

SMITHFIELD CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

The Smithfield City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 96 South Main Street, Smithfield, Utah on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. The meeting began at 6:30 P.M. and Mayor Jeffrey H. Barnes was in the chair. The opening remarks were made by Curtis Wall.

The following council members were in attendance: Deon Hunsaker, Jamie Anderson, Bart Caley, Wade Campbell and Curtis Wall.

City Manager Craig Giles, Police Chief Travis Allen, Fire Chief Jay Downs and City Recorder Justin Lewis were also in attendance.

VISITORS: Jackie Hancock, Jon Wells, Bryce Goodin, Zac Covington, David Evans, Lindsay Lloyd, Travis Lundberg, Rebecca Louviere, Representative Val Potter

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2019

A motion to approve the October 23, 2019 city council meeting minutes was made by Wade, seconded by Curtis and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Hunsaker, Anderson, Caley, Campbell, Wall

No Vote: None

RESIDENT INPUT

REBECCA LOUVIERE: I would like to find out more information about getting a traffic signal light by Lee's Marketplace. It is needed. That area is very dangerous. I have a son who is 15 and will be 16 soon. I want a signal light there before he starts driving. I called UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) and they said they are working with the city. They said they need to know where the city wants a light put. I want to know who is in charge of this project because I want to expedite getting it done. I think there are accidents in that area each day.

MAYOR BARNES: We are working on it and have been for some time.

REBECCA: They said it was recently approved. I want to know how to speed up the process of getting it installed.

MAYOR BARNES: These types of projects take time. It is a big project. We are aware of people's concerns and are not ignoring them.

REBECCA: I want to know when it will be done such as in three months or six months.

MAYOR BARNES: You can call me and we can discuss. City Manager Craig Giles and I are happy to meet with you.

REBECCA: I want something done to speed this project up.

MAYOR BARNES: We are happy to meet. We cannot discuss items during Resident Input. We can only listen to your concerns; therefore; that is why we are willing to meet and discuss with you.

DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVE VAL POTTER.

Val Potter introduced himself and mentioned he previously served as a city council member and mayor of another local city.

Val gave an update on things he is working on for the upcoming legislative session as well as what the legislature is currently considering.

Right now tax reform is a major item under review.

Val is the co-chairman of the Affordable Housing Committee. A bill will be presented in the next session regarding affordable housing.

Many people state Utah is the fastest growing state in the nation. The population is mainly growing internally. Not many people are moving in from out of state. Approximately 70% of the population growth is from existing residents of the state having children.

The economy is very important to legislators and residents of the state.

Val is the chairman of the Business and Economic Development Committee.

Val works directly with representatives from the Utah Leagues of Cities and Towns on their concerns and issues.

SB34 was adopted last year which deals with housing affordability and has 23 items the state is asking each city to consider. Smithfield has done a good job in regard to working on these items.

Right now the Wasatch Front needs 65,000 more units to meet the housing demand. Because of the shortage apartments are overpriced and young adults are having to live with their mom and dad after they get married. Because rent is so high people who are renting cannot save enough money for a down payment on a new home. A bill will be presented to help get funding for those who cannot afford a down payment.

Val is working with Cache County Sheriff Chad Jensen and Cache County Attorney James Swink on a couple of new bills.

Val helped to pass an amusement park ride safety inspection bill this year. Utah was one of only five states not requiring amusement park rides to be inspected.

Tax reform is currently being discussed. The proposed tax reform bill can be viewed at www.le.utah.gov. As proposed there would be an \$80,000,000 tax cut. Full funding would still be allocated for roads, healthcare and education. Higher education would be moved into the general fund. Sales tax will be added to food. Back in 2001 or 2002 charging sales tax on food was removed when Jon Huntsman was governor. Dependent exemptions and an earned income tax credit would be available.

There would be \$570,000,000 in new sales tax created.

Overall income tax collected would go down by \$680,000,000. A family of four making \$60,000 per year would have a tax savings of about \$320.

There is a concern by some that adding sales tax to food hurts those that don't have very much money to begin with. A tax credit will be put in place to help those with lower incomes as well as based on the number of children in the home to get the funds paid in sales tax back when people file their taxes at the end of the year.

The legislature hopes to pass the new tax bill by the second week of December. Details are still being finalized. The Utah League of Cities and Towns supports the tax bill. Income tax is high and sales tax continues to drop because of the online sales of products.

Transportation, most education and social services are all paid by the general fund. The majority of the state is funded through the general fund. Income tax is for public education. Education will not be affected by the tax cuts.

Deon expressed frustration it seems the big cities get richer and the little cities get poorer. The little cities with a small business base need help in regards to the sales tax they receive. Val replied Logan thinks they are not receiving enough in sales tax and they are growing. Lewiston doesn't think they are receiving enough as they are growing and have a limited tax base. Equalization is being talked about.

Deon asked if Smithfield will receive more sales tax funding where some services will now be taxed? Val replied it will be spread out. Transportation funding will increase. One of the biggest needs in the state is maintaining and repairing roads. There are thousands of miles of roads in the state and the cost needs to be spread over the population of 3.5 million people.

Val admitted the last tax bill, 441, which was not approved during the last legislative session was a fiasco. Services would have been taxed across the board. The original bill and everything which was included is now gone.

Adding sales tax to veterinary services, lawn care, landscaping and ride sharing services such as UBER is being discussed.

Bart asked if commercial property transactions will have sales tax collected on them? Val replied no they will not. Neither will services from an attorney or accountant.

Jamie asked how higher education costs can be kept in check. Val replied there is a lot of pressure from the Regents on tuition fees. Each school seeking a tuition hike must apply to the state. Some increases are approved and some are denied. Right now the state is paying about 27% of the cost of higher education and the rest is collected in tuition and fees paid by the students.

Tuition and fee rates in Utah for higher education schools is still good compared to surrounding states. There is a need to keep offering a high quality education in a field where jobs are available and loan debt can be repaid. Most students who currently obtain a degree can get a job. The skills needed for jobs are being taught. Students need to start thinking about jobs they want to obtain before they get a degree.

Bart asked if any portions of HB441 are still being considered? Val replied that bill is done and gone and not being considered.

Val suggested the council review the summary sheet on the tax reform bill on the website which is about six pages. There is a short two page summary as well. The bill itself is 110 pages long. The bill and summary can be found on www.le.utah.gov.

Mayor Barnes asked if changes are being made to social security? Val replied some tax credits will be offered to those on retirement income. Social security is not enough for people to cover their costs.

Mayor Barnes asked if the change is a tax credit? Val replied that is correct.

Curtis mentioned the council has concerns about affordable housing as well as traffic and water rights and use. What does the council need to be concerned about the most? Val replied everything related to growth should be a high concern. Transportation projects should be high on the list. New roads and repairing old ones should be a priority. Consider adding bypass routes to get people off of Main Street.

Val said every project will come down to funding and public pressure. People don't want change in their backyard. Change is going to happen but smart growth is the key. Work with developers to plan proper growth.

Val encouraged the city to work with the CMPO (Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization) for funding for transportation projects.

Val mentioned, sadly, those that complain loudest and the most at the state level are the ones who are heard. Don't expect anything to just happen. Be assertive. Work with UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) where possible. Signal lights are expensive and time consuming to get installed.

Let people know about where roads will go long term. Plan for the next four to ten years. Know that hard decisions are needed to be made but make them and do what is best for the city. Do not let public clamor dictate what is done in the city.

People don't like developments even when they are done right so do the right thing and what is best for the city because people will complain anyway.

Send emails and text messages during the legislative session to Val letting him know of bills which the city supports and those which are of a concern.

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON A NEW CVTD (CACHE VALLEY TRANSIT DISTRICT) BOARD MEMBER.

Mayor Barnes mentioned Heidi Harper has served on the CVTD board, in behalf of the city, for many years. Heidi has resigned from the position as there have been some changes in her life where she can no longer attend the board meetings.

Mayor Barnes informed the council Todd Beutler has recommended Mike Arnold as Heidi's replacement. Mike has indicated in the past he was willing to serve if an opportunity arose.

Mike previously served on the CVTD board when he lived in another local community.

Mayor Barnes asked Mike to introduce himself to the council.

Mike Arnold informed the council he moved to the city five years ago. Mike purchased the home previously owned by Chris Harris.

Mike was on the exploratory committee in the 1990's when the Logan Transit District was created. Mike served on the board for eight to nine years.

Mike was involved in the creation of CVTD and served on the board for six to seven years.

Mike was on the board representing Logan City but had to resign from the board when he moved to Smithfield.

Mayor Barnes mentioned he asked Mike to come and introduce himself to the council. An agenda item will be on the December 11th council meeting officially approving Mike as the city representative on the board.

Curtis mentioned he worked with Heidi in the past to get updates on CVTD to present to the council.

Curtis asked Mike to forward him any information which needs to be presented to the council.

Mayor Barnes asked Mike to notify himself and the council of any important things going on with CVTD and if the council, mayor or staff needs to get involved.

Curtis asked Mike if he is retired now? Mike replied he is still working but has time to serve on the CVTD board.

Mike opened the first Edward Jones office in the State of Utah.

DISCUSSION WITH UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR DAVID EVANS AND STUDENTS FROM HIS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE CLASS REGARDING LANDSCAPING DESIGN CONCEPTS FOR THE CENTRAL PARK AREA.

David Evans mentioned he met with Mayor Barnes and Craig about having his students do some design work for the Central Park Area. With input from the students, Mayor Barnes and Craig concept plans for the area have been created. Areas of focus were around the youth center and Library.

The biggest concept plan was the creation of a parking lot south of the youth center.

Curtis asked if the land south of the youth center was owned by the school district? Craig replied that is correct. Any project in that area would have to be a joint project.

The project focuses were on projects at the splash pad and skate park area, a new parking lot south of the youth center, a new playground area and north parking lot, a library garden and a new access ramp for the youth center.

The library garden would consist of water wise plants which would do well in full-shade, part-shade and full-sun. The upfront costs would be higher than grass but long term maintenance costs would be cheaper.

Mayor Barnes asked what the pathways around the library would be made of? Bart replied concrete in some areas and crushed gravel in other areas. Lindsey Lloyd concurred.

David mentioned the area around the library would be something where the residents could come and learn about water wise landscaping they could do at their own homes.

Bart mentioned all of the concepts were well thought out and a lot of time and effort was put forth on all of the concept plans.

Wade asked if the garden by the library would be similar to the park on Saint George Boulevard in Saint George? Travis Lundberg responded that is correct; it would be a vegetation garden.

Wade mentioned it would be nice to have some water wise options for park strip areas in town.

Mayor Barnes mentioned he liked the idea of having a new parking lot south of the youth center. It would help the current parking issue as well as with traffic flow.

Mayor Barnes was hopeful the school district would work with the city on something similar to this in the area in the future.

Curtis asked if there are still traffic flow issues now the bridge accessing Central Park has been closed? Travis replied the main traffic flow issue is with the roundabout on Center Street and people pulling back onto the highway.

Curtis mentioned the previous principal of the school wanted parents to pick their children up on 100 West. The new principal might not be aware of this. The goal was to remodel and change parking on 100 West so it would be easier to pick up and drop off students. Mayor Barnes replied 100 West cannot handle all of the traffic for the school. Travis mentioned the buses access 100 West so most of the parents come to Center Street off of the highway.

Curtis asked if a resident wanted to change their yard from grass to water wise landscaping what is a good way to do it? Curtis mentioned he already changed his sprinklers to be more efficient and changed the park strip to rock. Lindsey replied she recommended the book "Combinations for Conservation". The book is offered through USU Extension Services.

Deon mentioned all of the training done by the Utah League of Cities and Towns mentions doing water wise landscaping.

Bart mentioned a couple of local landscapers need to do some yards in water wise landscaping so people can see what it looks like and that it is an option.

Mayor Barnes mentioned it is nice to have some plans to review as having something visual is always easier to review and understand.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 19-14, AN ORDINANCE REZONING PARCEL NUMBER 08-119-0002 FROM A-10 (AGRICULTURAL 10-ACRE) TO R-1-10 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 10,000 SQUARE FEET). THE PARCEL IS LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 325 EAST 800 SOUTH.

Mayor Barnes mentioned the request is to rezone the parcel from agricultural to 10,000 square foot minimum building lots.

Bryce Goodin mentioned there is an existing home on the parcel. Access to the parcel is from 800 South. The building lots, as proposed, would have the same zoning as the parcel to the west which is 10,000 square foot minimum lot size. The existing home will be added to the city sewer system.

Wade asked if the existing home is already on culinary water service from the city? Justin replied that is correct.

Mayor Barnes asked if the existing home is currently on a septic system? Curtis replied that is correct.

Bryce mentioned the proposed layout for a subdivision would be 26 building lots.

Curtis asked if the cost of the building lots had been determined? Bryce replied the lots will be sized for starter type homes and prices have not been set for the lots. The average home would most likely be 3,000 square feet total which is 1,500 on the main floor and 1,500 for the basement.

Mayor Barnes mentioned he did not envision the parcel to the north annexing into the city for a long time so he hoped there would not be any dead end roads in the proposed subdivision. Bryce replied the concept plan does not have any dead end roads.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 19-14, an Ordinance rezoning Parcel Number 08-119-002 from A-10 (Agricultural 10-Acre) to R-1-10 (Single Family Residential 10,000 Square Feet) was made by Jamie, seconded by Wade and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Hunsaker, Anderson, Caley, Campbell, Wall

No Vote: None

CANVASS THE ELECTION RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION.

Justin thanked Jackie Hancock for her dedicated service to the community for at least the last four elections. Jackie has helped to oversee the election the city runs since at least 2013 if not before. On Election Day the judges show up at 6:30 A.M. and typically don't leave until 8:30 P.M. or later. Without their dedicated service the election would not be possible. This year there were five election judges and three judges who did the vote counting.

Justin provided the following information on the general election which was held on Tuesday, November 5th.

There were 650 regular votes and one was disqualified. The disqualified vote was disqualified because the voter wrote names on the ballot and did not vote for the names listed on the ballot.

There were 13 absentee votes and all were accepted.

There were 19 provisional ballots and they were all accepted.

During early voting, which is the two weeks before the general election, there were 138 voters and all of their ballots were accepted.

The city has 6,027 registered voters and 820 voted in the election. The percentage who voted was 13.61%.

Bart Caley received 436 votes.

Curtis Wall received 528 votes.

Jon Wells received 635 votes.

Deon Gibbons Hunsaker received 499 votes.

Curtis, Jon and Deon were elected to start serving four year terms in January 2020.

Justin expressed frustration that only 13.61% of the registered voters turned out to vote. This is a very low percentage and most likely the lowest in the valley this year.

The election costs the same amount whether everyone voted or nobody voted because supplies must be kept on hand for everyone to vote.

***A motion to certify the election results of the November 5, 2019 General Election where Curtis Wall, Jon Wells and Deon Gibbons Hunsaker were elected to four year terms as city council members starting in January 2020 was made by Bart, seconded by Wade and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Hunsaker, Anderson, Caley, Campbell, Wall
No Vote: None

Curtis asked how long information on the election must be kept? Justin replied for 22 months.

Jackie Hancock mentioned she enjoys being involved and meeting people on Election Day.

Jackie mentioned many people were uninformed and did not even know who was on the ballot.

Jackie mentioned several people said they were frustrated there was not any information available on the candidates. The candidates need to do more advertising and let people know what is going on. Bart mentioned he put up several election signs and did quite a bit of posting on social media.

Mayor Barnes mentioned an article was run in *The Herald Journal* on the four candidates. Curtis replied the article was run quite a long time before the election. Some cities host a meet the candidate's night.

Curtis expressed concern millennials are not voting. The percentage of voter turnout was very low. One option to consider is doing the vote by mail. The cost will be higher but voter turnout will be at least sixty to seventy percent.

Bart mentioned early voting is another great option for people as it allows them to vote any day they want two weeks before Election Day.

Bart mentioned some residents are not even registered to vote.

Bart intends to do a write-up for the December newsletter regarding the election, getting registered to vote and voter turnout.

Mayor Barnes mentioned he recently received a voter registration card. Wade replied voter registration cards are sent when driver's licenses are renewed.

UPDATE ON CCEMS (CACHE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES).

Mayor Barnes mentioned there have been some recent discussion about CCEMS as well as the Smithfield Police Department possibly combining with the North Park Police Department.

Mayor Barnes asked Chief Downs to provide an overview and update on CCEMS.

Mayor Barnes wanted to make sure everyone is aware that CCEMS is an agreement between Logan City and Cache County. None of the other local agencies are part of the original agreement to create CCEMS.

Chief Downs reviewed a slideshow with the council created by Logan City Fire Chief Brad Hannig.

Logan City is considering terminating their part of the CCEMS agreement.

CCEMS was created in 2004.

Creation of Cache County Emergency Medical Service Authority Slide

- Originally Logan City Fire Department (LCFD) was the sole provider for entire county service area for transport services. LCFD had the only transport license within Cache County from the State of Utah. This was a great burden on their service delivery. Hence, the establishment of CCEMS.
- There is hereby created a separate and legal administrative entity pursuant to the Utah Interlocal Cooperation Act to be known as the Cache County Emergency Medical Services Authority (CCEMS).
- Terms of the agreement
- This agreement....will continue until changed or rescinded by either party by giving at least one (1) year written notice prior to the end of the then current budget year.

The county budget starts on January 1st so Logan City would need to notify the county before January 1st of their intent to terminate the agreement. Logan City is considering two options: staying as part of the current agreement or going on their own.

Smithfield City works under the county.

CCEMS Delegation of Authority Slide

- CCEMS
- Cache County and Logan City form CCEMS
- The Logan City Fire Department falls under Logan City.

- The Smithfield City Fire Department falls under Cache County as does operation of the ambulance station operated in the south end of the valley managed by the Smithfield Fire Department.

Chief Downs mentioned 85% of the calls for service in the north end of the valley serviced by ambulances from the Smithfield Fire Station are from Hyde Park to Richmond.

Chief Downs mentioned he has met with representatives of Hyrum City around eight times in the last 15 years to see if they want to operate similar to how Smithfield does in regards to covering calls for service and Hyrum has been content to do nothing like they are currently doing.

Right now only one ambulance is stationed in the ambulance station in Hyrum and it is paid for by the county.

With funding from the county, Smithfield City and revenue received from transfers there are two to three ambulances at the Smithfield Fire Station at all times.

Cache County Emergency Medical Services (CCEMS) Slide

Areas of coverage.

- Cache County (North & South Areas)
 - North Area (Smithfield)
 - Hyde Park, Richmond, Lewiston, Clarkston, Newton
 - South Area (Managed by Smithfield)
 - Hyrum, Wellsville, Nibley, Millville, Paradise
- Logan City Fire Department (Central Zone)
 - Logan, Providence, River Heights, Mendon, North Logan
 - Paramedic Services to ALL of Cache County

Chief Downs mentioned 40% of the calls for service involve paramedics and they all have to come out of Logan City right now because Logan City is the only department with paramedics on staff.

Starting in January, eight members of the Smithfield department will start training to become paramedics.

Jamie asked if the local department has any paramedics? Chief Downs replied there are three part-time paramedics on staff.

Jamie asked how it is known if a paramedic is needed on a call? Chief Downs replied it is based on the information the dispatcher learns during the call. If a call is a “D” or an “E” a paramedic is required. If the call is a “C” then it is questionable if a paramedic is needed. On about 40% of all medical calls a paramedic is needed.

The local department has many Advanced EMT's on staff and they can administer 23 out of the 27 drugs a paramedic can administer.

Jamie asked how long the staff members will be in training once they start in January? Chief Downs replied approximately six to nine months. The schooling is three days per week and is done at the Bridgerland Area Technical College.

Chief Downs mentioned since 2003 the call volume and number of transfers from the valley has doubled. During that time Logan City has only hired three more full-time employees. Logan is having a hard time covering all of the calls in Logan City but they are still in charge of the entire valley as well.

Explanation of Revenue Distribution Slide

Logan City	\$2,300,000
Cache County	\$1,150,000
Administration	\$800,000 – \$850,000

Expenses are at least \$50,000 per year higher than revenue.

Craig mentioned Smithfield City does not arbitrarily receive any funding. All of the funding received by the city is earned. There is not a guarantee Smithfield City will be paid anything until the funds are earned. Jamie asked why this is a concern? Craig replied some people in the valley think Smithfield City is given \$750,000 per year by the county. The city is not given any funds. The city is paid after services are rendered to operate the two stations and do transports.

Chief Downs mentioned some other local cities want to do what Smithfield has done by having contracts in place with other cities to generate additional revenue. Each city can do this once they obtain the proper licenses.

Eighty-five percent of the calls in the north end of the valley are in the Smithfield contracted areas. Newton only has about 20 calls per year. Lewiston averages about 50 to 75 calls per year. There are only a dozen or so calls per year in Clarkston and Trenton.

Chief Downs also mentioned for the full-time employees in the local department their wages and benefits are paid 70% by the county and 30% by the city as part of the interlocal agreement.

Mayor Barnes wanted it to be very clear the city pays 30% of the wages and benefits as some people think the county pays 100% of this cost.

Distribution of Workload Slide

Logan City Stations – Central Zone	71% of EMS transports 60% of inter-facility transports
Smithfield Station – North Zone	15% of EMS transports 39% of inter-facility transports
Hyrum Station – South Zone	13% of EMS transports 1% of inter-facility transports

Currently, any time a paramedic is needed Logan City must respond.

City Cost Per Capita For Fire Services Slide

- Clarkston \$64
- Lewiston 24
- Richmond 27
- Smithfield 34
- Newton 25
- Wellsville 18
- Logan 84
- Hyrum 11
- Paradise 19
- Mendon 32
- North Logan 66
- Trenton 38
- Providence 61
- Nibley ?
- Millville ?

Logan runs a full-time department so their costs are higher.

Smithfield uses a combination of volunteers, part-time employees and full-time employees to keep costs lower.

Over time the number of volunteers continues to decrease so long term the cost will increase as more part-time employees are paid.

Jamie asked how it was determined what each city is paying? Chief Downs replied by taking the amount of funds budgeted by the entity and then dividing by the population.

Hyde Park and Richmond will both be paying more as they both recently renewed their contracts with Smithfield at a higher amount.

Population Breakdown Cache County Slide

	Population	% of Overall
Paradise	995	0.77
Lewiston	1,811	1.41
Cornish	328	0.25
Newton	813	0.63
Clarkston	730	0.57
Trenton	528	0.41
Mendon	1,414	1.10
Wellsville	3,849	2.99
Smithfield	11,811	9.17
Richmond	2,730	2.12
Hyde Park	4,700	3.65
Amalga/Benson	1,274	0.99
Hyrum	8,403	6.53
Nibley	7,087	5.50
Millville	2,078	1.61
North Logan	11,176	8.68
Logan	51,619	40.09
River Heights	2,029	1.58
Providence	7,595	5.90
Unincorporated County	7,800	6.06
Total	128,770	

Jamie asked who put this slideshow together? Chief Downs replied Logan City Fire Chief Brad Hannig.

Chief Downs explained Chief Hannig created the slideshow to show Logan City is doing the majority of the work but not receiving the majority of the money.

Additional Challenges & CCEMS Limitations Slide

- Entire county expects the same service but pay significantly different tax rates
- Difficult to streamline training between systems
- No mechanism for contributions, or lack thereof, from cities not providing services
- EMS response ready service not free
- Balance funding is inequitable throughout the county
- Fire/EMS imbalance through county agencies

Bart mentioned the most equitable way to pay for the system is to charge per actual call in each city.

Chief Downs mentioned Logan City has 12 full-time employees on shift. Each call requires two employees to respond. If there are four calls outside of Logan City they have to respond to that

would only leave four employees to cover all of Logan City that by far has the greatest population total.

Median Household Income Slide

	Median Income 2016
Paradise	\$67,689
Lewiston	49,375
Cornish	42,500
Newton	57,656
Clarkston	70,073
Trenton	49,028
Mendon	76,250
Wellsville	59,458
Smithfield	68,782
Richmond	53,964
Hyde Park	74,551
Amalga/Benson	67,292
Hyrum	63,359
Nibley	76,250
Millville	74,210
North Logan	70,812
Logan	36,256
River Heights	77,433
Providence	80,860
Unincorporated County	51,935

Chief Downs explained there is much speculation going on about what might happen but until Logan makes a decision nobody else needs to consider making any changes.

If Logan terminates the contract then CCEMS no longer exists. If that happens, the city will then have to decide what to do in the future.

Mayor Barnes mentioned Logan City must make a decision by the end of the year because of a clause in the contract.

Curtis mentioned even if the contract is terminated it will still be in effect for all of 2020. Chief Downs concurred and mentioned it allows everyone one year to decide what they are going to do and get things in place.

Mayor Barnes mentioned former City Manager Jim Gass sent the council an email implying the city had already decided to go on its own. The email is incorrect as the city cannot do anything until Logan makes a decision first.

Chief Downs mentioned the State Bureau of EMS does not allow an area to not be covered by ambulance service so no matter what happens the entire area will still be covered while things are worked out.

Jamie replied the city could cover all of the area to the north but those cities would have to pay Smithfield. Chief Downs agreed but also mentioned there is nothing that can force the other cities to pay Smithfield. Legislation has been proposed but nothing is currently in place. Craig mentioned the state requires coverage but it is not specified the amount of time the call might take to respond too. The cities will need to work together to offer coverage.

Mayor Barnes replied Logan City will continue to respond with paramedics even if they terminate the contract until something new is put in place.

Bart mentioned he understood Logan's concern about using their resources elsewhere and possibly lessening the coverage to their own city.

Chief Downs mentioned any city or county can get an ambulance license. There are small ambulance stations throughout the state.

Bart mentioned Hyrum knows they have a problem and need to be involved moving forward.

Jamie replied Hyrum has not been involved in the past why do they want to be now? Chief Downs replied Hyrum City Mayor Stephanie Miller wants to discuss the issue front and center.

Chief Downs wanted to make it clear that Jim Gass's email stating Smithfield has already made a decision of what they are going to do is incorrect. Until a decision is made by Logan no other entity can decide what they will or will not do.

Bart asked Chief Downs to explain how each license is different and not all licenses are required by an entity. Chief Downs replied a true paramedic requires two people per call. There are also single paramedic licenses as well as Advanced EMT licenses. Basic EMT licenses are available as well.

Currently, CCEMS is the authority over the program until the program is terminated. If a decision is made by Logan to cancel the contract a decision on whether to pursue an ambulance license will need to be made no later than June 2020.

There is also a license for Medicare and Medicaid which is required. Approximately 40% of the calls of service are Medicare or Medicaid calls. Medicare and Medicaid only pay 33% of the billed amount.

Licensing will take time to get in place if the CCEMS contract is terminated by Logan City.

Bart mentioned it will take a year to get everything in place if Logan terminates the contract.

Chief Downs stated an interlocal agreement would be considered between Smithfield and Logan if Logan decides to terminate the contract so each entity has backup coverage.

Bart mentioned the city is prepared to negotiate or get its own license if Logan terminates the contract.

Chief Downs replied several interlocal agreements will need to be put in place in the valley if the contract is terminated because none of the cities are big enough to offer the needed coverage on their own.

Mayor Barnes replied each city will decide the level of service they want in their city by the amount they are willing to pay.

Mayor Barnes wanted to be clear CCEMS pays for 70% of the wages of the full-time employees but Smithfield City pays for 100% of fire department costs as well as other associated EMS expenses. The county only pays for 70% of the wages and nothing else. CCEMS does not fund the Smithfield City Fire Department. The general fund of the city funds the fire department.

Mayor Barnes mentioned in his opinion Logan City will terminate the contract.

Mayor Barnes mentioned himself, Chief Allen and Craig had met with Mayor Flint from Hyde Park and Mayor Cann from North Logan as well as other representatives of each city to discuss possibly consolidating the Smithfield and North Park Police Departments.

The North Logan city council discussed the issue at their last city council meeting and they have many questions and concerns and are not feeling at this time it is appropriate to combine the departments. Chief Allen mentioned the North Logan City council felt they would lose some control and they have concerns regarding existing buildings and finances. There is not a cost savings by combining the departments.

Jamie mentioned he was happy the discussion occurred but is fine staying with the current department as-is.

Mayor Barnes mentioned he did not see a reason for the three cities to meet again. Smithfield has a great chief and department. The department will keep functioning as it currently is.

Jamie asked if Hyde Park and North Logan have a joint agreement? Chief Allen replied they have an agreement and it can be terminated with one fiscal year notice.

Mayor Barnes thanked Chief Allen for all of the work he did to gather and present information to the three cities. Budget information was presented. Possible employee shift schedules were shown. Opportunities for advancement and wages were discussed.

The Smithfield City Police Station is not paid for. The other two cities did not feel they have to pay for any of the building if the departments were combined. Smithfield did not feel this was a fair option.

Members from the North Park Police Commission created a formula each of the three cities would pay on which was based 25% on calls and 75% on population. Smithfield would actually pay less than currently paying and North Logan would pay more so they did not like the formula they created. There are more calls for service in North Logan than the other two cities.

The North Park Police Commission building is paid for.

Chief Allen mentioned the Smithfield Police Station is around 7,500 square feet and the North Park building is quite a bit smaller.

Mayor Barnes mentioned he thought it would be great if the two departments could combine but it did not appear it was going to happen as there are questions and issues each city cannot overcome.

Curtis mentioned Garland and Tremonton recently combined their police departments. Chief Allen stated he was aware of two cities combining but not three.

Mayor Barnes thanked Chief Allen for the effort and time he put in to gather information and present it in a fair and open manner.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Craig informed the council the green waste bins would be removed from the city on Monday, November 25th. The gate to the area will be locked at that time until the area reopens in the spring. Mayor Barnes asked Craig to have a sign installed stating garbage would need to be taken to the Logan Landfill.

Craig mentioned the parking lot for the Forrester Acres expansion project had been paved. The parking lot would be striped this week. The progress on the project has slowed. The fence and pickle ball court are progressing slowly. The project will be finished next spring. The project should go fast as all of the remaining items are easy to complete.

The flashing lights on the 300 South sidewalk project have been installed and are working. The reimbursement request can now be filed. The project should come in under budget.

Curtis asked if any grass was going put down where the new sidewalk crosses the land owned by the Fricke family? Craig replied the city is done with their part of the project in that area.

Craig informed the council at the December 11th council meeting there will be a discussion and vote on implementing an impact fee for sewer treatment. The sewer rate committee has adopted the fee. Now each of the cities involved in the group need to adopt the fee. This fee is different than current impact fees charged by the city as the fee is being collected in behalf of Logan City. The fee will be \$2,433 per new residence or ERU. This will apply to new homes and businesses. The state recommended this fee be charged as part of their review of the project. The second reason the impact fee is being implemented is to keep the existing monthly sewer rate lower. The intent is to let new growth pay for itself as opposed to existing users. The city has the option to

not implement the fee but Logan City will still charge the city the fee. Each city has to decide if they are going to charge the impact fee or increase the monthly utility fee to cover the cost.

Smithfield City will collect the fee in behalf of Logan City and then remit them the funds most likely once per quarter.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Deon mentioned Marty Spicer told him the building formerly occupied by Jim's Grill has been leased by a family from Montana. The family is renting a home from Marty as well. They are going to start working on the building next week to get it ready to open. Right now the family is operating a restaurant in Montana.

Marty also rented the building located at 25 West 100 North. A Nutrisystem Café will occupy the building.

The antique store owned by Marty will be reopening under a different name soon.

Marty will come and meet with the city staff soon to secure the appropriate business licenses.

Mayor Barnes mentioned the hole in the parking lot created when the grease trap was removed will need to be repaired if not already done so.

Curtis mentioned it will be good to have someone occupying the buildings.

Deon asked if the subdivision proposed by Bryce Goodin at 400 North 100 West will require the road to be widened? Craig replied that is correct.

Deon mentioned Bryce and a partner are wanting to do this project. Bryce works for Visionary Homes but this is not a Visionary Homes project.

Deon stated Bryce would like to build three new homes fronting 100 West. They would all have to cross the irrigation canal to get access to the building lots.

Deon asked if there will be any issues with the required improvements where the city owns the area between the existing road and the private property boundary. Craig replied the city staff has met with Bryce a couple of times on the project and nothing has been finalized yet.

Deon mentioned the Lion's Club is still looking for donations for the tree they are donating to the Night of Giving.

Deon asked if the council is sitting together during the event? Justin mentioned he talked to Nicole Zollinger about reserving a table for the council. Each person/couple will have to pay for their own ticket but they will be able to sit together.

Jamie mentioned progress with trails and at the golf course is slowing now winter time is approaching. The library board will meet on November 20th.

Jamie asked the best way to make changes to the Ambassador program. Craig asked what is being changed? Jamie replied he would like to continue the program without having to secure funds from sponsors. The golf course and rec center already solicit donations from some of the sponsors and this is another city group asking for donations. Other options should be considered.

Mayor Barnes asked if the Ambassador program has its own budget? Justin replied that is correct. They have their own line item in the budget.

Jamie mentioned Cathy Brooksby oversees the program. The royalty ladies were promised a certain amount of funding but only a few donations were received. Cathy has made a donation to the city from her own company to help make up the shortfall in funds.

Cathy does a great job with the program but does not like dealing with the fundraising portion of the program.

Jamie suggested making a discussion item about the program on the December council meeting agenda. Mayor Barnes asked Jamie if Cathy should be in attendance at that meeting? Jamie replied she should be invited and it is up to her if she wants to attend or not.

Bart mentioned the Night of Giving is on December 7th. Tickets are \$30 each. Tickets can be purchased at Lee's Marketplace or paid by Venmo. Donations are still being collected. Cash, toys and other suitable items are needed.

Bart mentioned in regards to economic development it will be nice to have some of the buildings owned by Marty Spicer opened. Construction of the new Arby's is coming along as well as the Green Gorilla Carwash.

Bart asked if anyone knew when Old Grist Mill planned to open? Craig replied they hoped to open before Christmas.

Bart mentioned the next chamber meeting is on December 12th at the Birch Creek Clubhouse to discuss the results from the Night of Giving.

Mayor Barnes thanked Nicole Zollinger and Stacey Dority for the excellent job they have done running the chamber.

Wade asked Justin if he was aware of any needs or news in regards to the Senior Citizen program. Justin replied the council and mayor are invited to a Thanksgiving meal the seniors are hosting on Tuesday, December 17th at noon at the Birch Creek Clubhouse.

Curtis asked if anyone knew what the county was doing with the Trails Coordinator position now Dayton Crites has left? Jamie said he was not sure if someone had formally been put in his place yet.

Curtis mentioned Jackie Hancock has resigned from the Planning Commission as her and her husband are going to do a service mission and it has a time conflict with Planning Commission meetings.

Hutch Daniels is currently an alternate and will now step into the position of full-time commissioner.

Katie Bell lives on the west side of town and has expressed interest in serving as an alternate.

Sandra Greathouse had expressed interest in serving but does not have enough time right now to join the commission.

Curtis mentioned the commissioners will be paid their annual stipend in the amount of \$150 before the December planning commission meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Barnes mentioned he attended the Sky View High School Veteran's Day assembly and it was excellent. A Lieutenant Colonel from the Ogden area spoke and talked about the four chaplains that died when the Dorchester ship was sunk during World War II.

Mayor Barnes spoke to the elementary school students, teachers and parents at Sunrise Elementary during the afternoon of Veteran's Day.

Mayor Barnes thanked the teachers for educating the youth about veterans and the role they have played in our lives. The children were even taught the words to the five military service songs they sang.

Mayor Barnes and ten students from Sky View High School met at the cemetery and raked pine cones in various areas of the grounds as part of one of their class assignments.

****Bart made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 P.M.****

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Jeffrey H. Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Justin B. Lewis, City Recorder

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AGENDA

Public Notice is given that the Smithfield City Council will meet in a regularly scheduled meeting at 96 South Main, Smithfield, Utah, on **Wednesday, November 13, 2019**. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M.

Welcome and Opening Ceremonies by Curtis Wall

1. Approval of the city council meeting minutes from October 23, 2019.
2. Resident Input
3. Discussion and update with Representative Val Potter.
4. Discussion with Utah State University Professor David Evans and students from his landscape architecture class regarding landscaping design concepts for the Central Park Area.
5. Discussion and possible vote on Ordinance 19-14, an Ordinance rezoning Parcel Number 08-119-0002 from A-10 (Agricultural 10-Acre) to R-1-10 (Single Family Residential 10,000 Square Feet). The parcel is located at approximately 325 East 800 South.
6. Canvass the election results of the November 5, 2019 General Election.
7. Update on CCEMS (Cache County Emergency Medical Services).
8. City Manager Report
9. Council Member Reports
10. Mayor's Report

Adjournment

*****Items on the agenda may be considered earlier than shown on the agenda.*****

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