

AMERICAN FORK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2015

The City Council of American Fork met in a public hearing and special session on Thursday, June 18, 2015, in the American Fork City Hall, 31 North Church Street, commencing at 6:30 p.m. Those present included Mayor James H. Hadfield and Councilmembers Carlton Bowen, Rob Shelton, Jeff Shorter, and Clark Taylor. Councilman Brad Frost was excused.

Staff present: Associate Planner Wendelin Knobloch
City Administrator Craig Whitehead
City Attorney Kasey Wright
City Planner Adam Olsen
City Recorder Richard Colborn
Finance Director Cathy Jensen
Fire Marshal Doug Bateman
Library Director Colleen Eggett
Parks & Recreation Director Derric Rykert
Police Chief Lance Call
Public Relations/Economic Development Director Audra Sorensen
Public Works Director Dale Goodman
Technology Director George Schade

Also present: Kevin J Barnes and Allen Simpson

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hadfield recognized Allen Simpson and Kevin J. Barnes who have filed to run for City Office. He asked if they had anything to say at this time.

Allen Simpson thanked the Council for their service.

Kevin J. Barnes was present to learn a little more.

Mayor Hadfield thanked them for their desire to serve the public through filing for public office.

6:30 p.m. Receiving of public comment regarding the City Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Mayor Hadfield asked if here were any comments regarding the City Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. There were none. The hearing concluded at 6:32 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION – 6:45 p.m.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMERICAN FORK CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016 – Cathy Jensen

Mayor Hadfield reported that the budget had been prepared. They had work sessions and a public hearing on the budget. He asked if there was any further discussion on the City budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. There was none.

Councilman Shelton moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-06-15R approving the City Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion.

Mayor Hadfield asked if there was discussion on the motion.

Councilman Bowen stated that he would like to see the Road Capital Improvement Budget higher and that was why he would be voting against this budget.

Councilman Shelton stated that with all due respect to Councilman Bowen, the Council gave every opportunity to come forth with a plan. He could appreciate his position and his comments but he thought it also needed to be put on the public record that they asked for him to bring certain things forward and they still hadn't seen that from him.

Councilman Bowen responded that was something that they could look at in the future. When there was an increase in the budget be able to tie every dollar that was spent and where the revenue source was. He thought that would be a great thing for next year's budget.

Councilman Shelton stated that he would love to see a Resolution on that outlining how it would work.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Aye, Councilmembers Shelton, Taylor, and Shorter. Nay, Councilman Bowen. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION SETTING THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE –
Cathy Jensen

Mayor Hadfield explained that the City had received the Certified Tax Rate information as prepared by Utah County. The Certified Tax Rate would be .002362 which was less than last year. The current Certified Tax Rate was .002540. It represented a tax savings of about \$19 on a home valued at \$191,000.

Councilman Shorter moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-06-16R approving the Certified Tax Rate. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion.

Mayor Hadfield asked if there was discussion on the motion.

Councilman Bowen asked if it could be explained what made the Certified Tax Rate go up and down.

Ms. Jensen explained that by State Law the City was guaranteed the same revenue as received the previous year plus new growth.

Councilman Bowen noted that the rate went down this year not due to any action the City Council.

Councilman Shelton observed that some of that growth came from action by the City Council.

Mayor Hadfield commented that the third part of that was the assessment by the County Assessor. It was a delicate balance. He added that the overall rate may go up for the Cities in the Alpine School District as they would be bonding for additional schools next year.

Mayor Hadfield asked if there was any further discussion on the motion.

Councilman Bowen moved to amend the motion to reduce the Certified Tax Rate by the \$640,000 that the PARC Tax was increased.

Councilman Bowen explained that was a sales tax increase and was noted at that time a very small increase per resident and he felt it was only fair that they do a very small decrease in property tax per resident to off-set that increase.

Councilman Shelton wanted to understand what was intended. It was proposed to take a variable elastic tax, such as sales tax, and compare that to a stable, consistent, fixed property tax.

Councilman Bowen felt that the sales tax was preferable over property tax. He recognized that it was variable but thought it was a small enough difference that it was negligible.

Councilman Shelton asked what would not be funded in the budget if passed with this reduced rate.

Councilman Bowen responded that none of the \$640,000 budgeted in the PARC Tax had been spent. There was time over the year to determine what got funded and what didn't.

Mayor Hadfield noted that the PARC Tax was passed to enhance Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Culture and those could be the only items reduced in that budget.

Mayor Hadfield called for a second to Councilman Bowen's amended motion. There being none, the motion died.

Mayor Hadfield commented that if property taxes were going down by \$19.00 per resident he asked if they were then going to reduce the Capital Funds by that amount of money and using the same logic that he got from members of the Council who wanted to lock in a percentage for roads, were they then going to reduce the road budget accordingly.

Councilman Bowen noted that as Ms. Jensen explained the \$19.00 reduction per resident was not a negative reduction in City revenue. It was revenue neutral.

Mayor Hadfield responded that was very well. He called for a vote on the motion.

Voting was as follows: Aye, Councilmembers Shorter, Taylor, and Shelton. Nay, Councilman Bowen. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

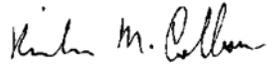
There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Taylor moved adjournment at 6:54 p.m. Councilman Shelton seconded the motion. All were in favor.



Richard M. Colborn
City Recorder