

WOODS CROSS CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING
JUNE 2, 2009
5:30 P.M.

The Woods Cross City Council Work Session held June 2, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. in the Woods Cross City Hall, 1555 South 800 West, Woods Cross, Utah.

CONDUCTING:

Mayor Kent Parry

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kent Parry, Mayor
Tamra Dayley*
Rick Earnshaw

Jill Evans
David C. Hill
Jon Hadlow

*Entered the meeting as noted in the minutes

STAFF PRESENT:

Gary Uresk, City Administrator and Budget Officer
Tim Stephens, Community Development Director
Paul Howard, Chief of Police
Alan Low, City Recorder

VISITORS:

Leo C. Beecher	LeGrande Blackley	Pat Blackley
Jim Rampton, Fire Chief South Davis	Metro Fire	Melinda Williams
Lois Schrader	Don Schrader	Cody Evans
Krege Christensen	Antone Clark	Dan Beecher
Kerry Camall	Dave Asay	Greg Simonsen
Gil Higham	Chad Salisbury	Joe Dougherty

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance and stated this is a work meeting; notice of time, place and agenda of the meeting was sent to local newspapers and provided to each of the City Council members prior to the meeting.

DISCUSSION OF SILVER EAGLE REFINERY EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COMMUNITY COORDINATION

The Mayor explained to those present that the purpose of this work session was to have the City Council discuss with officials from Silver Eagle Refinery the coordination between the refinery and the City for any emergency situations that should arise at the refinery site. He noted this past January there had been a severe accident at the refinery which caused the evacuation of surrounding citizens and that better coordination needed to be developed between the City of Woods Cross and Silver Eagle Refinery.

With that introduction, he turned the time over to Silver Eagle Refinery, who in turn gave the floor to their attorney, Mr. Greg Simonsen. He said one of the main things they would like to

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accomplish is the establishment of a committee entitled "Community Advisory and Emergency Response Committee". He then handed out a list of suggested names to be part of that committee. Among those were the City Administrator of Woods Cross, the Mayor for Woods Cross City, the Chief of Police for Woods Cross City, and the Fire Chief for the South Davis Metro Fire Agency and others from the City in general as well as various operating positions from Silver Eagle Refinery.

He noted they would like to see this committee put together as soon as possible and perhaps they could have their first meeting somewhere around June 24th. Those present saw this as a good step in the right direction for establishing communications and emergency response between the two organizations and that those positions on the committee that needed to be filled would be filled. The date of June 24th at 4:00 P.M. was set at the Silver Eagle Refinery for the first committee meeting.

The work session then discussed and reviewed the draft of the Silver Eagle Refinery Incident Response Plan as put together by the City's Chief of Police and the Public Works Director. All present felt the draft was an excellent document and only a few corrections needed to be made and then this document should be put in place as a plan for handling responses to incidents that occur at the refinery.

The next item they discussed was the possibility of holding an open house at Silver Eagle Refinery later this summer for the citizens of Woods Cross to come and to receive education about the safety and the work that is done at the refinery so the citizens could feel more comfortable living in close proximity to it. Possible locations were also discussed as to where this meeting might be held which could be perhaps held at the refinery or perhaps at the City Hall. As soon as a date can be chosen the Mayor said he would like to see it put into the City's monthly newsletter.

The work meeting then discussed the communications between Silver Eagle and the City and what occurred at the January incident that created the lack of communication for all of those involved.

(At this point Council Member Dayley entered the meeting.)

The floor was then given to Council Member Hadlow who expressed his concern to those representing Silver Eagle Refinery as to why it took so long for the refinery officials to hold the meeting held tonight. He said this meeting needed to be held early on after the incident occurred in January and the refinery should do better in communicating with the officials of Woods Cross.

Council Member Hill then echoed those sentiments and said too much time had elapsed between the incident that had occurred and the discussion tonight and the plans that are being made to make the surrounding area of the City safe for the citizens of Woods Cross.

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The Mayor then asked if any other discussion items needed to be brought up, the floor was then again given to the Silver Eagle Attorney, he said at future meetings he would like to see discussion on zoning policies of the City especially in the unoccupied areas of the City to prevent encroachment upon heavy industrial areas.

It was decided that another work session should be held after the committee is put in place and they have their first meeting.

At this point the meeting concluded and the City Council adjourned from the work meeting into its regular City Council meeting. The time of the recess of the meeting was 6:30 P.M.

Kent Parry, Mayor

Alan T. Low, City Recorder