

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRANTSVILLE CITY  
COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2003.**

**Mayor and Council Present:** Mayor Byron Anderson; Council Members: Craig Anderson, James Christensen, Kevin Hall, Justin Linares and Paul Rupp.

**Appointed officers and employees present:** Wendy Palmer, City Recorder, and Joel Kertamus, Public Works Director.

**Citizens and guests:** Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hansen, Council member and wife from Corrine City Utah.

Kevin thanked everyone for the opportunity to meet together to discuss the concerns about parking of semi-trucks and trailers that the WalMart Distribution Center may create if located in Grantsville.

Kevin introduced Corrine City Councilman Ray Hansen. Corrine City has a refrigerated distribution center in Corrine City. Mr. Hansen came at the request of Kevin to share with the Mayor and Council some of Corrine City's experiences with the WalMart Distribution Center and WalMart itself.

Mr. Hansen gave a brief description where the WalMart Distribution Center is located within their community and the layout of Corrine City so the Mayor and Council could compare their situation with the possible location in Grantsville City. Mr. Hansen informed the Council that WalMart has been a benefit to the City of Corrine. During the holidays, WalMart is very generous with gifts and funds to help the city's celebration. Mr. Hansen described Corrine as an agricultural community in Box Elder County. Box Elder County has lots of industry like Lazy Boy, Thiokol, Malt-O-Meal. There are many acres of wet lands much like Grantsville City. Corrine City was not capable of negotiating a deal with WalMart on their own so they allowed Box Elder County Economic Development Committee handle all of the negotiations with WalMart. A couple of areas of concern have surfaced since the facility has started operation. One issue is the facility is using more water than was estimated and this has created a pumping capacity problem as well as a sewer expansion is now needed to hand the extra water. The second issue and probably the most controversial is the problem of the third party truckers parking throughout Corrine City. WalMart allows their trucks and the trucks of their 1<sup>st</sup> up trucking firms to park on WalMart property but the independent truckers have to park off site. This means that the trucks are parking along Corrine City Streets, School Parking lots, Church parking lots. Anywhere that the trucks can be as close to the WalMart gate as possible. Those trucks that are early for delivery will remove their trailers from their tractors and leave them parked along the streets for a day or two at a time. The mini-mart access has been blocked by the semi-trucks that they hinder deliveries for the store. The Mayor and Council have heard complaints that the third party trucks have left many different items when they move on like bottles full of urine, defecation on the ground, hypodermic needles, etc. The schools have called to complain about truckers using in the bathroom on the ground where children can witness the act. This issue has not be solved as of yet. The County Sheriff Department is getting less responsive when called about these issues. Corrine City does not have it own police department so the city is at the Sheriff's Departments whim. Councilman Hansen estimated that they have 850 trucks daily and about 25 trucks are parked along the streets.

James was concerned that WalMart maybe low balling the water usage. Joel Kertamus the Public Works Director stated that he and Engineer Craig Neeley reviewed the figures that WalMart presented and they have agreed on so many gallons and so much pressure. If WalMart goes over that mark, they have to provide the additional water. Kevin asked if WalMart is required to provide the water for this development. Mayor informed the Council that Mr. Nielson will be providing the water for the construction but Grantsville will provide the water for the actual operations of the facility.

Discussion ensued concerning changing the sewer line alignment from Clark Street for the WalMart Facility changing to the west to Piccadilly and Vegas Street and then a pump station to the Sewer Treatment Plan. Mayor stated that he would contact Robinson's and Darrel Nielson to see if they would be willing to allow the Sewer Line to be installed across their property.

James and Kevin asked if the issue could be brought up to, WalMart to assure Grantsville City that a staging area will be created onsite of the distribution center for the third party truckers to park. Mayor stated that he would have Randy Fiel pose that question.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Recorder Palmer stated that she got in touch with the City's Independent Auditors to set up a meeting with the Mayor and Council. Justin made the motion to set the meeting for Tuesday April 22, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Paul seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Craig made the motion to adjourn this special meeting at 9:35 p.m. James seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

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Wendy Palmer, City Recorder

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Byron Anderson, Mayor