

**Rockville Town Council
Special Meeting
August 30, 2012
Rockville Community Center**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL** – Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members of the Rockville Town Council were present: Pam Leach, Jeff Ballard, Megan Honer-Orton, and Dan McGuire. See attached list for others present. Town Clerk Elaine Harris recorded the meeting.

2. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UDOT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A LOAD CAPACITY REDUCTION OF THE ROCKVILLE BRIDGE** – The Council had previously been provided with a copy of the letter from UDOT and Mayor Brown passed out a summarization of the issues, a copy of which is attached to the minutes for reference.

The 14 ton load capacity recommendation is a major hit because the refuse trucks weigh 32,000 (16 tons) unloaded. Even though Solid Waste has given the assurance that they normally bring light loads to the south side of the bridge, they are still going to exceed 14 tons. Mayor Brown has requested from UDOT a twice a week waiver of the load limit (increasing it to 18 – 20 tons) to permit the waste trucks to perform their usual pickups on the south side of the Virgin. We should be receiving a letter of the waiver after discussions between Washington County Public Works Director Ron Whitehead and UDOT. The Mayor has also contacted Washington County Commissioner Denny Drake.

The waiver should be until the scheduled load capacity study is completed. The original schedule of the load capacity testing for Rockville's bridge is to be done towards the end of two years. Based on information received from the Mayor regarding the significant impact this limit poses for Rockville, that study has been moved up to begin in the next two weeks. It will take approximately two weeks to complete the gathering of data and then it will take more time to do a computer model of the bridge based on their measurements. Presumably, the waiver would stay in place until the results are obtained.

Dan McGuire referenced UDOT's letter of August 15 wherein it is recommended that the bridge be posted with the new limit within 180 days. Mayor Brown had consulted with our attorney, Russ Gallian, regarding Rockville's legal obligations and Russ stated once we are noticed, we should notice our delivery people.

Pam Leach questioned the fact that UDOT has recommended, not ordered, that the posting be changed. Mayor Brown consulted with UDOT regarding this, and he was advised that it should be posted. Referencing UDOT's report, it did not seem to Pam that they had acquired enough information to make the determination but Jeff Ballard stated they had done a load rating. Various alternative sites for a bridge were given by engineer Tristan DeMille some years ago.

Regarding the utilization of Silver Tip Lane as an alternative site, we own the road on the north side of the river, but the south side is privately owned. The location was reviewed for possibilities. The construction of a causeway for heavy trucks was discussed. The river is considerably wider at this location than at the location of the present bridge.

The possibility was presented of removing some of the current weight on the bridge – the water line and the asphalt – to see if that would affect the rating. Rob Snyder reported the water in the pipe weighs 2.3 tons, possibly three tons including the pipe. Building a suspension alongside the bridge for the water line was suggested.

At this time, the Planning Commission should not accept any building permit applications for the south side of the river until the waiver is issued.

Financing was discussed. The Joint Highway Commission Off-System Bridge Funds for upgrading could approve an application and cover 80%. That application process does not begin until January 2013. Five County Association of Governments has indicated the Utah Permanent Community Impact Board could help with the 20% matching funds via a grant.

Solutions to the pickup of refuse on the south side of the river were explored. Allied Waste will be requested to provide a dumpster on Center Street and the residents on the south side will be notified that it is to be utilized in place of weekly pickup.

Rob Snyder suggested the utilization of Peter Stempel's students in the research needed to explore the bridge issue and possible locations for a new bridge. Rob suggested other options for access that could be considered.

The Council composed a statement to be posted at the Town Office and e-mailed to the current notification list. Allied Waste will be contacted to see if they will put a dumpster on Center Street.

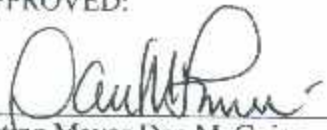
Research will be done to determine what weight reductions can be realized by removing the asphalt and the water line.

3. **ADJOURN**— Dan McGuire **MOVED** to adjourn. Pam Leach **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:
Elaine M. Harris
Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Acting Mayor Dan McGuire