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**CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, March 3, 2014  
Meeting held at the City of Saratoga Springs City Offices  
1307 North Commerce Drive, Suite 200, Saratoga Springs, Utah 84045

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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION**

**Call to Order by Mayor Miller at 5: 31p.m.**

**Present:**

**Council Members:** Mayor Miller, Councilwoman Baertsch, Councilwoman Call, Councilman Willden, Councilman Poduska

**Staff:** Lori Yates, Mark Christensen, Spencer Kyle, Kevin Thurman, Kimber Gabryszak, Chelese Rawlings, Chief Andrew Burton, Melisa Grygla

**Others:** Barbara Poduska, Chris Porter, Sue Alexander, Karalyn Becraft, Larry Whiting, Ryan Poduska

**1. Discussion of future agenda items.**

The Council discussed and addressed their thoughts regarding the Talus Ridge development.

**Councilwoman Baertsch** asked if Alpine School District would be bringing back the revisions to their location within the Legacy Farms development.

**Mark Christensen** indicated that this site might not be the best site for a school. The location might be best used as a baseball field and potentially a resort such as Lava Hot Springs.

The Council discussed the possibility of starting the council work session at 5:45 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m.

**2. Library staffing levels**

**Melissa Grygla** discussed with the Council how the number of membership keeps increase and is concern those numbers are going to be extreme with summer approaching. She suggested increasing staffs hours to accommodate the increased needs.

**Councilman Willden and Councilman Poduska** mentioned that he was fine with the recommendation from staff.

**Councilwoman Call** expressed that patrons who want the additional programs should be willing to volunteer in order to allow staff to provide those additional programs. We need to find a solution that fits both the citizens and the city as the library continues to grow.

**Councilwoman Baertsch** talked about the fact that the library was begun by volunteers and that we have an amazing volunteer pool within the city. She expressed concern that numbers of paid staff at the library were increasing so rapidly and asked if these new positions couldn't be covered by volunteers.

The Council discussed options to benefit both the city and the library's needs.

**Councilman Poduska and Councilman Willden** favored staff's recommendation. But they would like to see the community more involved.

**Councilwoman Baertsch** favored the recommendation but would ask to mindful of the balance and not to overspend.

**Councilwoman Call** would like to see the residents volunteer their time. She suggested that story time is possibly reduced once or twice a month.

**3. City Council goal setting.**

**This item was not discussed to limit time during work session.**

60 **4. Discussion of take home car program for the Police Officers.**

61 **Chief Burton** briefly touched on the car take home program.

62 The Council and staff discussed the replacement schedule, the tracking of mileage on each vehicle.  
63 The Council agreed to allow the officers to take their vehicles home.

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67 Adjourned to Policy Session at 7:00 p.m.

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69 **POLICY SESSION**

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71 **Present:**

72 **Council Members:** Mayor Miller, Councilwoman Baertsch, Councilwoman Call, Councilman Willden, Councilman  
73 Poduska

74 **Staff:** Lori Yates, Mark Christensen, Spencer Kyle, Kevin Thurman, Kimber Gabryszak, Chief Jess Campbell, Sarah  
75 Carroll, Owen Jackson, Scott Langford, Chelese Rawlings, Chief Andrew Burton

76 **Others:** Larry Whiting, Karalyn Becraft, Chris Porter, Ryan Poduska, Barbara Poduska, Sue Alenxander, Stephen  
77 Kinser, Alex Kinser, Ethan Kinser, Blaine and Cindy Coombs, Jennifer Klingonsmith, Jeff Nielsen, Cari Krejci, Bob  
78 Krejci, Ken Christensen, Kelsey Dean, Paul Watson

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80 • **Call to Order by Mayor Miller at 7:04pm.**  
81 • **Roll Call.**  
82 • **Invocation/Reverence was given by Councilman Poduska**  
83 • **Pledge of Allegiance was led by Troop 1148.**  
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85 Mayor Miller opened public input.

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87 **No public input at this time.**

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89 Mayor Miller closed public input.

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91 **POLICY ITEMS**

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93 **1. Consent Calendar:**

- 94 a. **Approval of the Planning Commission Bylaws.**  
95 b. **Award of Bid for the City Wide Crack Seal project.**  
96 c. **Resolution R14-14 (3-4-14) appointing a Library Board Advisory member.**  
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98 Council requested that items 1.a. and 1.b. of the consent calendar be pulled off for further discussion.  
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100 Councilwoman Baertsch made a motion to approve Consent Calendar item 1.c. Resolution R14-14 appointing  
101 Chris Porter as a Library Board Advisory member. Seconded by Councilman Poduska. Aye: Councilwoman  
102 Baertsch, Councilman Poduska, Councilman Willden and Councilwoman Call.  
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104 **Consent Calendar Item 1.a. (Approval of the Planning Commission Bylaws).**

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106 **Councilwoman Baertsch** would like to be business friendly and would like to remove the 10 o clock time limit from  
107 the bylaws. She stated that she would not like to see undue costs to the applicants that would occur if they were on the  
108 agenda and then had to come back another nigh because their application wasn't heard after 10 p.m.

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110 **Councilwoman Call** would like to provide flexibility with the term limit of the Planning Commission. Doesn't agree  
111 with the strict removal in the electronic meeting language written and would like to see that removed.

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113 **Councilman Poduska** would agree with holding the meeting later than 10:00 p.m. and not putting a time limit on the  
114 time termed on the Planning Commission. He suggested that this item be tabled and taken back to the Commission.

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116 **Councilman Willden** support staff's recommendations and agrees with the suggestions made by the other council  
117 members. He supports approving the proposed bylaws with the proposed modifications.

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119 **Councilwoman Baertsch** suggested adding language to allow a year break for the Commission but allows them to  
120 apply after a year.  
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122 Councilwoman Call made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Bylaws with following changes by  
123 removing the time limit of 10:00 p.m. restriction on conclusion time, removing two times within 3 months on  
124 electronic meeting, removing 72 hour notice required for electronic meetings and to remove term limits.  
125 Seconded by Councilman Willden. Aye: Councilwoman Call, Councilman Willden, Councilman Poduska and  
126 Councilwoman Baertsch. Motion passed.  
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128 **2. Public Hearing: Proposed Budget Amendments to the City of Saratoga Springs 2013-2014 budget.**  
129 **a. Resolution R-14-15 (3-4-14): amending the City of Saratoga Springs 2013-2014 budget.**  
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131 **Chelese Rawlings** briefly discussed the amendments with the Council.  
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133 The Council had no concerns with the amendments that were being proposed.  
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135 Mayor Miller opened public input.  
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137 Sue Alexander would agree with staffing the south end fire station with part-time employees until full-time staff can  
138 be hired with the SAFER grant.  
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140 Councilwoman Call motioned to close public input. Seconded by Councilman Poduska. Aye: Councilwoman  
141 Call, Councilman Poduska, Councilman Willden, and Councilwoman Baertsch. Motion passed.  
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143 Councilwoman Baertsch motioned to approve Resolution R14-15 (3-4-14): amending the City of Saratoga  
144 Spring 2013-2014 budget. Seconded by Councilman Poduska. Aye: Councilwoman Baertsch, Councilman  
145 Poduska, Councilwoman Call and Councilman Willden. Motion passed.  
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147 **3. Award of engineering contracts for water project for SR 73 waterline and Booster Station, Redwood Road**  
148 **waterline and the Welby Jacob Canal Booster station and waterline.**  
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150 **Jeremy Lapin** presented the award of engineering for the three projects.  
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152 The Council had no comments or concerns with this item.  
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154 Councilman Poduska made a motion to award the engineering contract for the water project for SR 73  
155 waterline and Booster Station, Redwood Road waterline and the Welby Jacob Canal Booster station and  
156 waterline to Hansen, Allen and Luce in the sum of \$174,400. Seconded by Councilwoman Call. Aye: Councilman  
157 Poduska, Councilwoman Call, Councilman Willden and Councilwoman Baertsch. Motion passed.  
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159 **4. Award of Bid for Orchard Park pond expansion.**  
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161 **Jeremy Lapin** reviewed the bid award with the Council.  
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163 **Councilman Willden** asked if sod would be used instead of seed.  
164 **Jeremy Lapin** said that is correct, sod will be used.  
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166 **Councilwoman Call, Councilwoman Baertsch and Councilman Poduska** had no comments at this time.  
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168 Councilwoman Baertsch motioned to approve the award of bid for Orchard Park pond expansion to Wardell  
169 Bothers in the amount of \$80,134.30. Seconded by Councilman Willden. Aye: Councilwoman Baertsch,  
170 Councilman Willden, Councilman Poduska and Councilwoman Call. Motion passed.  
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172 **5. Approval of professional service contract for strategic planning.**  
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174 **Mark Christensen** indicated that this item was discussed in the previous work sessions and asked if the Council had  
175 any further concerns with the direction of strategic planning.  
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177 **Councilwoman Baertsch** agrees with hiring an outside resource but would recommend that the staff oversee this  
178 particular service.  
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180 **Councilman Poduska** asked staff when they plan to implement the program.  
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182 **Mark Christensen** our goal is to begin immediately. The goal is to get the vision from the community but don't want to  
183 rush the processes either.

184 Councilwoman Call sees the value of strategic planning. This can be utilized for years to come through the Economic  
185 Development department. She supports the 3 months process.  
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187 Councilwoman Baertsch asked if each option provides training.  
188 Mark Christensen said yes all options provide training.  
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190 Councilman Willden this is the right time for this planning and favors for option #1 or the hybrid of option #1 and #2.  
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192 Councilwoman Call made the motion to approve the professional service contract for strategic planning in the  
193 amount of \$22,800 for the 3 months option #2 directed by the Council. Seconded by Councilman Poduska.  
194 Aye: Councilwoman Call and Councilman Poduska. Nay: Councilwoman Baertsch, Councilman Willden and  
195 Mayor Miller. Motion died.  
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197 Councilman Willden made the motion to approve the professional service contract for strategic planning of  
198 option #1 in the amount of \$39,100. Seconded by Councilwoman Baertsch. Aye: Councilman Willden,  
199 Councilwoman Baertsch and Councilman Poduska. Nay: Councilwoman Call. Motion passed 3 to 1.  
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201 **6. Public Hearing: Rezone and Concept Plan for Sail house located at approximately 4500 South Redwood**  
202 **Road, Paul Watson, applicant.**  
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204 Kimber Gabryszak presented the rezone and concept plan for Sail House with the Council.  
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206 Josh Romney, applicant indicated that this vision is to offers larger lots. The expense for this development will be  
207 providing the sewer system but is shooting for the rural feel and private community. Several water table tests have been  
208 completed and no problems were detected.  
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210 Mayor Miller opened public input.  
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212 Ryan Poduska said his is pleased with the proposed plan but is curious with regards to the secondary water plan.  
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214 Chris Porter is in favor of allowing for septic tanks on lots of this size. Would be concerned with no curb or gutters  
215 installed and the potential rains washing the roads out and the cost this may bring to the city for repairs.  
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217 Councilwoman Baertsch made a motion to closed public input. Seconded by Councilwoman Call. Aye:  
218 Councilwoman Baertsch, Councilwoman Call, Councilman Willden and Councilman Poduska. Motion passed.  
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220 Paul Watson, applicant is presented to answer any questions the Council might have.  
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222 Councilwoman Baertsch expressed that she likes the concept plan and is fine with the idea of septic tanks being  
223 installed to the area. She asked if the City Engineer could address the secondary water concerns.  
224 Jeremy Lapin stated that secondary water source would be a success but we will be working with the applicant on  
225 possible options for this use.  
226 Councilwoman Baertsch asked if the lots be large enough to use agricultural wells.  
227 Jeremy Lapin all new development must purchase city water.  
228 Councilwoman Baertsch would like to see the rezone be continued until the preliminary plat is in progress.  
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230 Councilman Willden likes the concept plan. He would like to see that the property owners have the option to hook up  
231 to the City's sewer system in the future if septic tanks are installed.  
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233 Councilwoman Call favors the lots, the secondary water and the septic tanks system as long as the steps through the  
234 health department requirements are met. The trail located on the east side could be costly and encourage the applicant  
235 to work with Forestry, Fire and State Lands regarding this matter. If a rural road is going to be considered then the  
236 Code will need to be amended, but would like to see staff's recommendation regarding this issue. Overall project is  
237 great.  
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239 Councilman Poduska asked if there is room in some of the lots for a drain and replacement fields.  
240 Paul Watson stated that the square footage is still there to allow for it.  
241 Councilman Poduska this is a nice addition to the area.  
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243 Mark Christensen noted that there is a need for a trail system for this development and asked the applicant to  
244 contemplate the connectivity to trails located to the north of this development.  
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246 **Kevin Thurman** the Utah Code requires all improvements to be in or bonded for prior to the plat being recorded and  
247 will need to be addressed with the applicant.  
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249 **Councilwoman Baertsch made a motion to continue the rezone until preliminary plat, with direction to the**  
250 **applicant to work with the Health Department on approval of septic and with staff on the secondary water issues**  
251 **and to staff to work on a code change to allow for septic systems and a rural road cross section. Seconded by**  
252 **Councilwoman Call. Aye: Councilwoman Baertsch, Councilwoman Call, Councilman Willden and Councilman**  
253 **Poduska. Motion passed.**  
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255 **7. Reports:**  
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257 **Councilwoman Call** reported that the Lake Commission is meeting for strategic planning session at the end of the  
258 month and if anyone has any items to discuss to submit those to her soon so they can be placed on the agenda. EDCU  
259 had all of the project managers out to Saratoga Springs with developers and property owner who toured the area and  
260 they are on board for upcoming marketing. There is a community open house being held Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> which is  
261 being put on by the American Fork Hospital. There will be several free activities and invite the community to attend.  
262 Due to a request from the Jordan River Commission we are possibly looking at increasing the Jordan River study area  
263 to include more of the Jordan River. She will report more as it develops.  
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265 **Councilman Poduska** briefed the Council on a site tour that he took of surrounding amphitheaters.  
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267 **Councilwoman Baertsch** indicated that as a council we need to look at what we want the future amphitheater to be  
268 exactly. There are huge differences in construction and cost depending on our goals. Will we want to just look at local  
269 theater or are we going to try and host big commercial concerts.  
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271 Councilwoman Baertsch made a motion to enter into closed session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of land acquisition and  
272 litigation. Seconded by Councilwoman Call.  
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274 Present was Mayor Miller, Councilman Poduska, Councilman Willden, Councilwoman Baertsch, Councilwoman Call,  
275 Mark Christensen, Kevin Thurman, Spencer Kyle and Lori Yates.  
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277 Adjourned closed and policy at 9:15 p.m.  
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281 July 1, 2014  
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287 Jim Miller, Mayor  
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292 Lori Yates, City Recorder

