

1 **Minutes of the North Logan City**
 2 **City Council**
 3 **Held on August 3, 2016**
 4 **At the North Logan City Library, North Logan, Utah**
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7 The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lloyd Berentzen at 6:30 p.m.

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 9 Council members present were: Kristen Anderson, Roger Anderson, Damon Cann, John Bailey
 10 and Nancy Potter.

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 12 Others present were: Russell Goodwin, Carole Justice, DeAnna Efry, Carolyn & Lynn Krebs,
 13 Winona Perry, Bill & Joan Miller, Frank Coppin, Debra Murray, Neal Murray, Maya Blodgett,
 14 Adam Winger, Laurel & Linda Hayes, Jon Keller, Madeline Waddoups, Jim Thompson, Matthew
 15 Wood, Trevor Cardon, Barbara Middleton, Lydia Embry, Cordell Batt, Alan Luce, Scott Bennett,
 16 Jeff Jorgensen and Marie Wilhelm.

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 18 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nancy Potter.
 19 An invocation was given by Scott Bennett.

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 21 **Adoption of Agenda**

22 *Nancy Potter made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Damon Cann seconded the*
 23 *motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with Nancy Potter, John Bailey,*
 24 *Roger Anderson, Damon Cann and Kristen Anderson.*

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 26 **Acknowledge receipt of funds for the Library and Friends of the Library from the Thorne**
 27 **Endowment**

28 Frank Coppin from Wasatch Property Management was there to represent Dell Loy and Lynette
 29 Hansen, and presented a check to the North Logan Library and the Friends of the Library from
 30 the James P. Thorne Foundation. He said last year they did a \$200K donation, and thought it
 31 was not going to be that high again because they had had a “good year”; but said this year was
 32 better, and the donation is therefore \$260K, and explained the desire the Foundation has to
 33 support literacy, and the various programs and events currently taking place at the North Logan
 34 Library, and commented further.

35 Winona Perry from the Friends of the Library Board discussed a bit about the board; and further
 36 expressed their gratitude to the Thorne Foundation, as well as described the various programs
 37 and benefits the library offers that these funds help to make possible.

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 39 **Review of Action Items**

40 Jeff Jorgensen reviewed the action items list with the council. He discussed the current issues
 41 with the distribution of CCCOG funds.

42 John Bailey referred to the culinary water system, and what the City’s feeling is on future
 43 development, particularly above the canal; and “modeling” as to what sort of demands we
 44 anticipate with future development and how it impacts the new well that has been put on line, etc.;
 45 especially since anything above there would likely not have secondary water. He said this has
 46 not been discussed for a while, and said he thinks there will be future proposals for expansion of
 47 existing subdivisions, which Alan addressed and said the City is working on this. John discussed
 48 the potential double standard that some people seem to think exist, but Alan said the City’s limits
 49 are stricter than the canal company’s.

50 Jeff continued to review the list.

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 52 **Current Action Items**

53 **New Business**

54 **6:35 Public Hearing (Truth in Taxation Hearing) to receive public input on proposed changes to**
 55 **the city's property tax allocation and misc. other changes to the FY2017 municipal budget. Being**
 56 **proposed is to reduce the dedicated library tax and increase the general purpose tax such that**
 57 **the result is no net increase in property taxes. Following the hearing the council may consider a**
 58 **resolution adopting the official municipal budget including any budget updates as needed.**

59 Jeff Jorgensen introduced the item and explained why a hearing is being held on this. He said
 60 because this is technically not an increase and the total rate is the same, the City is not actually

61 *required* to hold a public hearing. He explained the various numbers further, including what
62 changes are being proposed due to the fact that the City is no longer having to pay the library
63 bond, which allows for the proposal of having more funds go into the general operations of the
64 City with a little bit less going to the library's budget, while still ensuring that the library has plenty
65 of funds with which to operate.

66 He further discussed some of the upcoming costs and corrections to the current budget being
67 proposed as part of this public hearing.

68 Mayor Berentzen and Jeff briefly explained some of the numbers further.

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70 *Mayor Berentzen read the rules aloud for speaking at a public hearing and opened the public*
71 *hearing at 6:56 p.m.*

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73 Lydia Embry expressed her comments and concerns on this, copies of which she had previously
74 given to the City Council.

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76 Neal Murray asked why we are saying there is no increase in taxes, but there is a 3% increase for
77 North Logan in the Cache County tax notice that he received. He said when this [library] bond
78 was voted on, it was voted for a specific time, and a specific amount; and when that is up or the
79 amount is paid, it should drop and not be reconfigured in another way just to continue on. He
80 said it seems when government at any level is able to get their hands on money, they will keep
81 their hands on money and will spend it any way they can. He said he does not have a problem
82 with this one particular tax; but if you refer back to the tax notice, it seems we are in kind of a
83 "tsunami" of taxes that are going to be hitting us in the next little while. He said the county tax
84 increase is 5.1%; tomorrow night at the school district there is a truth in taxation meeting, so there
85 will be another increase there, and another one next year for the new school; if the water district
86 is approved, there will be a tax there; there has been a gas tax; depending on what happens with
87 the sewer system in North Logan, there will be an increase; and, two weeks ago the municipal
88 energy sales and use tax was doubled in North Logan. He said one of these alone isn't a
89 problem, but when you keep adding these on, it's a problem. He further discussed a
90 conversation he had with a friend who moved here from Idaho a year ago who said his taxes in
91 Idaho are half as much as they are in Utah for a much smaller house here. Mr. Murray said he
92 hopes the City Council considers this.

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94 *As there were no further public comments forthcoming, Mayor Berentzen closed the public*
95 *hearing at 7:06 p.m.*

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97 In response to some of the public comments, Mayor Berentzen mentioned that his son lived in
98 Meridian, Idaho and said his taxes were twice what they are here in North Logan. He said that
99 North Logan City does not have any say in the school district's taxes, or the other ones Mr.
100 Murray mentioned; but said North Logan City has not increased their general purpose property
101 tax since the population was about 5,000 to 6,000. He said today he has a designation from the
102 Governor of Utah that our population is over 10,000 so we are therefore a Class Four City;
103 however, the actual tax rate during that time has not changed, and said he thought it had been
104 about twenty years since it had changed. Regarding Mr. Murray's comment about his property
105 rate going up, Mayor Berentzen and Jeff Jorgensen said North Logan City's rate had actually
106 gone down.

107 Jeff referred to the library bond and the comments made; and said the bond was for the building
108 itself, and that the dedicated library tax was for library operations and was not set up just to pay
109 off the bond. Mayor Berentzen also mentioned that that tax was done by a vote. Jeff said for
110 several years, the City's general fund paid for the bond and then that was transferred to the
111 library's responsibility because a lot of the building is used for general use, and reiterated that the
112 tax was never set up so that once the library bond was paid off, the library tax would go away.

113 Mayor Berentzen also mentioned that the energy sales and use tax was at one time 5% and was
114 actually reduced down to 3%. He said it has just now been brought back up to 6%. He said 6%
115 is the same rate as every city in the valley, and said North Logan City was the *only* City to reduce
116 the rate for a period of time.

117 Jeff continued to explain the budget documentation. He referred to a recent public question
118 about what the energy sales and tax use increase will be used for; and explained how he
119 compared expenditures versus revenue to determine where the needs are. He explained other

120 revenue sources for the City including from sales tax, building permits, Class C road funds and
121 property taxes, as well as expenditures, briefly.

122 Nancy Potter said the reason the City Council has discussed increasing the energy sales and use
123 tax back to 6% is because the majority of the police and fire department calls are from 600 East
124 down to Main Street, because we have a high density with a lot of apartments there, as well as
125 the commercial area; and said this is a way for the City to help pay for more staffing with police
126 and fire, because it is based on the use of energy. She said this way, those that are in the areas
127 that use those services more, are going to be paying more for that, and commented further.

128 Damon Cann said he appreciated the feedback from the public.

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130 *Damon Cann made a motion to adopt this resolution 16-11 adopting this 2017 fiscal year budget.*
131 *John Bailey seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously with*
132 *Kristen Anderson, Roger Anderson, Damon Cann, John Bailey and Nancy Potter voting in favor.*

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134 Kristen Anderson thanked the attendees for their comments and said she appreciated the citizens
135 coming and giving their feedback.

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137 **City Council Work Session Items**

138 **Reports from city officers, boards, and committees**

139 Jon Keller discussed the fires occurring around our area, as well as in Idaho and California. He
140 also discussed the deployment of his firefighters to render assistance in these areas.

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142 Adam Winger explained that the library has gone through the state certification process giving the
143 library a "quality library status" which allows them to receive state grant funding. He said they
144 were also informed that they received an additional state grant for a club that should begin this
145 fall for kids in conjunction with the Salt Lake County Library. He said these reviews are a good
146 benchmark for the library to gauge what they are doing in the community and seeing how much
147 usage and utility that the library services are providing; and then he summarized the annual
148 usage statistics for the library.

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150 Alan Luce expressed his thanks to the departments who helped with the 24th of July program.

151 Alan discussed the City-wide Day of Service that will be held on September 17th, and that they will
152 contact various businesses and churches to let them know about that day. He said it will likely
153 take place from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

154 Alan gave an update on the status of the water conservation currently taking place and said they
155 are having trouble this year keeping up with the water demand, because the City's treatment
156 plant, which is one of five sources of water for the City, was down the months of June and July
157 because the base of the filter beds is wearing away, and explained further. He explained there is
158 only one company that can help the City repair this, after already having staff do a lot of the work
159 in-house, and further explained what they need to do financially to address this repair. Alan
160 confirmed that the cost will run approximately \$119K. He explained further. He said this plant
161 runs fairly inexpensively, and explained that this repair occurs about every 15 years, and it is
162 occurring now. The discussion continued.

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164 Jeff Jorgensen discussed the notification of the upcoming fireworks display event and further
165 explained the extra measures the City is taking to ensure better noticing to the citizens, than has
166 been done in the past, to notify them of upcoming firework events. He explained further.

167 Mayor Berentzen said he got a letter from Richard Nielson on the proliferation of fireworks and
168 said he is going to pass on a copy of his information and documentation to the City Council and to
169 Jeff. Mayor Berentzen asked Chief Jon Keller about the current legislation allowing fireworks in
170 relation to what we can do with our ordinances, which Chief Keller addressed. Jeff said his
171 understanding is that the City cannot restrict fireworks during holidays beyond what the state
172 regulates are except for safety reasons, and explained further.

173 Jeff described a subdivision near the Sports Academy that has been sitting undeveloped for
174 many years; and that there is a potential developer who might be interested in putting townhomes
175 there. He said he wanted to get the City Council's feeling on this before he proceeds. He further
176 discussed the zoning for this area and what could allow something like this, which was further
177 discussed; and Jeff addressed further questions from the council.

178 Damon Cann said what might be built on 200 East could change this area, and we might want to

179 wait until this area is developed and see what happens there. He said he might be more willing to
180 consider townhomes in the future if some small commercial went in there; and said he would like
181 to see something that could go in there that could develop commercially, and commented further.

182 Roger Anderson said he is aware that this piece of property has been listed and sold as a
183 potential for apartments and commented further on the nature of the property.

184 Jeff said he will talk to the developer.

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186 Damon Cann said he wanted to echo the thanks to everyone who helped with the 24th of July
187 celebration. He also thanked the police department for their open house event held that week.

188 Damon discussed the parking of water crafts along 2200 North adjacent to The Cove and said he
189 reviewed this with Chief Hawkes, and further discussed the right-of-way issues that limit how the
190 City can manage the parking situation there, and explained further. He said in the short term we
191 can discuss it with the owner who has the right-of-way, but said he wondered if the City Council
192 has an interest in crafting an ordinance that would prohibit people storing, specifically water craft,
193 on or near the roadway, and commented further.

194 The council discussed this further. John Bailey said he would definitely be interested in that, and
195 said that the parking has made that road a very busy thoroughfare, and commented further.
196 Mayor Berentzen said he feels this is something that needs to be addressed and commented
197 further. Nancy Potter said she feels that the parking along there has really changed the feeling of
198 North Logan, and that she really does not like it, and commented further.

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200 Nancy Potter thanked the people who worked on the 24th of July celebration, and said she
201 thought that Al and Kay Moser were really pleased to have been the Grand Marshals.

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203 Mayor Berentzen said he received a letter from Lt. Governor Spencer Cox that states that North
204 Logan City is now a Class Four City because of our population being over 10K, and read the
205 letter out loud to the council. He explained that at this point, it is mainly a population designation,
206 and further broke down the various designations for the different classes of cities. He said this
207 designation is really related to services, and going into this class means we need to maintain a
208 certain level of service, and explained further.

209 John Bailey asked if this designation obligated the City to additional services; and Mayor
210 Berentzen said that we already have the services in place, such as with the Fire Department that
211 make us compliant.

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214 *John Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Potter seconded the motion. A vote*
215 *was called and the motion passed unanimously with Nancy Potter, John Bailey, Roger Anderson,*
216 *Damon Cann and Kristen Anderson.*

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219 The meeting adjourned at: 7:43 p.m.

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221 Approved by City Council:

September 7, 2016

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223 Transcribed by Marie Wilhelm

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