

1 **Minutes of the North Logan City**  
2 **City Council**  
3 **Held on June 2, 2010**  
4 **At the North Logan City Library, North Logan, Utah**  
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7 The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Lloyd Berentzen at 6:32 p.m.

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9 Council members present were: Allen Kartchner, Nancy Potter, Al Moser, Kevin Dustin and  
10 Mayor Lloyd Berentzen (John Bailey arrived later in the meeting - noted below).

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12 Others present were: Don Younker, Jean Hanks, Linda Keith, Cheryl Fullmer, Mike Homer, Keith  
13 Jones, Scott Gilgen, Denise Iverson, Michael Homer, Peggy Giles, Trisha Northcutt, Robinette H.  
14 Jensen, John Worley, Dean Bolton, Chief Jon Keller, Robert Wilhelm, Terra Platt, Steve Krebs,  
15 Lydia Embry, Marcia Cheney, Alan Luce, Chief Kim Hawkes, Cordell Batt, Jeff Jorgensen and  
16 Marie Wilhelm.

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18 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nancy Potter.  
19 An invocation was given by Allen Kartchner.

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21 **Adoption of Agenda**

22 *Nancy Potter made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Allen Kartchner seconded the*  
23 *motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Nancy Potter, Al Moser,*  
24 *Allen Kartchner, and Kevin Dustin voting in favor.*

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26 **Approval and Follow-up of Minutes for May 19, 2010 City Council Meeting**

27 Allen Kartchner noted that the adjournment time for the meeting had not been included.

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29 *Al Moser made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Nancy Potter seconded the*  
30 *motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Nancy Potter, Al Moser,*  
31 *Allen Kartchner, and Kevin Dustin in favor.*

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33 **Follow-up**

34 Nothing at this time.

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36 **Review of Action Items**

37 Allen Kartchner asked about the status of the Alley property. Mayor Berentzen explained, and  
38 also said there are some personal matters which are going to cause some changes in how that  
39 issue will be handled and he is working on it. He said the wood is now not going to be removed  
40 by June 6, as required by the court, and further described various issues regarding the current  
41 situation including the possibility of an appeal.

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43 **New Business**

44 **Presentation of funds from Thorne Endowment by its Board of Directors to the Friends of the**  
45 **North Logan Library.**

46 Terra Plat (sic?), Financial Manager for the Thorne Endowment presented a check for \$70,000 to  
47 the Friends of the Library to be used in the library's FY2011 budget. The City Council expressed  
48 their appreciation.

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50 **Consider a proposed ordinance amending Title 12C - LAND USE - ZONING, Section 12C-1001**  
51 **to add the land use "Heliport" as a conditional use "C(b)" in the Hospital (HOSP) Zone.** #1

52 *Al Moser made a motion to approve the ordinance. Kevin Dustin seconded the motion.*

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54 Nancy Potter said while she appreciates and respects the Cache Valley Specialty Hospital  
55 (CVSH), she expressed her concerns about the inclusion of a helipad and emergency services at  
56 the location. She said she has been involved in this issue for a long time, and further described  
57 the history of the situation; including stating that approval of the hospital was based on the

58 promise that CVSH stated they would not have emergency services at their facility. She referred  
59 to past City Council meetings in which many residents came to express their concern about the  
60 facility. She said she was concerned about allowing the hospital to continue to grow, and how  
61 that would be managed; and that the residents really need to know what is going to happen with  
62 this hospital, particularly those who live adjacent to it.

63 Al Moser said his interpretation was not that the approval was based on not having emergency  
64 services; but that they had simply not requested that at that time.

65 Kevin Dustin said he felt that this valley is going to continue to grow, and that there is going to be  
66 a great need for hospital and emergency services to grow along with that, in order to  
67 accommodate the needs of the community; and further stated that he would be voting in favor of  
68 this.

69 Allen Kartchner expressed his concerns about the flight path from the west to get to the hospital,  
70 and therefore traveling over Pioneer Valley Lodge; and Mayor Berentzen explained that those  
71 plans are based on FAA requirements and that the hospital has to work those out with them.  
72 Mayor Berentzen also suggested possibly directing ambulance services from the south, as  
73 opposed to traveling by the adjacent elementary school.

74 Mayor Berentzen discussed the level of service for the trauma unit at the CVSH and how it would  
75 compare to Logan Regional Hospital. CVSH CEO, John Worley and Mayor Berentzen further  
76 discussed the need to work out ambulance traffic issues and how emergency calls are routed to  
77 one hospital or another by being able to differentiate the level of need versus the level of service  
78 at the two hospitals.

79 *John Bailey came at this time, 6:55 p.m.*

80 The council discussed various issues further.

81 John Bailey discussed his concern about there being adequate communication to the public  
82 regarding this proposed ordinance. The council discussed this further, including discussing how  
83 much this actually *has* been noticed; and John Bailey stated that while a certain level of noticing  
84 may not be *required*, it is a matter of communication and having public support.

85 Jeff Jorgensen explained the situation; and also said that it is misleading to state that because  
86 200 citizens came to a City Council meeting to discuss this issue, that they were all against it;  
87 which he said was certainly not the case. He also said that the approval was not based on the  
88 hospital "never" having emergency services; and that that was not the intention. He said the idea  
89 of including emergency services there was simply described as "not at this time", and that there  
90 were discussions that the services to be offered at the hospital would change over time.

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92 *A vote was called and the motion passed with Kevin Dustin, Al Moser and Allen Kartchner voting*  
93 *in favor; and John Bailey and Nancy Potter voting against.*

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95 **6:45 Public Hearing to receive public input on proposed changes to the FY2010 municipal**  
96 **budget.** #2

97 **6:50 Public Hearing to receive public input on the proposed FY2011 municipal budget.** #2  
98 Jeff Jorgensen introduced the two budgets to be discussed and recommended that both budgets  
99 be discussed together and briefly explained the format. He reviewed some of the items within the  
100 budget.

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102 *Mayor Berentzen opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.*

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104 Keith Jones, treasurer of the Friends of the Library, explained how Del Loy Hansen wanted North  
105 Logan City to budget the initial amount of funds from the Thorne Endowment. He said the funds  
106 should be budgeted with the understanding that other funds could be made available for specific  
107 projects but the basic, promised \$70,000 should be used to cover ongoing costs for the library.

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109 Don Younker said he has concerns about there being enough funds to take care of noxious  
110 weeds, and be able to enforce what is in place.

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112 North Logan City resident Denise Iverson expressed her great concerns over the safety of 1600  
113 East (especially the section between 2700 to 3100 North), particularly for those who run and ride

114 bikes there; and further mentioned a recent incident where she was almost hit by a car. She said  
115 she wants to make sure this project, while shown as funded in the current budget (per information  
116 from the council), actually gets done in a timely manner.

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118 North Logan resident Michael Homer said he walks his dog frequently, and also expressed his  
119 concerns about the safety of 1600 East. He said he strongly encourages the City Council to  
120 approve this line item and have the road fixed. He asked when that might occur, and Jeff  
121 Jorgensen said approximately within a year.

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123 Lydia Embry complained about the budget not being on the City website in a timely fashion. She  
124 reviewed and reiterated written comments she had submitted previously to the North Logan City  
125 staff and the City Council. She referred to the Mayor's message in the City Newsletter about the  
126 sewer fund and how the sewer fees could only be used to pay for the needs of the sewer  
127 department. She added, why then, can the water fund be used in the FY 2011 budget to pay for  
128 the acquisition of land and for the construction of a new police station. She listed further  
129 questions, including asking where the Police Department building is going to be located and if  
130 Hyde Park was a possibility; whether the City will own land in the proposed City Center; and  
131 questions regarding the City Center and land exchanges, etc.

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133 *As there were no further public comments, Mayor Berentzen closed the public hearing at 7:26*  
134 *p.m.*

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136 Budget Workshop #2  
137 Al Moser commented on the Energy Sales and Use Tax and his feelings that it should be  
138 removed over time. He also said he would like to see more funds dedicated for use in the  
139 cemetery. He further suggested reviewing how many employees the City has, and determining  
140 whether more money can be made available to City employees for raises by reducing the number  
141 of employees.

142 John Bailey asked if North Logan City is unique compared to other cities in not having a 6%  
143 Energy Sales and Use Tax, which Jeff said was correct. John asked whether it would be wise to  
144 remove this tax completely at this point, in the absence of other revenue sources.

145 Mayor Berentzen discussed the process of the budget, as well as issues of health care and  
146 employee costs; and the work that goes into the process.

147 Jeff Jorgensen said that adding to the budget during the previous meeting a project to construct a  
148 Police Station greatly affected how the budget was to be drafted. He also discussed how the  
149 money from the water fund would be a loan, and would be managed as a loan. He further  
150 discussed upcoming projects and needs, and the potential issues regarding funding those items.

151 Al Moser said it is better to borrow from the water fund, but as Jeff said, the best way to pay it  
152 back must be considered.

153 Allen Kartchner said while it would be beneficial to reduce the Energy Sales and Use Tax; he said  
154 he felt that if that is reduced, something is going to have to be reduced somewhere else in the  
155 budget. He said with the increase of the sewer fees, it would be nice to be able to also reduce  
156 the burden of the Energy Sales and Use Tax on the citizens.

157 Per a question from John Bailey, Jeff Jorgensen explained that the problem North Logan had with  
158 being overcharged by Logan City for sewer treatment had nothing to do with the anticipated  
159 changes in the monthly sewer utility fee being considered.

160 The council continued to discuss various related items.

161 Nancy Potter said she had some questions regarding some costs within the budget, including  
162 \$100K allocated for travel for all of the City departments, and asked if some of this could be cut  
163 out. The council discussed this, including that a large portion of the travel is necessary for  
164 training and certification in various departments.

165 Jeff Jorgensen discussed various items with the council, including healthcare for the employees.

166 Per a question from Mayor Berentzen, Jeff said that June 21, 2010 is the deadline for approving  
167 the budget. The council discussed the process further.

168 Nancy Potter expressed her concerns about the cost of vehicles for the Police Department and

169 said she spoke to a high-ranking representative from the Sherriff's Department who gave her  
170 information that indicated that the North Park Police Department could possibly have lower cost  
171 police vehicles. Chief Hawkes discussed this and said that his figures were accurate for what the  
172 North Park Police Department needed to sufficiently deal with needs of the community. Mayor  
173 Berentzen said he discussed this with Chief Hawkes, and also said he had a similar conversation  
174 as Nancy's, with Logan City Police regarding the cost of police vehicles. He said his impression  
175 was that there was not as much of a difference in the cost of a car versus an SUV as the  
176 Sherriff's department was telling Nancy. He asked Nancy to get the information she had to Chief  
177 Hawkes.

178 Chief Hawkes said they are reviewing a different kind of all-wheel drive vehicle. He said he  
179 thought it would be hard to outfit a police car with the overheads and computers, etc. for the price  
180 Nancy had been quoted. Mayor Berentzen asked Chief Hawkes to follow up on this.

181 John Bailey said it seems that the City departments have done a good job holding the line,  
182 especially considering the state of the national economy. He said he does feel the budget can be  
183 difficult to interpret, and would particularly like to see department expenses and revenues listed  
184 on the same page. This was briefly discussed further.

185 The council discussed at length the various situations in which North Logan City and Hyde Park  
186 cooperate and Hyde Parks' financial participation, or lack thereof. It was stated that the  
187 "deadline" for their continuing to be able to use the library is July of 2011, and that a strategy  
188 needs to be determined for how to continue to include Hyde Park residents in the use of the  
189 library. John Bailey said "being good neighbors" with Hyde Park needs to cut both ways. Jeff  
190 mentioned that at the last City Council meeting that included the Hyde Park City Council, Hyde  
191 Park was supposed to come up with a plan, but had not done so yet. Mayor Berentzen also  
192 discussed his meeting with Jeff Jorgensen and Del Loy Hansen. Mayor Berentzen said that  
193 North Logan City can no longer "subsidize" Hyde Park, and that he will do what the City Council  
194 suggests he do. The council gave Mayor Berentzen the permission to give Hyde Park an August  
195 1, 2010 deadline by which they must submit a proposed plan outlining how Hyde Park should be  
196 allowed continued use of the library. The council also discussed including other services in this  
197 ultimatum, including the North Park Police Department, and the cemetery district. The council  
198 also discussed the Hyde Park Cemetery Board, and Jeff Jorgensen said that a suggestion to the  
199 Hyde Park Mayor should be to get North Logan residents on the cemetery board.

200 Chief Hawkes said the City would be dealing with an expensive process if North Logan were to  
201 "go it alone" with funding the police department. He said that arbitrarily cutting out police officers  
202 changes a level of service significantly; and that the City still needs this amount of coverage. He  
203 said there're thirty years of history where North Logan City has maintained a relationship with  
204 Hyde Park, and we need to move forward very carefully.

205 John Bailey said he felt that the library and the police are two very different issues. He said we  
206 should only address the library at this point; and cannot be so rash as to include potentially  
207 changing the relationship and situation with the police department in the same issue.

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209 **Reports from city officers, boards, and committees** #1

210 John Bailey and Nancy Potter discussed their desire to have a more in-depth conversation  
211 regarding the budget. The council discussed this further.

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213 Alan Luce discussed the costs for teachers (from the Cache Valley School District) to rent City  
214 park facilities, and how they have to come up with these funds out of their own pockets which is a  
215 burden to them. He also discussed the City's costs to rent Cedar Ridge Middle School for the  
216 Junior Jazz program. He said the recommendation is to drop all costs and to have an exchange  
217 of services with no costs to either entity. Alan and the council discussed working out a "trade"  
218 agreement with Cache County School District to allow them to reserve and use City facilities in  
219 exchange for the City being allowed to use Cedar Ridge, free of charges either way. Alan said  
220 North Logan City loses a bit in that exchange, but that it would be the best solution. Alan said he  
221 would meet with Cache County School District; and Mayor Berentzen said he would be glad to  
222 attend that meeting when it occurs.

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224 Chief Hawkes said he spoke to Don Younker regarding noxious weeds, and that he will work with  
225 Jeff regarding that.

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Mayor Berentzen discussed the progression of the North Logan Historical Society, and also mentioned that there is now a Chairperson for that group.

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Jeff Jorgensen mentioned that Cory Wood came in to request the use of Elk Ridge Park free of charge for a community-wide garage sale to help raise funds for Nicholas Robinson, a boy from North Logan who was severely injured in a riding-lawnmower accident. The City Council agreed.

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Nancy Potter mentioned that the North Logan Cemetery was very well done for the past Memorial Day weekend, and that the flags placed by the Boy Scouts were beautiful. She said a thank you letter was given to North Logan City by a man whose son-in-law was buried there, who was very appreciative. She highly commended Alan Luce for all the work he did on this, including getting the Scout troops together for this.

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Al Moser commended Alan Luce, and the Street Department staff particularly, for the work they were able to get done at the green waste bin area at Elk Ridge Park, including the ramps installed.

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Mayor Berentzen mentioned that he neglected to introduce Steve Krebs from Questar who was at the meeting earlier, but had left.

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Executive (closed) session to consider the acquisition of real property. #1

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*Kevin Dustin made a motion to close the regular meeting and move in the Executive (Closed) Session portion of the meeting with the purpose of considering the acquisition of real property. Al Moser seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Nancy Potter, Al Moser, Allen Kartchner, John Bailey and Kevin Dustin voting in favor. This occurred at 8:47 p.m.*

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Minutes for this written under separate cover.

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*Al Moser made a motion to close the Executive (Closed) Session portion of the meeting and move back into the regular meeting. Kevin Dustin seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Nancy Potter, Al Moser, Allen Kartchner, John Bailey and Kevin Dustin voting in favor. This occurred at 9:11 p.m.*

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*John Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Allen Kartchner seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Nancy Potter, Al Moser, Allen Kartchner, John Bailey and Kevin Dustin voting in favor.*

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The meeting adjourned at: 9:11 p.m.

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Approved by City Council:

June 16, 2010

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# NORTH LOGAN CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: June 2, 2010

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