

City Council Meeting

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Mayor Richard Woodland

Council Members:

Christopher Mann – Council President
Rex Erickson Donna Benfield
Bruce Sutherland Brad Egbert
Adam Stout

City Staff:

Stephen Zollinger – City Attorney
Richard Horner – Finance Officer
John Millar – Public Works Director
Val Christensen – Community Development Director
Scott Johnson – Economic Development Director
Blair Kay – City Clerk

7:00 P.M. City Hall – Pledge to the Flag

Sergeant Ray Hermosillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deacon Chuck Velman from the First Baptist Church gave the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Council Members:

Attending: Council President Mann, Council Member Erickson, Council Member Benfield, Council Member Egbert, Council Member Stout and Mayor Woodland.

Council Member Sutherland asked to be excused.

Public Comment: on issues not scheduled on the agenda (limit 3 minutes):

Rhett Summers was concerned with the 7th South and Millhollow Road intersection where there was a serious accident. A young lady got hit in the side of her car (t-boned) by another vehicle. A snow bank blocked the vision for both drivers. He wanted traffic stopped on 7th South by a stop sign verses a stop sign on Millhollow Road.

Council Member Erickson agreed with the need to change the signs and have a four way stop. Rhett Summers agreed it would be safer to have a four way stop sign.

Keith Davidson asked to have it referred back to Traffic and Safety for further review on the four way stop.

Council Member Erickson moved to recommend to Traffic and Safety to put in a four way stop; Council Member Stout seconded; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Mann
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Erickson
Council Member Egbert
Council Member Stout

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried.

Presentations:

Committee Liaison Assignments for 2011:

A. Council Member Adam Stout *Trails of Madison County · Traffic & Safety Committee · Airport Board*

Council Member Stout reported on the street light priority list of 26 locations to be discussed later.

The Trails Committee is seeking funding; however, the funding sources may be curtailed with current budget proposals. He asked Captain Lewis to bring the Texting BILL to the Traffic and Safety meeting.

B. Council Member Brad Egbert *Legacy Flight Museum · Parks & Recreation · IBC Committee*

Council Member Egbert reported the Legacy Flight Museum Board met to discuss the airplane “fly-in” this summer. They want to increase visitor traffic. The Recreation Committee discussed pool fees. The Rexburg Aquatic Facility will open the week before Memorial Day.

C. Council Member Bruce Sutherland *Museum Committee · Beautification Committee · Traffic & Safety Committee*

Council Member Sutherland was excused.

D. Council Member Christopher Mann *Emergency Services Board · School Board · MYAB*

Council President Mann reported he met with Chief Child to discuss a few current issues for Emergency Services. Chief Child is planning a Bar J Wranglers concert on March 12th. The Fire Department is sponsoring the event to raise money for community help at the Fire Department. Mayors Youth Advisory Board met today. The Police Department thanked the youth for their help with “Shop with a Cop.” They provided pens for the youth and for City Council Members. MYAB sold concessions at the Missy Babcock Concert last week. They will work with the city, county, and school district to have a “Lets Move” program for the youth in our community. Tonight they participated in Zumba.

E. Council Member Donna Benfield *Police Department · Romance Theatre Committee · Rexburg Arts Council · Tabernacle Civic Center · School Board*

Council Member Benfield reported she met with Chief Turman from the Police Department. An award was given to Trent Chicos and his wife and the managers of Kmart for their support with “Shop with a Cop.” They recognized people in the community who make this community what it is for the residents. She reported the couple that was using counterfeit money as they passed through Rexburg was caught by the Federal Secret Service and convicted; thanks to the investigative work of the Rexburg Police Department. The Church Security System has selected officers from the Rexburg Police Department to attend training on security to protect public officials who are in the community or visiting the community.

The Missy Babcock Show took place in the Romance Theatre last week. It was a great show and it was well attended. The Tabernacle Committee met last Wednesday night. They have made a recommendation for a couple to be the Centennial Committee Chairs. Her other liaison committees will meet later in the month.

F. Council Member Rex Erickson *Golf Board · Planning & Zoning · Rexburg Redevelopment Agency*

Council Member Erickson reported on the Golf Board meeting. They discussed raising fees by 5% to increase income to cover expenses. Planning and Zoning’s item is on this agenda. Rexburg Redevelopment Agency met to discuss the legislative issues on Urban Renewal changes being discussed with the state legislature. They became members of the Redevelopment Association of Idaho. It is a group put together of members throughout the state to lobby for Urban Renewal Districts. They had the first committee meeting today in Boise; he has not yet heard back on the meeting. The Rexburg Redevelopment Agency wrote a letter to Committee Chair Lenore Barrett of the House Local Government Committee in response to a few Bills they opposed.

Council Member Erickson mentioned State Bills aimed to change Urban Renewal. House Bill’s 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 110, 114, and 125 are all aimed at Urban Renewal changes. He reviewed one Urban Renewal project in Rexburg which created jobs and stimulated the local economy. The Rexburg Aquatic Facility kept 15 companies with 104 employees busy throughout the winter. They will continue be busy this spring plus adding 80 to 95 part time lifeguards this summer. This is over 200 jobs created by the Urban Renewal Agency funding with 5.3 million dollars. Also, the Hemming Project was done with Urban Renewal money and it added 76 jobs to the community.

Public Hearings: NONE

Items for Consideration:

A. **Rudd & Company, PLLC** – Annual Audit Presentation – Brad Reed

Mayor Woodland explained that each year the city has to be audited by an independent agency.

Brad Reed from Rudd & Company, PLLC reviewed the audit testing process. He introduced an associate, Jen Klingler, who helped perform the audit testing and control reviews. They tested transactions and balances in the review. He thought the city was in pretty good shape. They met with Mayor Woodland and some city staff to review the findings of the audit.

Mr. Reed reviewed the Audit Report at the beginning of the audit packet. He reviewed the overview of the financial statements including financial highlights.

He reviewed the “Statement of Net Assets” including cash and Short-term Investments of \$7,183,316. He reported the city was financially sound with good net assets. There was \$41,344,778 worth of unencumbered city assets. Government activities totaled \$5,468,574 which was funded without debt. He continued to review the “Statement of Activities” report with positive comments concerning resource funding. The General Fund had total assets of 3.2 million dollars. The unreserved balance was 2.1 million dollars for a General Fund reserve of 31%. Last year it was down to 25%. The Street Fund was \$1,693,600 and Emergency Services Fund was \$85,996. The Revolving Loan Fund was 1.6 million which is used to help businesses with low interest loans. It has about \$735,000 in cash which the city could use for city projects. The Revolving Loan Fund has been accumulating for about 20 years. The fund could be used to help new businesses come into town.

The General Fund balance increased by \$278,633 this past year. The Street Fund had an ending balance for the year of \$328,999. The city had a net increase of 1.3 million dollars in Governmental Fund Balances. The change in net assets of Governmental Activities was \$5,104,143. The Golf Course has been consistently in the black; this year they experienced a decrease in funding due to a wet spring. The city has done a good job to fund the utility funds to pay for increased capacity. He commended the city for keeping the utility rates adequate to fund growth. The sewer bond is the only long term debt with adequate revenue to pay the bond payment. The city is relatively debt free as of September 01, 2010. The sewer bond debt will show up in 2011. Mayor Woodland said the sewer plant upgrade curtailed a 250 HP motor which is a lot of money. Lower or no debt allows for lower bonding rates. Cash and Investments total \$7,183,316.

The lease with the Hospital brings in \$78,000 annually for a five year lease. He reviewed federal grant monitoring and requested to report grant activity timely.

Council Member Benfield moved to accept the 2010 Audit Report; Council Member Erickson seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

<u>Those voting aye</u>	<u>Those voting nay</u>
Council President Mann	None
Council Member Benfield	
Council Member Erickson	
Council Member Egbert	
Council Member Stout	

The motion carried.

B. Preliminary Plat – Broulim’s Plaza at 124 West Main Street

Public Works Director Millar reviewed the preliminary Plat on the overhead screen. The proposal is to re-plat the property to add additional pieces of property. They plan to remodel the building. Planning & Zoning recommended to move this preliminary plat forward to the City Council.

Jeff Ryberg from Idaho Falls was available for questions. Council Member Erickson asked about the remodel project on the east and west side of the building. The west side of the building will be expanded to take out about half of the current strip mall. The east side of the building will be expanded a short distance.

Council Member Stout reported on a design review meeting to discuss the Broulim’s building. There were concerns on the design of the east side of the building. They will add architectural features to break up the wall design.

Council President Mann was concerned with safety for pedestrians where the drive-up windows will be added. There should be adequate room for drivers to turn around. It will be an issue that Broulim’s will have to work out.

C. **Council Member Egbert** moved to approve the **Preliminary Plat** – Broulim’s Plaza at 124 West Main Street; Council Member Stout seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

<u>Those voting aye</u>	<u>Those voting nay</u>
Council President Mann	None
Council Member Benfield	
Council Member Erickson	
Council Member Egbert	
Council Member Stout	

The motion carried.

D. **Surplus vehicles** – Police Department – Chief Turman

Police Chief Turman explained the need to surplus four vehicles. The plan is to trade in four vehicles for two newer vehicles. The two newer vehicles have less than 20,000 miles; one vehicle has a full bumper-to-bumper warranty and the other has full warranties on the transmission and major parts for five years.

Council Member Erickson moved to approve the Surplus vehicles list for the Police Department; Council Member Egbert seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

<u>Those voting aye</u>	<u>Those voting nay</u>
Council President Mann	None
Council Member Benfield	
Council Member Erickson	
Council Member Egbert	
Council Member Stout	

The motion carried.

E. **Hiring a Parking Officer** – Police Department – Chief Turman

Police Chief Turman indicated the new position would be a civilian parking attendant. The parking permit plan was to help local neighborhoods being impacted with parking problems. They did have a position a year ago to police the parking around the campus. There is 4.7 miles of street that needs to be patrolled. The current parking attendant covers the downtown area for the entire day. She does not cover the University vicinity parking permit areas. In December 2009, a parking attendant increased parking fines enough to cover the additional expense. The revenue budget for this year is set at \$80,000; the current revenue totals \$10,000 and we are 1/3 of the way into our fiscal year. He attributes this lack of income to the fact that there is not enough enforcement. Currently, permit revenue will cover the expense of the parking attendant. He indicated the position would be self funded. With the parking permit areas established, we are trying to help residents’ streets stay clear of unwanted parking traffic. If we sell permits to students and residents we are saying to them that we will provide a space and a service for them. Without enforcement, the parking permit program is not fulfilling its purpose.

Council Member Stout asked if parking fines could be decreasing because students and residents are learning the system and now know where they can and cannot park. Discussion on the reasons parking fines are decreasing. “R” Parking permits are being utilized on streets closer to the University instead of using the “R” Parking Permit on the street where the parking permit was issued.

Council Member Erickson said it would be a good move to monitor the parking in the parking permit areas. When the city began parking permit areas, they informed students and residents that they would be lenient for a while as people became familiar with the system. Now it needs to be enforced. He asked if Chief Turman has anyone in mind for that position. Chief Turman said he has a woman who had applied for an officer position in mind.

Council President Mann was concerned with budgets and he asked if the position could be filled with two part time positions. He asked if they plan to begin the new position soon or when the budget renews in October.

Council Member Benfield reminded the City Council that they came up with this parking plan. If it is not supported and enforced they lose their credibility. She was in favor of two part time positions. Often part-time positions turn into full-time positions.

Chief Turman continued to discuss the reasons for monitoring parking permits. It may not seem to be a safety issue directly; however, safety concerns are presented when people park too close to a crosswalk, in a yellow zone, or in front of a fire hydrant. One thing he would like to put into effect with the help of a full-time parking attendant would be an education program to educate the public on parking and pedestrian issues. He reviewed the past history of monitoring parking and the need to add personnel to maintain parking compliance. Two part time positions would create a scheduling problem and a shorter shift.

Council Member Erickson agreed a full time position would be more productive doing a full time job instead of partial coverage for two part time positions. You cannot always get the same commitment and work from part-time help. We have this problem on our hands; it is up to us to fix it.

Council Member Mann asked Finance Officer Horner for an update on funding for this position and if it would be possible to get help from the University. City Attorney Zollinger said the University has already stated they will not participate in any direct funding of an enforcement position. Council Member Egbert said they should also consider that the position may be self-funded. Finance Officer Horner indicated contingency funding may need to be used this year; it depends on how the citation and permit revenues come out. Chief Turman said the position would be self funded. The person could be trained and working with a few days of preparation. Finance Officer Horner asked the Police Department Oversight Committee to review the options and make a recommendation.

Mayor Woodland reviewed the reduction in the police salaries after the recent retirement of Chief Lynn Archibald and other changes in the Police Department. The full time position would be expensed at about \$12.00 per hour.

Council Member Benfield moved to approve hiring a full-time attendant considering the review of the Police Department Oversight Committee; Council Member Egbert seconded; Discussion: Council Member Stout was not sold on a full time position; he would like to see some figures first. Council Member Erickson indicated the Chief has reviewed what will be required and it would take a full time position to be efficient. Council Member Stout questioned the need to have a full time position verses two part time positions.

Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Mann
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Erickson
Council Member Egbert

Those voting nay

Council Member Stout

The motion carried.

Council Member Stout asked if the “R” Zones should be split into two zones to help with parking problems. City Attorney Zollinger reviewed the proposed problem was not universal. The research indicates the “R” parking has not moved out of the neighborhoods as a rule. College Avenue has continued to have parking spots open to parking except where one car has parked outside of his neighborhood.

F. Fair Housing Resolution 2011-02 – East Central Idaho Planning & Development Association (ECIPDA).

Council President Mann moved to approve the Fair Housing Resolution 2011-02; Council Member Egbert seconded the motion; **Mayor Woodland** asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Mann
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Erickson
Council Member Egbert

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried.

G. Block Grant Application Update – Rick Miller

Rick Miller updated the City Council on the \$500,000 Block Grant application. It is for a pressurized sewer line on the south end of town. The addendums are due March 4, 2011. The Economic Advisory Council will meet in April to finish ranking applications.

H. Development Company Overview – Ted Hendricks

Ted Hendricks provided a quick update on a few things they have been involved with over the past few years as an Economic Development District. The Development Company is located in Rexburg, but they work in nine (9) counties and 44 cities in southeastern Idaho. He handed out a brochure the six Economic Development Districts put together to promote Idaho on a national level. These development districts are recognized by the government. He shared a handout with grant funds received with the help of the Economic Development District. These grants funded projects in Rexburg, Madison County, and Sugar City. He reviewed Brownfield revolving loan funds (RLFs) that are issued to businesses or municipalities in need of funding to remove blighted conditions.

They have access to a three million dollar fund to mitigate contaminated properties. They have a small business loan program with a \$55,000,000 loan portfolio similar to Rexburg's RLF of \$1,000,000. They have loaned out monies to help create jobs in the area. The amount of loans that have been issued in our area over the past five years total \$37 million. Around 1,300 jobs have been created as a result of this local funding. He reviewed projects from the past few years where grant monies have created jobs. The Economic Redevelopment District not only helps with job-creating projects, but also the creation of public facilities. Some examples of community projects they have assisted with are the west parking lot for City Hall, moving the Upper Valley Industries out to Artco, the Sugar City Fire Station, and the Rexburg Senior Citizens Center. They are willing to meet with anyone who has questions about any of their programs.

Council Member Benfield reviewed the north Main Street Parking lot funded in 2007. Mr. Hendricks indicated a 60-70% down turn in funding is possible with the current budgeting proposals in Congress. With the condition of our economy, the downturn in budgeting may actually come to fruition. Statewide very few projects are being accepted for job creation purposes.

I. Street lights – Street locations to review and prioritize for lighting – Traffic and Safety Committee

Public Works Director Millar presented the list prepared by the Traffic & Safety Committee for street light locations they would like to see improved. They worked along with the Police Department to figure out what areas need more lighting. The majority of the projects are single light installations. They also included lighting the whole street on University Avenue. There is a lighting fund they have not done anything with yet. He hopes the City Council will look at this list and compile one of their own so they can come up with a plan for how to best use the lighting funds.

Council Member Benfield asked about what portions the University is planning to light. They are responsible for lighting along the entire perimeter of the campus side of the street. There is no developed agreement that they will help with the other side of those streets; they are very close to completing their side.

Council Member Egbert said 2nd East is not on the list and there are quite a few dark spots near crosswalks. Public Works Director Millar said 2nd East (from 3rd South to 7th South) should be a priority. The city is working with Rocky Mountain Power; no lights can go in on that street until they can get power located to proposed lighting areas. It probably will not happen until spring. The University would prefer underground power lines to be installed.

Discussion: the cost to relocate power lines was reviewed. Some of the power lines may be relocated or raised to allow the addition of new street lighting spots.

Council Member Benfield asked about the costs associated with single lighting projects. It would depend on the power supply at the various areas, but the typical intersection would be

about \$1,500 per light and pole. Mayor Woodland asked if a resolution has been made on a previous discussion that the city could do the maintenance on these lights. It is still being discussed; Rocky Mountain Power would like a revised list of areas that would be included.

Council Member Erickson summarized the funding would be able to provide \$200,000-\$215,000 of work this year. Public Works Director Millar will work up a priority list including Cresthaven Subdivision and work with Rocky Mountain Power and bring the cost back to the City Council. Council President Mann clarified for the audience that this has been a work in progress for a few years, which is why the funding has been sitting available for a detailed plan to go into effect.

Council Member Erickson moved to expend the fund on street lighting projects; Council Member Stout seconded the motion; **Mayor Woodland** asked for a vote:

<u>Those voting aye</u>	<u>Those voting nay</u>
Council President Mann	None
Council Member Benfield	
Council Member Erickson	
Council Member Egbert	
Council Member Stout	

The motion carried.

J. Software package called “PageGate” allowing City Departments to set up groups for texting messages for callouts when pagers are not available; allowing cell phone contacts to notify personnel to report to work – Steve Christenson

IT Director Christenson reviewed the request from the Fire Department to purchase software to communicate with paid call personnel. They can not always reach everyone with pagers, etc. They would be able to create Group Call lists for texting messages on cell phones. This software does not have a monthly prescription; it is a one-time cost. The software and licensing could cover 60 paid call personnel for \$750.00; and be expanded for up to 5,000 licenses. He would like to offer the same service to other departments, including the IT Department and the Sheriff’s office.

Discussion on the easy use of cell phones. Provo, Utah has eliminated their pagers and they use cell phone texts to communicate with paid call, etc.

Council President Mann moved to approve the purchase of “Page Gate” software for \$750; Council Member Benfield seconded the motion;

Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

<u>Those voting aye</u>	<u>Those voting nay</u>
Council President Mann	None
Council Member Benfield	
Council Member Erickson	
Council Member Egbert	
Council Member Stout	

The motion carried.

Staff Reports:

A. Economic Development: – Scott Johnson

Economic Development Director Johnson was excused from the meeting.

B. Public Works: – John Millar

Public Works Director Millar gave an update on the construction project at the Riverside Park Aquatic Center. The mechanical room is 70-80% complete, with the electrical work inside about 60% complete. There are 13 pumps installed in the pump pit. Piping is 90% complete. There are six big filters installed, as well as two big boilers. The buildings have been closed in with roofs being installed during the winter. The steel for the slides will be erected in March. We are still on schedule for the opening at the end of May, weather pending.

The new head works equipment has been installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The old grit removal system has been replaced. The piping and pumping was completed by city staff.

This year's project proposal includes a new sludge thickening system. They will visit another system in Tremonton, Utah that has been using a sludge thickener for four or five years to see how it has worked for their system.

The sewer line on 7th South is going out to bid for the initial portion. The pressure line is waiting for a grant application. If they move ahead on construction, they negate their application for the grant. Two canal crossings will need to be installed. They will need to put in 100 feet of pipe in the next 45 days.

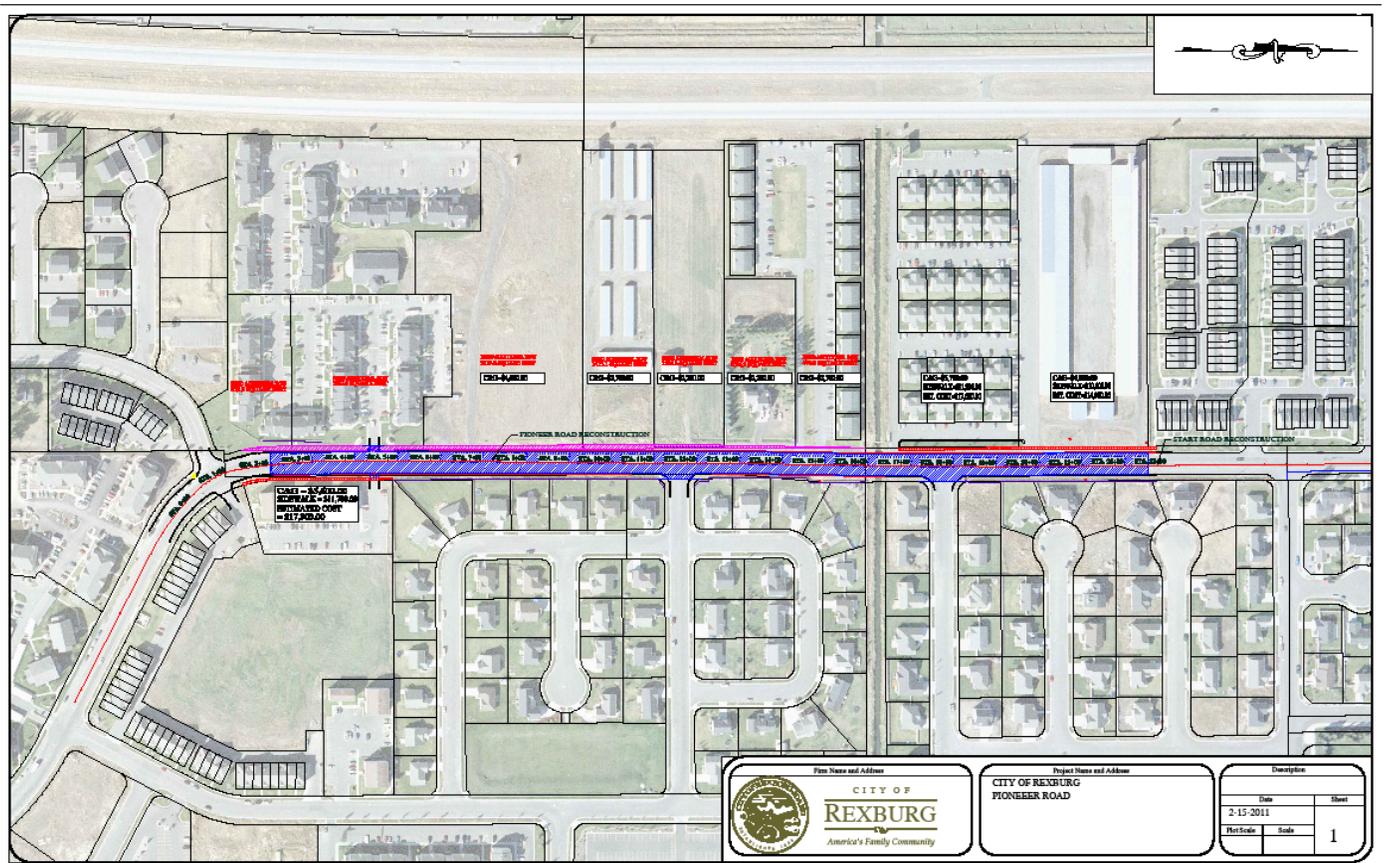
Rexburg Canal Company water shares are being requested to be applied to the ponds at the park. They have met several times with University Administrators to discuss the use of their well. Jerry Rigby is in the process of formulating a contract for the well use. They have discussed the transfer of well and water rights to the city with water re-conveyance after five years renewable at a future date; pending additional water rights through mitigation. They are anticipating they will be online prior to the season of needing it.

One of the city's main wells is having problems with adjudication; it was not given to the city. An affidavit is being prepared by the engineer who oversaw the project and it will go before the adjudication court. He verifies everything the city had assumed about the project. We are getting help on our water right issues from the Department of Water Resources.

Council Member Benfield asked what happens if we do not get the grant. The city has the funding available.

1. Street Reconstruction: Pioneer Road south and a portion of 7th South – Keith Davidson

City Engineer Davidson reviewed the proposal on Pioneer Road with handouts and a review on the overhead screen. He thanked Mayor Woodland and City Council Members Egbert, Stout, and Erickson who helped serve on the LID 41 sub-committee. He reviewed funding sources and the specific areas where the costs would be incurred.

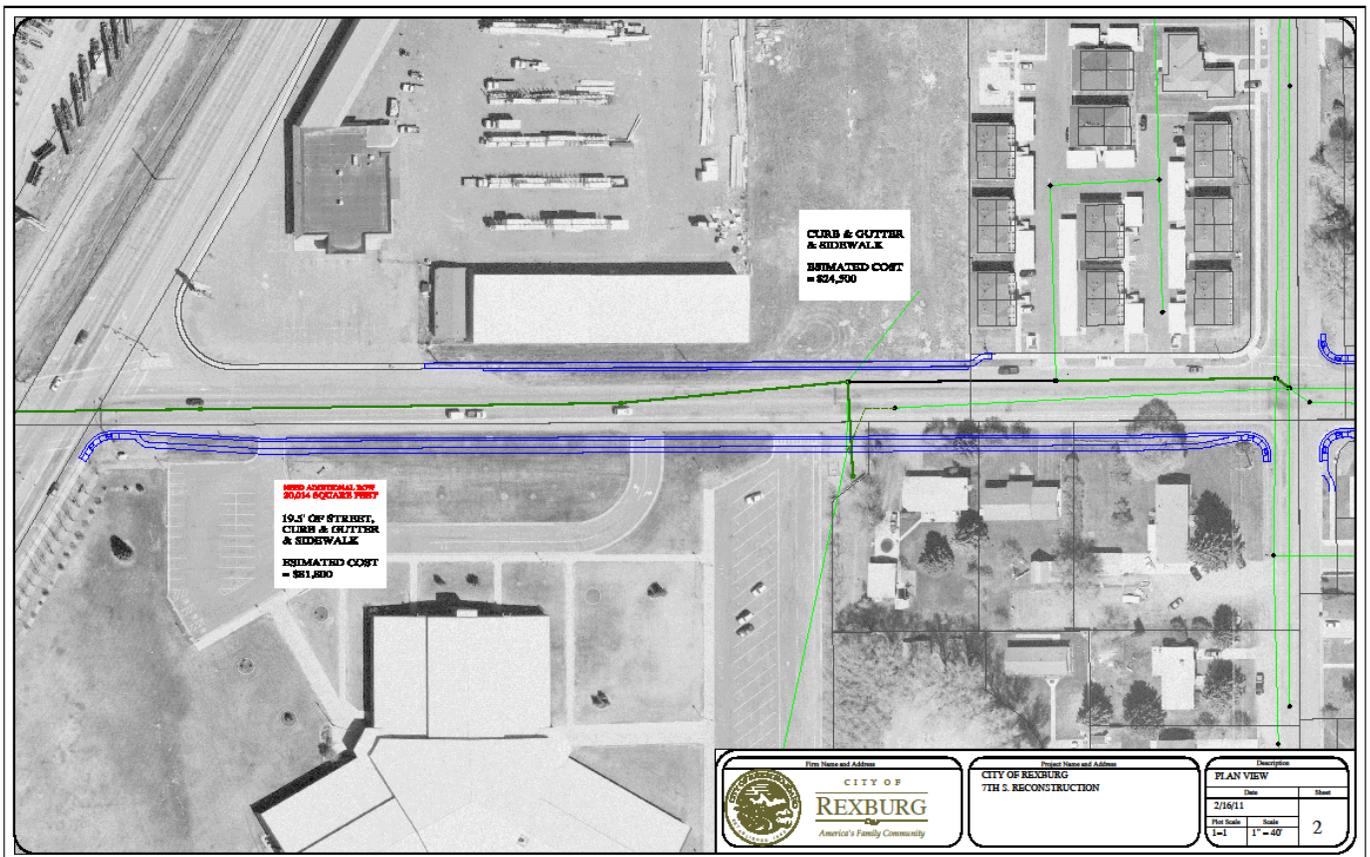


Pioneer Road reconstruction was discussed. Funding will come from the Streets Department's new road and reconstruction budgets, as well as water and sewer funds because they will install stubbed pipes to prepare for future growth and water and sewage needs. The stubbed piping will prevent them from having to tear up the street when the pipes need to be extended. Part of the curb and gutter would be paid for by the city and others will be paid for by the property owners. Properties where there is not enough right-of-way for a sidewalk will be excluded. As more of the area on Pioneer Road is developed then more sidewalks will be installed.

Mayor Woodland asked if the city would need to purchase any right-of-way. That would be necessary on 7th South. Discussion on right-of-ways.

Council Member Stout wanted to clarify the two properties on the west side of Pioneer Road south of the canal. It was discussed to wait on the sidewalk right-of-way purchase for these two properties until the other parcels on the west side of Pioneer Road are developed.

City Engineer Davidson continued the discussion of adding right-of-way or developing right-of-way on 7th South through the school property and Stone's property west of the canal. The city has the right-of-way for these properties; they will need to discuss the price these properties owners will need to pay for their portion of the curb and gutter. For three of the properties on the south side of 7th South, the city would pay for the curb, gutter, piping and road in exchange for the right-of-way. Sewer construction funding will add \$110,400 for the project. A power line relocation and additional right-of-way will be added for phase two of this project next year. There was discussion on the 5th West portion of the road; they need to start moving on things now to prepare for next year. Next year the 7th South project will be completed.



On the corner of Barney Dairy Road and 3rd East is the Lili Kimmel-Cell Tower property. In 2008, they filed a permit to expand the cell tower. The permit was granted; however, they were required to bring the property up to city standards by installing a curb, gutter, and sidewalk. They have not moved forward, so the city is including this property in the LID. On Hand Cart Lane, John Gregory has agreed to sell portions of the lots he owns. The city can purchase right-of-way to add two accesses to the road. Two accesses would be necessary to facilitate development in that area. Melvin Rudd is working on the proposal to establish the right-of-way without city expense to allow future access to landlocked property.

Council Member Egbert moved to initiate the notice of intent to create the LID-41; Council Member Erickson seconded the motion; **Mayor Woodland** asked for a vote:

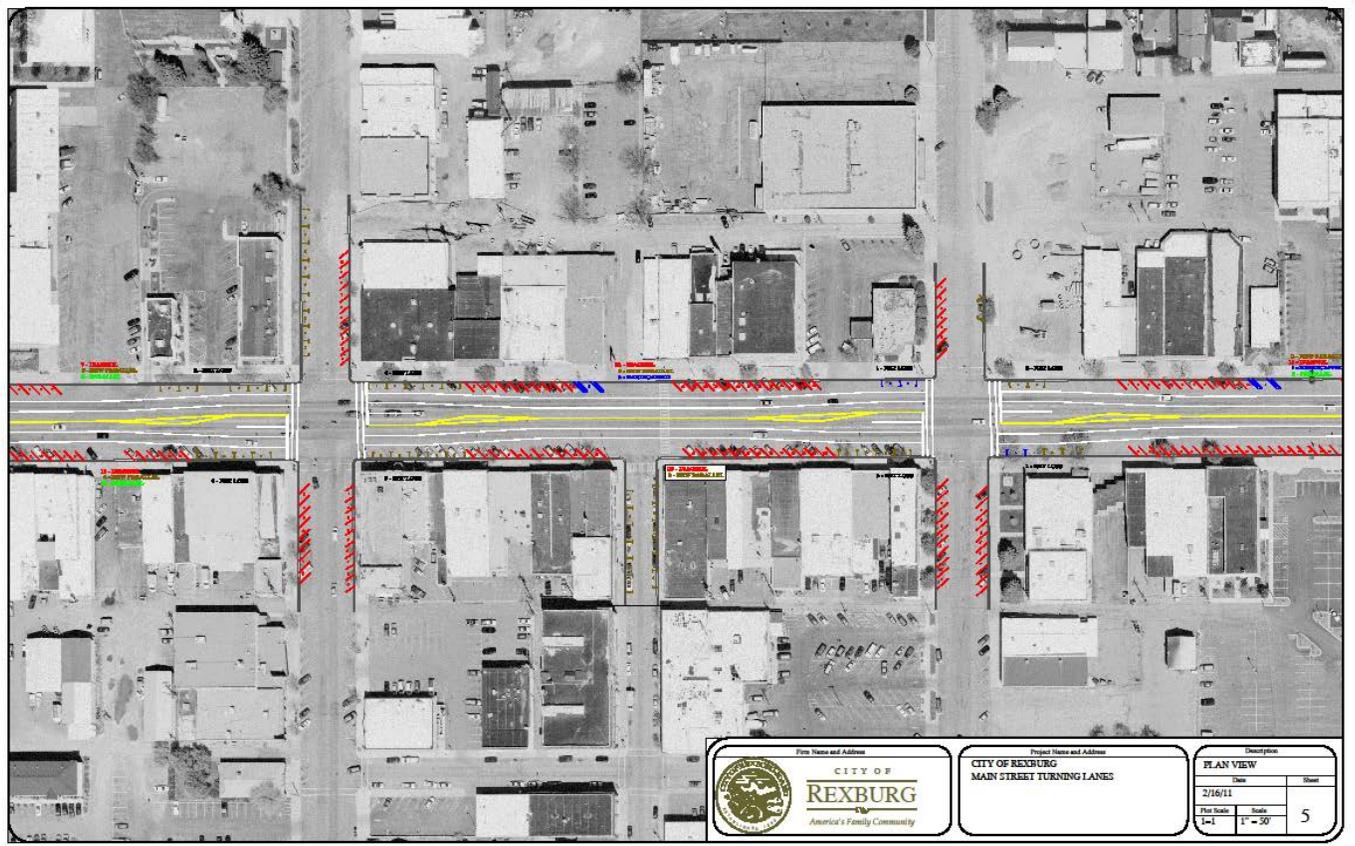
Those voting aye

- Council President Mann
- Council Member Benfield
- Council Member Erickson
- Council Member Egbert
- Council Member Stout

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried.

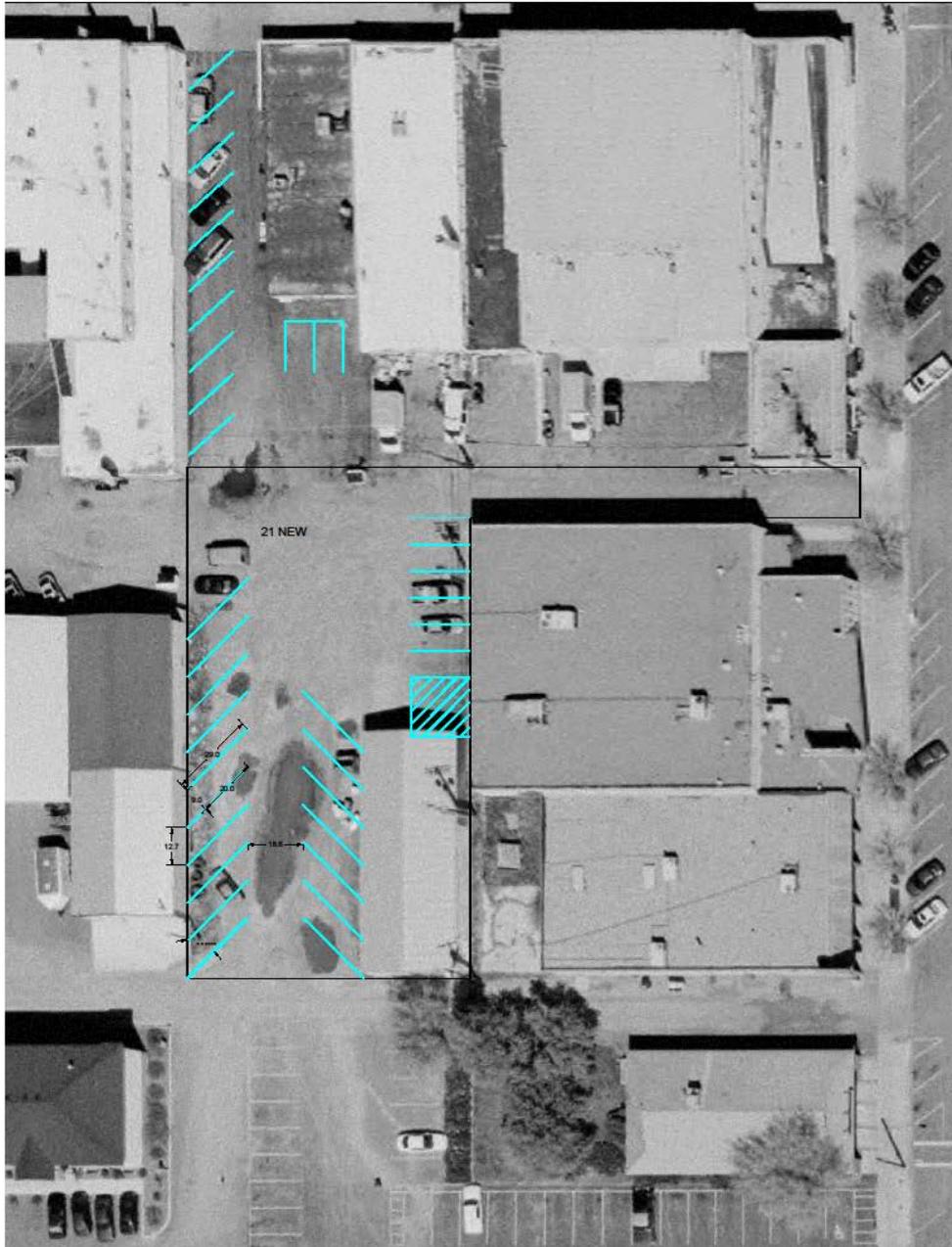


City Engineer Davidson presented the addition of left-turn lanes on Main Street. Mayor Woodland asked how many parking spots we would lose by adding the turn lanes. About 20 total parking spaces would be lost with the whole project. Some diagonal parking would have to change to parallel parking. The State would help provide \$350,000 in matching funds. The project is anticipated to cost \$600,000 with redoing sidewalks, corners and the new traffic lights. Mayor Woodland said he would hate to lose the parking spaces. Council President Mann said he would hate to lose the funding from the state; it is something that should be done.

Mayor Woodland asked if we need to notify property owners. The city owns the right-of-way; it is not necessary to involve property owners. Discussion on alternative parking availability by adding parking behind the Center Street theatres.

Council Member Benfield asked if the parking behind Ramire's could be included in an LID. It is not part of city property so it cannot be included. The city could approach the property owners to see if anything can be worked out. Council Member Benfield said it is an area that really needs to be cleaned up.

Council Member Stout mentioned recommending that area to the Urban Renewal Agency. That is what the Urban Renewal Agency does is clean up urban areas.



Discussion on traffic using other roads to avoid Main Street. A lot of vehicles use 1st North as an alternative route.

Council Member Erickson moved to approve the downtown street project (the addition of two left-turn lanes on Main Street at Center Street and 1st East); Council Member Stout seconded the motion; **Mayor Woodland** asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

- Council President Mann
- Council Member Benfield
- Council Member Erickson
- Council Member Egbert
- Council Member Stout

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried.

Mayor Woodland expressed concern with using so much city funding on this project. He would have liked to explore the option of using state funding for 1st North instead of Main Street as a highway. Council President Mann said he agrees, but there has not been support for that in the past.

C. Finance Department: - Richard Horner

Finance Officer Horner reviewed the “Budget Summary Report” for three months ending 12/31/2010. Some departments need to tighten their belts and some are doing fine. State revenue sharing changes were discussed. Council Member Benfield discussed changes brought up by Senator Hill. Some revenues have come in over budget and may be available to compensate for revenue sharing changes. Finance Officer Horner answered clarification questions from the City Council.

Council Member Benfield moved to approve the “Budget Summary Report”; Council Member Stout seconded the motion; **Mayor Woodland** asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Mann
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Erickson
Council Member Egbert
Council Member Stout

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried.

Calendared Bills and Tabled Items:

- A. “LAND USE ACTION” – BILLS RECOMMENDED/APPROVED IN A LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE: – NONE**
- B. BILL Introduction: – NONE**
- C. First Reading:** Those items which are being introduced for first reading. – NONE
- D. Second Reading:** Those items which have been first read. – NONE
- E. Third Reading:** Those items which have been second read. – NONE

Tabled Items: Those items which have been the subject of an affirmative vote to a motion to table:
- NONE

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor’s Presentation: Above and Beyond Award to Rex Erickson for extra work on Urban Renewal.

Burton Elementary PTO wants to build a play ground for disabled children. There is only one local park for disabled children: Tauphus Park in Idaho Falls.

Council Member Egbert moved to recommend a letter of support to build a play ground for disabled children for the **Burton Elementary PTO**; Council Member Stout seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Mann
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Erickson
Council Member Egbert
Council Member Stout

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried.

Council Member Erickson suggested making a donation along with sending a letter of support. Finance Officer Horner said Parks Impact Fees could help make a donation to the project.

Council Member Erickson moved to award a \$1,000 donation to the project; Council Member Benfield seconded the motion; **Mayor Woodland** asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Mann
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Erickson
Council Member Egbert
Council Member Stout

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried.

Consent Calendar: The consent calendar includes items which require formal City Council action, however they are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the City Council's agenda packet regarding these items.

Minutes:

- A. February 2, 2010 meeting
- B. Approve the City of Rexburg Bills

Council President Mann moved to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of the minutes, and the city bills; Council Member Stout seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Mann
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Erickson
Council Member Egbert
Council Member Stout

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried.

Discussion on cost of tipping fees.

Adjournment

Attest:

Richard Woodland, Mayor

Blair D. Kay, City Clerk