58 Open Public Input Forum (Citizens are invited to schedule one of two five-minute times through  
59 the City Recorder).

60 None.

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62 Consider the appointment of an individual to fill a vacancy on the city council. If requested by a  
63 council member, this agenda item may include an executive session (closed) for the council to  
64 discuss the character and professional competence of an individual.

65 Mayor Berentzen reported that he received applications from nine individuals. He expressed his  
66 thankfulness for people willing to serve. Kevin Dustin agreed with the Mayor on the quality of the  
67 applicants.

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69 *Kevin Dustin nominated Allen Kartchner to fill the vacant Council seat for a two year period.*  
70 *Nancy Potter seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with*  
71 *Al Moser, Kevin Dustin, Nancy Potter, and John Bailey voting in favor.*

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73 Consider Resolution 10-01 establishing day, time, and place for city council meetings for 2010.  
74 *Al Moser made a motion to change the meeting time to 6:30 pm. Kevin Dustin seconded the*  
75 *motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Al Moser, Kevin Dustin,*  
76 *Nancy Potter, and John Bailey voting in favor.*

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78 Consider Resolution 10-02 appointing the city recorder and city treasurer.

79 *Nancy Potter made a motion to adopt resolution 10-02 re-appointing the city recorder and city*  
80 *treasurer. John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed*  
81 *unanimously with Al Moser, Kevin Dustin, Nancy Potter, and John Bailey voting in favor.*

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83 Discuss goals and upcoming important issues for the new year.

84 Jeff Jorgensen discussed the different goals and upcoming issues for the new year.

85 The agreement associated with the Thorne Endowment allowing Hyde Park to use North Logan's  
86 library ends in about 18 months, in June of 2011. The Thorne Endowment allowed usage of  
87 North Logan's library for a period of 10 years. After that, Hyde Park was to have something in the  
88 works for their own library or to negotiate with North Logan to continue to use their library. Jeff  
89 was seeking direction on where to go with the expiration of the agreement. Mayor Berentzen has  
90 spoken with Marcia Cheney and she would like to keep the relationship with Hyde Park due to  
91 amount of people (2,000 of the 8,000 library memberships are from Hyde Park) who use the  
92 library. Kevin Dustin recommended contacting Hyde Park's Mayor, Mayor Cox to see if there is  
93 enough interest to continue the relationship. There were a myriad of ideas on how to continue  
94 the relationship: assessing fees through a Library District to collecting fees that is an average per  
95 person that is not less than what North Logan's citizens pay. Mayor Berentzen reminded the  
96 Council that a county-wide library system may influence the final outcome. He also mentioned  
97 that Logan City is charging \$160 per individual for a library card for non-residents. Jeff talked  
98 about Nibley and how they pay the charges if their residents want to use the Hyrum City Library.  
99 It was advised that the Mayor meet face to face with Hyde Park's Mayor and to give him a formal  
100 letter that may be used as a vehicle to get onto their agenda for discussions to begin.

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102 Scott Bennett swore in Allen Kartchner as City Council member.

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104 Jeff talked about the boundary changes between North Logan and Logan City that he has been  
105 working on for the past 15 years. Although there have been some changes there really has not

106 been much resolution over the years. Over the years there have been some confusion on  
107 emergency calls and which city is to respond, especially in areas west of Main Street. There has  
108 also been confusion on which city will receive sales taxes from the businesses. He has been  
109 meeting with Logan City and no concrete resolutions have come forth. An idea has been to circle  
110 an area on the map that both entities agree to share the tax revenue. That will help with future  
111 businesses wanting to come into the area so that they will only have to deal with one entity. Jeff  
112 was seeking direction on how much energy to expend on this issue. Kevin Dustin asked if Logan  
113 City has an issue with the boundaries and Jeff responded that Logan does because there are  
114 some areas they want to develop but North Logan has the frontage on Main Street. Al Moser and  
115 John Bailey stated that they like the idea of sharing taxes and that is where the emphasis should  
116 be instead of focusing on the boundaries. Mayor Berentzen stated that an agreement would help  
117 with the jigsaw border problems the Cities currently have. Allen Kartchner asked if there were  
118 utilities issues and Jeff stated that North Logan provides utility services to some properties even  
119 though they do not collect taxes there.

120 Jeff discussed the new city offices and police station building. The architect has drawn up some  
121 preliminary plans. Funding is not available at this time, but the City may want to look into a bond  
122 in a couple of years. Jeff was seeking direction if this is something the Council wants him to keep  
123 pursuing. John Bailey stated that this should be pursued as a long-term project in case the  
124 economics change. Nancy Potter expressed safety concerns with locating a police station so  
125 close to the library and school where children are. Would the police department keep to 10 mph  
126 on an emergency call? Jeff stated that the police station could be located in the city center. It  
127 was initially planned to be located next to the library but that is not set in concrete. Al Moser  
128 agrees with that this issue needs to be talked about since the police are in more need of a new  
129 building. Allen Kartchner agrees that relocating the police is a higher priority than relocating  
130 administration. Mayor Berentzen has talked with Chief Hawkes to explore options of existing  
131 buildings and they have found that there are not a lot of places that would fit the specific needs of  
132 a police department. There was consensus to move forward with the project. Jeff Jorgensen  
133 talked about the different bonds and stated that it would be best to go after a bond that everyone  
134 votes for so they have a say in the matter.

135 Jeff talked about the energy sales and use tax and how the percent collected has decreased over  
136 the years. He was interested in finding out if the Council was interested in weaning completely off  
137 of it. Al Moser stated that it is important to gradually eliminate it. Nancy Potter asked there were  
138 specific projects that the taxes were needed for and Jeff stated that initially it was used on the  
139 cemetery since they were low on funds so property taxes did not increase. In order to have it  
140 take effect this next fiscal year the Council would need to approve it in April. Jeff believes it  
141 brings in about \$150,000 in revenue a year but will get the numbers. There was discussion on  
142 whether state law allowed it, has the North Logan thought it through thoroughly and are other  
143 cities collecting this tax? If the City eliminates this tax it would be unprecedented for a  
144 government entity to eliminate a tax, Allen stated that the residents should know that there has  
145 been a reduction. There are lots of unfunded needs in the capital projects area that this tax could  
146 help. There were concerns expressed that this tax did not go before the public for a public  
147 hearing and that it may be best to seek citizen input.

148 Jeff discussed the formation of a cemetery district. There had been talks before about forming  
149 one but the City did not have a cemetery built at that time. Jeff will bring more information to the  
150 Council at the next meeting. A question was raised about changing the boundary to remove  
151 North Logan's residents from Hyde Park's cemetery district as nearly 20% are paying into their  
152 system. There was consensus for Jeff to pursue it. Nancy said that misinformation had  
153 previously been given out about the City's abilities to put a cemetery together, but now that there  
154 is a cemetery, the City should be able to dispel all that was said.

155 The various types of budget reports were discussed. Al Moser said he wants to continue to  
156 receive the spreadsheets. The council also agreed that the narrative version of the budget is  
157 helpful and should be continued. Jeff stated that each department head comes before the  
158 Council and discusses their department's budget. Mayor Berentzen talked with Scott Bennett  
159 and told him it would be helpful for the council to be educated on how to read his reports.

160 Jeff discussed the storm water issues, especially with the two upper canals. The thrust of the

161 pressing issue it to make some major improvements to the upper canal so that it initially can carry  
162 enough water for both canals. The City may need to increase storm water fees to pay the city's  
163 share of the improvements to the canals because of the part the canals play in storm water  
164 removal.

165 Jeff discussed the construction of 3100 North from Main to 1600 East and North Logan  
166 cooperating with Hyde Park to get some funds. There had also been talks in the past to buy  
167 some rights-of-way for future construction of 2500 North from 1250 to 1600 East. He asked the  
168 Council if there still was interest in these projects. He also stated that the road at Elk Ridge on  
169 the west side was narrow and needed to be widened.

170 The last item Jeff brought up was the issue the past mayor, Mayor Cary Watkins was working on  
171 and that was to get public works shops out of the residential area.

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173 Reports from city officers, boards, and committees.

174 Al Moser challenged the Mayor to bring some proposals to the Council in order to have council  
175 members assigned to various committees and advisory boards in the city as had been previously  
176 done.

177 John Bailey asked about the procedure to get items listed on the agenda. Jeff explained that the  
178 agenda is put together by the City Recorder and the City Administrator and approved by the  
179 Mayor. If the council members had a specific item they wanted to be listed on the agenda they  
180 should bring it up during the council meetings prior. If citizens wanted things on an agenda they  
181 should be encouraged to get someone on the council to sponsor their being on the agenda. Jeff  
182 stated that emergency additions to an agenda can be done within 24 hours of a meeting.

183 Mayor Berentzen stated that he has a staff meeting every two weeks with department heads and  
184 welcomed city council members to attend if they wanted. Nancy Potter asked about protocol for  
185 citizens expressing complaints to her personally. The consensus was to have the citizen put  
186 complaints in writing to be passed on to the rest of the Council and to not commit the council to  
187 anything.

188 Chief Hawkes stated that he had submitted a small grant to the State for creating a drug turn-  
189 back program. This would help curb prescription drug abuse and help with the proper disposal of  
190 expired drugs.

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192 The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

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194 Approved by City Council: February 3, 2010

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197 Transcribed by Kim Weis

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Scott Bennett/City Recorder