

The City Council had a **work session** on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at City Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bruce Higley, Mike McKean, Buddy Sadler, Brett Ferrin, Natalie Hale and Brad Searle
Others: Nick Garrett
Staff: Diane Hirschi

The purpose of the work meeting is to brainstorm about our city celebrations. The Mayor noted that he talked with some other cities and Hooper hires a person and pays them a flat rate. Other cities have scaled their celebrations back and some don't have celebrations.

Founders Day was discussed. It was reported that fewer and fewer people attend. It was noted that Founders Day consists of a traditional roast beef dinner with parsnips. In the past, there has been a program or entertainment. It was also noted that the newer people in the city don't know about it. Does it mean anything now? Does it have a purpose? What traditions are still remaining? Councilmember Sadler and his committee are working on Founders Day and are looking at taking it back 20 years. He has reserved the elementary school but is also looking at doing it in the stake center. It was noted that advertising has to be done and volunteers need to be found.

The 4th of July was discussed. Councilmember Hale noted that the budget is already in a deficit. Councilmember McKean feels that Steve needs to fix that. There was a discussion about the Town Square Park vs. Lee Olsen Park. Parking is a concern. Shade is better at the Town Square. There was a concern that the celebration is too big. It was noted that the parade is a must. What are our resources? Councilmember Hale reported that Associated Foods has already contacted Brandon Taylor. She also noted that Nick Garrett is here tonight and is interested in chairing the committee. It was decided to let him get his committee together and report to the council in two weeks to see what their plans are.

The work meeting adjourned at approximately 6:58 p.m.

City Recorder

Mayor

Date approved