

**MINUTES**  
**EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

April 18, 2006

Eagle Mountain City Council Chambers, 1650 East Stagecoach Run, Eagle Mtn, Utah 84043

**4:00 P.M. WORK SESSION – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Brian B. Olsen called the meeting to order.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Brian B. Olsen

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers Heather Jackson, David Lifferth (participated telephonically) and Linn Strouse. Councilmembers David Blackburn and Vincent Liddiard were excused.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Gordon Burt, Acting City Administrator; Gerald Kinghorn, City Attorney; Gina Peterson, City Recorder; Angela Cox, Deputy Recorder; Shawn Warnke, Management Analyst; Kent Partridge, Building Official; Adam Lenhard, Planning Director; Peter Spencer, City Planner; Mark Sovine, Public Works Director; Chris Trusty, City Engineer; Kent Partridge, Building Official; Mark Binks, Sergeant; Chief Rand Andrus, Fire Chief.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

The Mayor brought items to the attention of the City Council.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

The City Council reviewed items on the Consent Agenda and Policy Session Agenda.

**7:00 P.M. POLICY SESSION – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Brian B. Olsen called the meeting to order. Lt Col Robert Dunton led the pledge of allegiance.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Brian B. Olsen

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers David Blackburn (arrived at 7:08 p.m.) Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth (participated telephonically) and Linn Strouse.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Gordon Burt, Acting City Administrator; Gerald Kinghorn, City Attorney; Chris Trusty, City Engineer; Gina Peterson, City Recorder; Angela Cox, Deputy Recorder; Shawn Warnke, Management Analyst; Adam Lenhard, Planning Director; Peter Spencer, City Planner; Mark Sovine, Public Works Director; Mark Binks, Sergeant.

Councilmember Jackson declared a conflict of interest on the agenda item dealing with Special Event Signage for the Utah Valley Parade of Homes. She noted she is the applicant for that item.

Mayor Olsen excused Chief Andrus who is attending classes to get his wild land fire certification.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Olsen read a letter from Conner Bringham who attended the previous City Council meeting. He expressed concern that a person suggested that Eagle Mountain City is not reading the water meters correctly. He asked that Eagle Mountain make efforts to read the meters correctly to prevent over payment by residents.

Cary Brackett of the Ranches Master Homeowners Association stated there is a potential hazard on Ranches Parkway where the sidewalk ends halfway down; approximately 400 feet short of reaching Crossroads Plaza. The area is south of Pony Express Parkway, through the power line corridor. He expressed concern for children walking to the businesses in Crossroads Plaza. Mr. Brackett proposed suggested the City complete the sidewalk connecting to the existing asphalt trail, or the Homeowners Association could work with the City to extend the asphalt trail. Another option would be for the Homeowners Association to proceed at contracting out this project with the City's approval.

Kyle Burdett of Rockwell Village stated he feels there has been a deterioration of landscaping on Ranches Parkway and Pony Express Parkway since the City took over the maintenance. He cited concerns with mowing, edging, weeds, litter control and general maintenance. He said the City chose to take over the maintenance in The Ranches despite the requests of The Ranches Homeowners Association that they continue the maintenance. Weeds are already present and large portions of sod have been lost along Ranches Parkway and Pony Express. He asked the City to dedicate the necessary resources to return those areas to their previous state. He stated he is aware the City has been presented with an offer from the Homeowners Association to take over maintenance in those areas.

Planning Director Adam Lenhard thanked the Mayor, Council, and City Staff for the opportunity to work with them. He has received and accepted an offer with another company, and effective May 1, 2006 he will no longer be employed by Eagle Mountain City. He stated working with Eagle Mountain City has been a wonderful experience.

## **MAYOR'S ITEMS**

Mayor Olsen congratulated Councilmember Blackburn on the recent birth of his daughter.

He presented the City Council with a draft of the 2006 fiscal year budget. He asked the City Council to review the draft budget and respond with recommendations and comments. He has included a letter explaining the revised budget that he believes is easier to read than previous budgets. Mayor Olsen feels the public will be pleased with the proposed budget. He recognized the budget committee and those who have been involved in the process.

Mayor Olsen announced he has hired Royce Van Tassel as a temporary, part-time Community Relations Director who will work with the media and train the City Council. He asked the City Council to support this position in the upcoming budget.

Mayor Olsen read the following comments:

*“Last Tuesday Mark Sovine announced his retirement as public works director. As I said at the time, Mark has been instrumental in helping the city meet the infrastructure needs inherent in our explosive growth. The public works staff has grown dramatically, and Mark has provided the leadership and guidance we’ve needed during these demanding times.*

*I am sad to see Mark go, but the business of the City continues, and so must we. I began an immediate search for his replacement, and have reviewed the resumes of all the candidates submitted thus far.*

*Following careful deliberation and consultation, I have asked Michael S. Wren to serve as both the City’s Public Works Director and my Chief of Staff, and he has agreed.*

*Those with a long memory will recall that Mike was instrumental in establishing this City’s infrastructure during its infancy. He was the City’s first engineer, and between 1996 and 2004, he managed the design, engineering and construction of nearly all the City’s infrastructure. Because his work with the City extends back to 1996, he will infuse the staff with a historical perspective no other individual can offer.*

*Most recently Mike has been a Civil Department Principal with Wright Engineers, a national engineering consulting firm with offices in Las Vegas, NV; Irvine, CA; Sacramento, CA; and Phoenix, AZ.*

*I chose Mike, though, not just for his expertise. He has a long track record of accomplishing lofty goals, goals no one can achieve alone. He has proven time and again that his team will work together in pursuit of lofty goals. He understands the roles and needs of all his team members, and he makes sure each has the tools necessary to flourish. I simply could not pass up the opportunity to bring his leadership, industry expertise and familiarity with Eagle Mountain onto our team.*

*With Mike becoming my Chief of Staff, I want to offer my hearty thanks to Gordon Burt, who has served as both City Treasurer and Chief of Staff. Gordon is a great asset to the City. I rely heavily on his expertise and advice in safeguarding my sacred trust as steward of the City’s precious taxpayer dollars. Under his sure and continuing leadership, Eagle Mountain will earn a AAA bond rating.*

*Finally, I am sorry to announce that effective May 1, Adam Lenhard, our planning director, has accepted a position with Epic Engineering. Adam’s energy and zeal will be missed.”*

Mayor Olsen read a letter written by Fire Chief Rand Andrus thanking members of the Public Utilities Department for the quick professional manner in which they responded to a fire on gas and power lines in the Mt. Airey subdivision. He complimented many individuals for their efforts.

- Mayor Olsen recognized Building Official Kent Partridge who recently celebrated his wedding anniversary.
- Mayor Olsen recently learned that the City’s wells were not insured and indicated this has been changed.
- The City Recorder’s Office has moved to the Justice Court area of the City Building, providing more room and better service to the citizens of the community. This will also allow the City to use a section of building that was not currently being used. The Justice Court will be coming in the later part of 2007, which may determine if this move is temporary.

Mayor Olsen stated pictures of the Mayor's Cabinet are hanging in the hallway to recognize the department heads.

He will be requesting the City Council create a Cemetery Board to gather factual information on creating a cemetery in the city

RECOGNITION – Healthy Utah Grant.

Mayor Olsen recognized Jeff and Penny Thompson for obtaining a grant with Healthy Utah in the amount of \$500.00 and for their commitment to the health and wellness of the City staff. Governor Huntsman's wife presented an award to Eagle Mountain City recognizing these efforts.

Mayor Olsen recognized Energy Division Manager Adam Ferre who has worked to get the City a Certificate of Registration for the trade classification of Line Maintainer with the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeships Training, Employer and Labor Services. Mr. Ferre stated he has been working on this since 1999.

PROCLAMATION – National Volunteer Week – April 23-29, 2006.

Mayor Olsen read a proclamation recognizing volunteers and proclaiming the week of April 23 – 29, 2006 as National Volunteer Week in Eagle Mountain, Utah.

He recognized Julie Nelson who volunteers in the City as a R.A.D. kids instructor. The past two years she has taught over 300 children the R.A.D. kids program at the Eagle Valley Elementary.

APPOINTMENTS - Library Board

Mayor Olsen recommended the appointment of Brenda Park to the Library Board. He briefly highlighted Ms. Park's accomplishments.

Councilmember Strouse **moved** to reappoint Brenda Park to the Library Board. Councilmember Blackburn **seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Strouse stated she appreciates Brenda Park and the many volunteers in the City. She believes the City is growing and prospering because of the many volunteers.

APPOINTMENTS Public Works Board

Mayor Olsen introduced Michael Sena and recommended he be appointed the Public Works Board.

Councilmember Strouse **moved** to appoint Michael Sena to the Public Works Board. Councilmember Jackson **seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth, and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

City Recorder Gina Peterson administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Sena. Ms. Park was not present.

Mayor Olsen stated the current Public Works Board Chairman Mont Beckstead has moved from the City creating a vacancy on the board which will be filled by Mr. Sena.

DISCUSSION – Lt. Col Robert Dunton, Utah National Guard (Camp Williams).

Lt. Col Robert Dunton, Base Supervisor of Camp Williams discussed issues that Camp Williams is working on that will impact Eagle Mountain City. He is excited to be a part of the community and work with Eagle Mountain City. The biggest concern affecting this area is wildfire. Camp Williams has approximately 28 individuals who are red card certified in fighting wild land fires. Camp Williams works extensively with the Interagency Fire Center, the State Trust Lands, and Utah and Salt Lake Counties to develop a fire plan to protect the communities in close proximity to Camp Williams. Camp Williams will work with the Fire Chief on wild land fire issues.

Lt. Col Dunton stated that 4/5 of the Utah National Guard is or will be deployed into Iraq or Afghanistan. He explained artillery is a key component to the Utah National Guard and addressed the noise issues. Camp Williams has three artillery battalions. Lt Col Dunton stated Camp Williams is aware that people are concerned with the noise levels. Camp Williams is addressing this; however, it is necessary for the battalions to fire their guns at all hours for training purposes. Lt Col Dunton said 15 years ago Camp Williams was isolated from residential areas. He stated Camp Williams is trying to be good neighbors and they are doing all they can to mitigate the effects on a residential community.

He stated Camp Williams has an annual meeting, which date is unknown, that they would like to invite the Mayor and City Council to attend. He noted Camp Williams is involved in the development of the Legacy Highway.

Lt Col Dunton stated as a National Guard Camp Williams does Initiative Readiness Training. Camp Williams would like to meet with City Officials this summer and have the City submit an Initiative Readiness Training packet for the Utah National Guard to do things to improve the community. He noted there are many soldiers at Camp Williams that live in Eagle Mountain City.

Mayor Olsen thanked Lt Col Dunton and stated Eagle Mountain also wants to be good neighbors and looks forward to working with Camp Williams.

Councilmember Liddiard thanked Lt Col Dunton for coming and asked for his contact information to discuss further issues. He stated he enjoys the “sounds of freedom” emanating from Camp Williams.

Councilmember Jackson acknowledged her husband has been a full-time employee at Camp Williams for the past six years. She supports Camp Williams and she enjoys the helicopters flying over her home.

Councilmember Blackburn declared any effort of Camp Williams in the expansion of Redwood Road would be appreciated, including pre-grading. Eagle Mountain City is currently working with Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) on that. Lt Col Dunton agreed Camp Williams is also concerned with North and South transportation along Redwood Road. Camp Williams has also been working with UDOT to make travel safer in that area.

Councilmember Strouse cited she lives in close proximity and enjoys the sounds from Camp Williams. She is also concerned with fire safety and expressed appreciation to Lt Col Dunton for coming to this

meeting to re-establish relationships with the City. Lt Col Dunton commented Camp Williams would like to attend a City Council meeting semi-annually; however, if the City has any concerns they may contact Camp Williams directly. He reported Camp Williams is going to be the facility training the soldiers for a long time.

Councilmember Strouse stated she has attended Governors Day at Camp Williams and asked if that is open to community members. Lt Col Dunton responded Governors Day will be part of the Open House the City will be invited to and all community members are welcome to attend.

#### DISCUSSION – Budget Update.

City Treasurer Gordon Burt explained in a prior Council Meeting, it was reported that the City had exceeded the amount allowed under State Law in the Unreserved Fund Balance in the General Fund. State Law allows 18% of the next year's budgeted revenues, less any transfers in to the General Fund, to be carried over in the Unreserved Fund Balance. In the prior presentation, a figure of about \$200,000 was mentioned as the dollar amount the City was over. After further review and discussion with our City's auditor, the overage is less than the \$200,000 indicated. The amount in the City's Unreserved Fund Balance has not changed. The only thing that has changed is the overage amount the City may have to transfer to a Capital Projects Fund. The City Treasurer is confirming the exact number with the State Auditor's Office and with the City auditor.

Michael Wren joined the meeting telephonically. Mayor Olsen noted that he announced Mr. Wren has accepted the position of Public Works Director and Chief of Staff. Mr. Wren is scheduled to begin work on May 1, 2006.

Mr. Wren said he is happy to have been selected and is pleased to have the opportunity to serve the community again.

Councilmember Strouse stated she has known Mr. Wren since she ran for office the first time. She is very pleased to work with Mr. Wren and stated he is a man of great integrity.

#### **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

##### DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – Consideration and approval of a Development Agreement with The Sage Group, LLC for Jacobs Well – Plat B.

Mr. Lenhard explained Jacob's Well B is located along Golden Eagle Road, south of Liberty Farms and west of O'Fallon's Bluff. The subdivision received Final Plat approval on March 7, 2006. A Development Agreement is the formal acceptance by both City and Developer of all rights and obligations associated with and related to the development of a previously approved subdivision. All planning, engineering, and construction items are required to be approved in phases through the subdivision process and documented in final form in the agreement and are not up for negotiation in the Development Agreement. The Development Agreement is drafted and reviewed to assure that all prior agreed standards, approvals, costs, conditions and special requirements and notices to the public are defined in writing and in the map of the project.

Councilmember Jackson **moved** to approve the Development Agreement with The Sage Group, LLC for Jacobs Well – Plat B subject to the following conditions:

- 1) SID PAYMENTS. That the City Engineer determines the amount of SID payments due, and that the payment is made prior to recordation.
- 2) ENGINEER'S COMMENTS. That the City's Engineer's redline comments on the construction plans are addressed and approved.
- 3) BENCH DRAINS. That a note is added to construction drawings indicating that all bench drains are a developer improvement, and that the bench drain is bonded for.
- 4) LANDSCAPE PLAN. That the vest pocket is appropriately xeriscaped.
- 5) NEIGHBORHOOD PARK FEE. That the Applicant pays the required amount for the Neighborhood Park as a fee-in-lieu calculated by the City Engineer prior to recordation.

Councilmember Liddiard **seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – Consideration and approval of a Development Agreement with Buckeye Properties, LLC for Eagle Point – Plat I.

Mr. Lenhard stated Eagle Point I is located along the north side of the intersection of Eagle Mountain Boulevard and Lake Mountain Road. Specifically, this development straddles both sides of Lake Mountain Road. The Eagle Point I subdivision received Final Plat approval on September 17, 2002.

Councilmember Liddiard **moved** to approve the Development Agreement with Buckeye Properties, LLC for Eagle Point – Plat I as drafted. Councilmember Jackson **seconded** the motion.

Councilmember Liddiard noted this Development Agreement specifically states utility capacity is not guaranteed. He feels future utility capacity should be paid for by developers and future residents and not existing residents.

Councilmember Blackburn asked when the landscaping will be completed. Mr. Lenhard responded the Development Agreement and Bond Letter require that all landscape improvements in Eagle Point Plat I and the park in Eagle Point Plat J be completed prior to the issuance of 87 building permits between two plats combined. The landscaping was approved as native vegetation (grass seed mix) and consists of a trail and trees with a drip irrigation system.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – Consideration and approval of a Development Agreement with Buckeye Properties, LLC for Eagle Point – Plat J.

Mr. Lenhard stated Eagle Point J is located east of Eagle Point I, along the north side of the intersection of Eagle Mountain Boulevard and Lake Mountain Road. Specifically, this development straddles both sides of Lake Mountain Road. The Eagle Point J subdivision received Final Plat approval on September 17, 2002.

Councilmember Blackburn asked if this plat is subject to the current Development Code. Mayor Olsen responded they received final plat approval with the previous Development Code and will be subject to its regulations.

Councilmember Jackson **moved** to approve the Development Agreement with Buckeye Properties, LLC for Eagle Point – Plat J. Councilmember Strouse **seconded** the motion.

Councilmember Liddiard noted this Development Agreement specifically states utility capacity is not guaranteed. He feels future utility capacity should be paid for by developers and future residents and not existing residents.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – Consideration and approval of a Development Agreement with Buckeye Properties, LLC for Sage Valley – Plat B.

Mr. Lenhard explained Sage Valley B is located along the south side of SR 73, immediately west of Cedar Pass Ranch. The Sage Valley B subdivision received Final Plat approval on March 7, 2006.

Councilmember Liddiard **moved** to approve the Development Agreement with Buckeye Properties, LLC for Sage Valley – Plat B as drafted. Councilmember Blackburn **seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

MOTION – Consideration and approval of the Final Plat for Jacobs Well – Plat C.

City Planner Peter Spencer explained Jacob’s Well Plat C is located south of Liberty Farms and west of O’Fallon’s Bluff. This development is just south and west to the adjacent Jacob’s Well B. The entire Jacob’s Well subdivision received Preliminary Plat approval on May 4, 1999 by the Planning Commission and Town Council. Since that time, this subdivision has been divided into three separate Final Plats. Jacob’s Well Plat A received Final Plat approval on August 5, 2003. Jacob’s Well Plat B received Final Plat approval on August 5, 2003 and was recently revised and re-approved on March 7, 2006. The Sage Group recently submitted an application for the Plat C Final Plat. The previously approved Preliminary Plat contained some odd flag-lots, but the Final Plat submittal has eliminated them. This revision does not constitute a significant enough change in the plat to require that this subdivision obtain a new Preliminary Plat approval from the Planning Commission. On March 28, 2006, the Planning Commission reviewed this application and joined with City Staff in recommending the City Council approve this revised layout subject to conditions.

Councilmember Blackburn asked if sod and trees would be required as a homeowner improvement in the park strip. Mr. Spencer replied yes.

Councilmember Jackson **moved** to approve the Final Plat for Jacobs Well – Plat C subject to the following conditions:

1. REDLINE COMMENTS. That all redline comments are addressed and that a note be added to the plat requiring 22 foot driveways.
2. PLAT. That all redline comments are addressed.
3. SID PAYMENTS. That the City Engineer determines the amount of SID payments due, and that the payment is made prior to recordation.
4. BENCH DRAINS. That all required bench drains are a developer improvement and bonded for.



5. CURVE ELEVATIONS. That vertical curve elevations are shown at 25' intervals. That K-Values are verified by the City Engineer.
6. ASPHALT CUTS. That a note is added to the plans that all asphalt is to be saw cut.
7. LANDSCAPE PLAN. That a complete table is included that shows all the park and landscaping requirements to be added. That all street trees not along collector roads or along open space are called out as a homeowner improvement. That the sod shown on the hillside of the original park location is removed (for existing native vegetation to remain) and value of that sod placed in the approved neighborhood park location adjacent to Liberty Farms. That all other landscape plan redline comments are addressed.

Councilmember Liddiard **seconded** the motion.

Councilmember Jackson stated this is a good plat with larger lots and amenities.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

MOTION – Consideration and Written Approval to allow for Special Event Signage to be placed in City-owned right-of-way for the Utah Valley Parade of Homes.

Heather Jackson of the Parade of Homes Committee presented the sign she is requesting to place in the City right-of-way during the Parade of Homes. The Parade of Homes will showcase a home in the Eagle's Gate subdivision on Turnberry Road. Ms. Jackson requested the ability to put signs in right of way areas to direct traffic to the area and the home to minimize public safety. The Ranches Homeowners Association has approved these signs. She explained the five locations the Parade of Homes Committee is requesting to post signs. The Parade of Homes will begin on May 6 – May 21, 2006. Ms. Jackson requested the signs be allowed to be posted May 5 – May 22, 2006.

Councilmember Blackburn stated there is road failure in the area of marker number five and recommended the City do road repair prior to this event. He asked if the builders in this area have been notified of this event. He would like to have this area cleaned up to showcase the City. Ms. Jackson stated the builders in that area have not been notified. This home is called the Cougar House and is built by a conglomeration of the builders of the Home Builders Association. She believes most of the developers in that area are aware of the home showcased during the Parade of Homes. Councilmember Blackburn asked that staff sweep the streets and make efforts to keep the area looking its best.

Councilmember Blackburn **moved** to approve a temporary permit allowing Special Event Signage to be placed in City-owned right-of-way for the Utah Valley Parade of Homes. Councilmember Liddiard **seconded** the motion.

Councilmember Blackburn stated this is a great opportunity for the City and he would like to see more homes in Eagle Mountain City in the Parade of Homes next year.

Councilmember Liddiard stated there is an area between signs four and five where curb and gutter has been replaced and there is a section where there is no road. He asked to have that area cleaned up during the Parade of Homes. He asked if the park in that area is owned by the City or The Ranches Homeowners Association. It was announced that the park belongs to The Ranches Homeowners Association.

Councilmember Blackburn asked that the Code Enforcement Officer make an extra effort to ensure no additional unapproved signs are placed in that area.

Mayor Olsen called for a vote. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Councilmember Heather Jackson abstained. Motion **passed** with a majority vote.

RESOLUTION – Consideration and adoption of a Resolution Approving and Entering into an Amended and Restated Agreement Creating the Utah Local Governments Trust

City Attorney Jerry Kinghorn explained Eagle Mountain City participates in the Utah Local Governments Trust (ULCT) to provide assistance, advice, counsel, casualty, property and liability insurance, and benefits. This resolution will approve the amended and restated agreement for ULCT.

Councilmember Liddiard **moved** to adopt Resolution 08-2006 Approving and Entering into an Amended and Restated Agreement Creating the Utah Local Governments Trust. Councilmember Blackburn **seconded** the motion. Those voting aye: David Blackburn, Heather Jackson, Vincent Liddiard, David Lifferth and Linn Strouse. Motion **passed** with a unanimous vote.

MOTION – Consideration and approval of a retention schedule for meeting tape recordings.

Mr. Kinghorn stated a conflict exists between the statutes defining the retention of meeting tape recordings. He explained this will most likely be resolved in the next couple months. He recommended the City Council table this item until clarification is provided on the retention of meeting tapes.

Mayor Olsen said he will pull the item from the agenda until clarification is provided on the laws regarding tape retention.

City Recorder Gina Peterson stated the Recorder's Office will not recycle or destroy any previous meeting tapes until this item is resolved.

## **CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Blackburn apologized for his late arrival and stated he was not planning on attending this evening. He read the following comments:

*“Long awaited, Karren “Allyse” Blackburn was born last Thursday and weighed in at a petite and feisty 6 pounds and 18 inches. Both mommy and baby are doing fine, and we sincerely appreciate thoughts and support received by everyone. The flowers are almost as beautiful as Jodie and the baby.*

*I am enjoying the change of the seasons into a gorgeous Spring, and hope that everyone had a great Easter.*

*As Eagle Mountain starts its annual city cleanup, I would ask that Eagle Mountain initiates an SR-73 cleanup within our city borders, and please place me on the list as the first volunteer. I suppose that UDOT would be willing to provide trash bags, and the Public Works department*

*can arrange the date for more participants and aid. We as a city might ask Saratoga Springs to participate on the same day, and take additional precautions and enforcement on un-tarped vehicles traveling through our area.*

*There are several EM public and private organizations that use various city sidewalks as driveways and access points for service, landscape maintenance, and other actions. As the sidewalks are constructed of asphalt or concrete, this un-planned vehicle use is causing walkway failure in several locations. I would kindly ask the Mayor to instruct staff and all other organizations (Ranches) to not drive on the sidewalks for any reason. Please make/take/require the needed steps or precautions like traffic cones and transportable signage to allow vehicles to be parked in roadways while needed city or landscaping work is being completed.*

*Also speaking of the PW department, I am surprised at Mark Sovine's recently announced retirement as I didn't think he was that old. I thank him for his significant contributions of the past and still future Eagle Mountain service, and wish him the best."*

Councilmember Blackburn thanked Adam Lenhard and Mark Sovine for their service and stated he hopes the tradition of presenting plaques for these individuals continues. He would like to see the Construction Standards on the next agenda.

Councilmember Strouse expressed appreciation to Adam Lenhard and Mark Sovine and wished them well in their future. She stated there are several areas in the City where large vehicles or semi-trucks are parked on the streets obstructing views and creating traffic concerns. She asked if there is an ordinance addressing these issues, and if not she would like an ordinance to address these concerns. She stated she has addressed concerns of speed limit signs in Mt. View subdivision. She would like the Council to require a licensed driver to operate any motorized vehicle on City streets. She believes the use of motorized vehicles by young children is a safety concern that needs to be addressed.

Councilmember Jackson stated at the Planning Commission meeting she attended last week the Evans (property owners along Pony Express Parkway as it extends into Utah County and Saratoga Springs) expressed concern of the condition of the road. They requested the City close Pony Express Parkway at SilverLake preventing the road being used to exit the City.

Councilmember Jackson spoke with a City developer who asked if the City has checked into getting equipment to do traffic studies.

Councilmember Jackson thanked Mr. Spencer for helping her with the presentation on signage for the Parade of Homes. She is sorry to see Mr. Lenhard go; however, she is happy to see him move on and grow within his career. She is also sorry to see Mr. Sovine go, but looks forward to working with him in the next few months. She is grateful to see Mr. Wren back in the City and knows he will get the job done and it will be done right. She hopes he and his wife will move back into the City.

Councilmember Liddiard wished Mark Sovine and Adam Lenhard well in their future endeavors. He congratulated Councilmember Blackburn on the birth of his daughter. He would be pleased to participate in a cleanup project along SR 73. He expressed concern that public space, particularly areas of native vegetation in the City Center, is being used to store trash. He suggested the City place large trash dumpsters in efforts for a City Spring Clean-up. He is pleased to see the gas station progressing and feels it will be a great asset to the City. He requested the Construction Standards be placed on the

next agenda and thanked City Engineer Chris Trusty for his efforts on the Construction Standards. He believes digital recording will be a benefit to the City because cassette tapes lose their quality as they get older.

Councilmember Lifferth thanked Mr. Sovine and Mr. Lenhard for their service to the community. He proposed a retirement party for Mr. Sovine. He stated a Republican Party Convention is coming in the near future. He expressed appreciation to the members of the community who have been involved in local politics. Utah County Commissioner White told Councilmember Lifferth he is going to propose a minor tax increase to fund transportation needs in the northwest portion of the County. He congratulated Councilmember Blackburn on the birth of his baby and sent well wishes to Mrs. Blackburn.

City Engineer Chris Trusty stated the Construction Standards have been on the agenda for the Council to review for the past several months. He explained he has met with builders and developers within the City to hear their comments, questions and concerns. He has heard their concerns, and he will recommend what he feels is in the best interest of the City and may not include all of the recommendations of the developers.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Liddiard **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.