



Council Business Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024
Council Chambers
07:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jared Hamner called the Council Business Meeting to order at 07:00 PM. The time, place, and agenda of the meeting had been provided to the Tooele Transcript Bulletin and to each member of the governing body by posting the notice and agenda at least two days before on the Tooele County website and emailing them a link.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bucky Whitehouse- EOC Director.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to amend the following items on the agenda:

Motion to table item 6A- Minutes due to lack of quorum.

Motion to amend item 9A- Resolution 2024-02, striking language regarding the Tourism Fund to be brought back at a future meeting.

Add item 5C after public recognitions, to allow Jason Vernon to present PILT fund information.

Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

3. Roll Call

Council Member Roll call as follows:

Erik Stromberg: Absent

Jared Hamner: Present

Tye Hoffmann: Absent

Scott Wardle: Present

Kendall Thomas: Present

Also, present was Scott Broadhead- Attorney, Andy Welch- County Manager, Rachelle Custer- Community Development Director, and Tracy Shaw- Clerk.

Staff in attendance were Nathan Harris- Deputy Attorney, Alison McCoy- Auditor, Paul Wimmer- Sheriff, Jerry Houghton- Recorder/Surveyor, Carrie Gilley- Deputy Assessor, and Bucky Whitehouse- EOC (Emergency Operations Center) Director.

Guests in attendance were Joy Peters, Tim Gillie- Tooele Transcript, Kathleen VonHatten- Lake Point City Council, Kevin Nunn- North Tooele Fire District Chief, Kelly Anderson and other various residents.

4. Public Comments

Kathleen VonHatten who sits on the Lake Point City Council commented, stating that Lake Point would like to be part of the solution for connectivity. However, Lake Point would like to voice their opposition to one of the proposed options in the proposed Master Transportation Plan, which is the Oquirrh Mountain Expressway. Lake Point City Council feels it would negatively impact the residents of Lake Point City by taking away some of their open space and also impact wells, water sheds and aquifers. She asked that Lake Point be included in the discussions to help find alternate solutions.

5. Recognitions, Presentations, & Informational Items

a. January & February Anniversary Awards, Jared Hamner

5 Years of Service-

Alison McCoy, Auditor
Kendall Thomas, Councilman
Desirae Taylor, Aging Services
Rachel Eskelson, Sheriff Patrol
Jeff Caldwell, Facilities
Cari Mausling, Auditor
Alissa Perez, Attorney
Teresa Young, Clerk
Daniel Walton, Emergency Services

10 Years of Service-

Marcella Leakehe, Dental
Michelle Aragon, Justice Court

20 Years of Service-

Cindy Porter, Treasurer
Jeffrey Miller, Sheriff Patrol

Chairman Jared Hamner recognized employees who are celebrating their five-year and ten-year anniversaries as outlined above.

Sheriff Wimmer recognized Jeffrey Miller for his 20 years of service. He stated that Jeff has seen a lot and done a lot and, without question, he has received more praise from the public for his service. Sheriff Wimmer stated that he will retire in April, and he will be greatly missed.

b. Tooele County Transportation Master Plan as an Addendum to the Tooele County General Plan, Micklane Farmer, Jones and Demille

Ordinance 2024-04

The County contracted with Jones and DeMille Engineering to provide an updated and detailed Transportation Master Plan to address items such as population and housing data, growth trends, roadway funds, and other information and studies. The Planning Commission voted in favor of adopting the plan.

Agenda Attachments**1. Ord 2024-04.pdf**

Micklane Farmer with Jones and DeMille provided an update on the Tooele County Transportation Master Plan.

He gave a high level overview of the plan and showed a presentation onscreen to the Council. He explained the process and went over the general scope of the project. He reviewed the demands and the studies that have been done. He showed a side by side comparison of the current Transportation Master Plan and the new proposed Transportation Master Plan and explained the changes. He advised that UDOT hasn't solidified a plan for the Oquirrh Mountain Expressway yet.

Andy Welch, County Manager, stated that the Transportation Master Plan will go to the next meeting for adoption.

Mr. Farmer introduced his team. Matthew and Dan work out of the Springville office. They explained that they have worked a lot with Lake Point, Grantsville and Tooele Cities. They would like to become more of a presence in Tooele County and are looking for someone to work in the Tooele office.

5C. PILT Funds

Jason Vernon, Regional Supervisor for the Department Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, presented the annual PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) check. He stated there are very few DWR lands in Tooele County. He stated that ten bighorn sheep have been captured in Tooele County and GPS radio collars have been placed on them. The collars are used to track herd size and where they summer and winter. The animals are also swabbed when they are captured to check for disease. He advised there are about 130 sheep in the mountains and five tags are offered annually.

He also talked about Settlement Canyon Reservoir and safety measures being taken to allow anglers to

still have winter access.

Chairman Jared Hamner asked how the radio collars are recovered after they expire. Mr. Vernon stated they can be traded out with new collars, or if the animal is harvested during a hunt, the collar can be recovered then. If the animal dies before the collar expires, the collar will send a mortality signal out so it can be recovered.

Council Member Kendall Thomas asked how far the sheep move. Mr. Vernon stated that their migration is typically elevation based.

6. Minutes

a. February 6, 2024 Work & Business Meeting Minutes

Agenda Attachments

1. 02.06.2024.Work.Draft.pdf
2. 02.06.2024.Business.Draft.pdf

This item was tabled.

7. Consent Agenda: Check Register

a. Check Registers 1/30, 2/7 and 2/12

Agenda Attachments

1. Check Register Combine.pdf

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve Check Registers 1/30, 2/7 and 2/12.
Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

8. Consent Agenda: Contracts

a. Settlement Agreement and Release between Tooele County and Jerry Houghton, Nathan Harris

Agenda Attachments

1. Settlement Agreement and Release_Jerry Houghton_Redacted.pdf

Nathan Harris, Deputy Attorney, asked the Council to authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to approve Settlement Agreement and Release between Tooele County and Jerry Houghton. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

9. Resolutions/Ordinances

a. Amending (Increasing) the 2024 Budget, Alison McCoy - PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 2024-02

The General Fund by \$3,352,961

The Road Fund by \$156,051

The Tourism Fund by \$150,000

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2024-02.pdf

Alison McCoy, Auditor, reviewed as discussed in the Work Meeting.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to open a Public Hearing. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

No comments.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to close the Public Hearing. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve Resolution 2024-02. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

b. Establishing the 2024 Annual Leave Cash-Out, Andy Welch

Resolution 2024-01

The Council has approved funding this year for an annual leave cash-out that will be available to full-time employees in November.

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2024-01.pdf

This item was discussed in the Work Meeting.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to approve Resolution 2024-01 Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

c. Rezoning 1,102.55 Acres West of South Rim from MU-40 to A-10, Trish DuClos

Ordinance 2024-03

Vincent Ulibarri has requested a rezone of his 29.27-acre parcel in the Stansbury Agricultural Properties from MU-40 to A-20. Planning Staff recommends that the entire group of 26 parcels (1,102.55 acres) be rezoned to A-10 (Agriculture, Ten-Acre Minimum Lot Size) instead, to bring all parcels into compliance. The Planning Commission voted in favor of the whole area being rezoned to A-10.

Agenda Attachments

1. Ord 2024-03.pdf

This item was discussed in the Work Meeting.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-03. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. Council Member Wardle expressed concerns about infrastructure, roads, and access. All in favor. The motion passed.

d. Appointing and Swearing in Joy Peters as Interim Replacement Tooele County Assessor, Andy Welch

Resolution 2024-03

The Tooele County Republican Party has selected Joy Peters to serve the remainder of Jake Parkinson's unexpired term of office as County Assessor. The County Council must now appoint her as Interim Replacement County Assessor.

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2024-03.pdf

Andy Welch, County Manger, advised that Jake Parkinson, the previous County Assessor, resigned at the end of January 2024. The Republican Party selected Joy Peters to serve the remainder of Assessor Parkinson's term, which expires December 31, 2024. It is the Council's responsibility to appoint Joy to her position. Joy Peters introduced herself.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to appoint and swear in Joy Peters as Interim Replacement Tooele County Assessor. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

Tracy Shaw, County Clerk, swore Joy Peters in as Interim Assessor.

10. Boards & Committees

a. Fair Board Appointments, Jared Hamner

Our heartfelt gratitude to Mindy Walters, Wyatt Harding, Paul Cook, and Douglas Webb for their dedicated service on the fair board. Delighted to announce the reappointment of Clifford Russul for another term and the welcome addition of three new fair board members: Mike Larsen, Lloyd Behunin, and Patty Deakin-Daley.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the Fair Board Appointments as outlined above. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

b. Weeds Board Re-Appointments

Darrell Johnson and Kyle Bateman have both been recommended, and have both expressed interest in being re-appointed to a 2nd term on the Tooele County Weeds Board. If re-appointed, their term expiration dates will be December 31, 2027.

Agenda Attachments

1. Board Appointments for February 20 2024.pdf

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the Weeds Board Re-Appointments as outlined above. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

11. Council Update

Council Member Scott Wardle stated that he attended NaCo (National Association of Counties) meetings last week, and he sits on the Community Economic Development and Workforce Committees. He advised there are some startling job statistics that came from those meetings. There are concerns about the 50 and older age group finding employment and housing post-covid. He is asking that everyone watch for this and take it into consideration as part of planning for Economic Development and Housing.

Chairman Jared Hamner stated that he is on the Public Lands committee and 88.4% of the land in Tooele County is owned by the Federal Government, which is interesting. There are some smaller areas that have been identified that are not being taken care of. One of the bills going through Congress was regarding Trails. He also reminded everyone that State legislation is still in session.

Council Member Kendall Thomas stated that he had a meeting with the State Transportation Commission on February 8th and 9th. They took a tour of Tooele County, and Midvalley Highway was the focus of the conversation. He thanked the Mayors of Tooele Valley and the representative from Lake Point and Erda City, Brittany Lopez, and Rachelle Custer. There is another meeting in March that he will attend.

12. Manager Update

Andy Welch, County Manager, stated that it was a great opportunity to have UDOT visit and advised that the transportation plan is coming together.

The county is grateful they came out, and we had a great team of support.

13. Manager Update: Ratifications

a. 1 MVA

Motor vehicle refund

Agenda Attachments

1. Mark Proctor.pdf

b. Wendover Airport Land Use Agreement

Agenda Attachments

1. Ex EW24 Wendover Airport LUA.pdf

c. LSI Contract Amendment

Agenda Attachments

1. LSI Contract Amendment .pdf

d. Legal Defender Agreement between Tooele County and Filler and Grayson

Agenda Attachments

1. Agreement with Filler and Grayson.pdf

14. Adjournment - Closed Session if needed

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to adjourn at 8:01 pm . All in favor. The motion passed.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED:


Jared Hamner, County Council Chairman


Tracy Shaw, County Clerk



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