



## Council Business Meeting Minutes

May 21, 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 HR Director, Matt Flygare.

### 3. Roll Call

Council Member Roll call as follows:

Erik Stromberg: Present- online

Jared Hamner: Present

Tye Hoffmann: Present

Scott Wardle: Present

Kendall Thomas: Present

Also, present were Scott Broadhead- Attorney, Brittany Lopez- Assistant County Manager, and Nicole Rash- Cheif Deputy Clerk.

Staff in attendance were Nathan Harris- Deputy Attorney, Alison McCoy- Auditor, Rachelle Custer- Community Development Director, Bucky Whitehouse- EOC Director, Meghan VonHatten- Manager's Office, Jerry Caldwell- Weeds Director, Matt Flygare- HR Director, Paul Wimmer- Sheriff

Guests in attendance were Sue Caldwell- Tooele City Resident, Kalani Maschereno- Tooele City Resident, Sherrie Ivie- Grantsville Resident, Jordan Hawkins- TTAB, Garrett Potter- UMC, Kevin Nunn- NTFD Chief and Buck Peck-NTFD Marshall.

### 4. Public Comments

#### 2 Public Comments

Kalani Maschereno of Tooele City commented in 2 capacities. First, she is the President of Tooele Valley Garden Association. She advised there are 12 gardens throughout the county on the tour this year, and she provided a pamphlet to the Council that included a map. She stated that visitors from all over Utah and neighboring States visit Tooele County for the garden tour. She advised they are asking for \$7,000 in tourism funds which will be used to be featured on the KSL greenhouse radio program. Second, Kalani stated she is the Director of the Tooele County Association of Realtors. She shared a magazine with the Council that provides information about the relator community and how they impact the County.

Sheriff Wimmer advised that Law Enforcement Appreciation Week was last week. He stated he was able to publicly thank Council Members Kendall Thomas and Tye Hoffmann last week, but he also wanted to publicly thank the other Council Members and the County Manager's Office for their support of the Sheriff's Department. He stated that new firearms were purchased last year and over the past two weeks, they've spent time helping people get qualified. County Manager Andy Welch attended a firearms certification class and he qualified. He presented Assistant Manager Brittany Lopez with Manager Welch's certificate. Council Member Kendall Thomas asked if shells are provided for the certification classes. Sheriff Wimmer stated shells are provided and budgeted for.

### 5. Recognitions, Presentations, & Informational Items

#### a. May Anniversaries, Jared Hamner

**5-Year Anniversary:**

Richard Wall - Transportation

**10-Year Anniversary:**

Bart Anderson - Roads

Darrin Cook - Facilities

**25-Year Anniversary:**

Jerry Caldwell - Weeds

Vice Chairman Scott Wardle took over the meeting to allow Chairman Jared Hamner to present the service awards.

Chairman Jared Hamner recognized the 5 and 10 year anniversaries. He introduced Jerry Caldwell, Weeds Director, and asked him to come to the front of the room. Assistant County Manager Brittany Lopez shared some information about Jerry. She stated that Jerry is widely known throughout the state in his position as Weeds Director. The Weeds Department is largely funded through grants, and Jerry is always rated at #1 in the grants he writes. Many others look to him for his grant writing skills. Assistant Manager Lopez also commended Jerry for his willingness to lend a hand to other county departments. She stated that Jerry has a passion for woodworking, and shared that Jerry is the creator of much of the sign work at Sundance. She expressed appreciation for Jerry and for his dedication and work over the last 25 years. Jerry thanked Assistant Manager Lopez for the kind words. He stated he has enjoyed his job and will miss it when the time comes to retire.

**6. Minutes**

**a. May 14, 2024 Work and Business Meeting Minutes**

Agenda Attachments

1. 05.14.2024.Work.Draft.pdf

2. 05.14.2024.Business.Draft.pdf

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the May 14, 2024 Work and Business Meeting Minutes. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. Council Member Erik Stromberg abstained, all others in favor. The motion passed.

**7. Consent Agenda: Check Register**

**a. Check Register 4/25 - 5/9**

Agenda Attachments

1. Combine Check Registers.pdf

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the Check Register dated 4/25 - 5/9. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

**8. Consent Agenda: Contracts**

**a. Emergency Services Request to Purchase Submersible Drone for Water Rescue Events and Mitigation Project, Bucky Whitehouse**

Tooele County Emergency Services presented the Special Operations Function of Ice Water Rescue and the need to purchase a submersible drone during March's meeting. It was determined at that time to be a worthy purchase and that it should be brought back to the council during a future business meeting for final ratification and purchase of the item. Emergency Services has received an updated estimate and is requesting council approval to purchase the item. The updated estimate is attached.

Agenda Attachments

1. ES Submersible Drone 2024.pdf

In the April 2nd Work Meeting, Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Director Bucky Whitehouse presented a report on ice rescue training that local first responders have completed, and also proposed that Tooele County purchase a submersible drone to aid in ice rescues and mitigation purposes. The Council supported the proposal and asked Director Whitehouse to present them with a quote. This is the formal request and quote to purchase that submersible

drone. Director Whitehouse stated the vendor is RMUS and the cost of the drone is approximately \$53,000. Council Member Scott Wardle stated this tool is critical during ice rescues, not only for the victim but for the first responders. Director Whitehouse explained that all county responders are trained in the same protocol, and this drone meets the needs of Tooele County. Council Member Tye Hoffmann asked how many other counties have drones. Director Whitehouse stated 7 other counties have similar devices.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to approve the purchase of a Submersible Drone for Water Rescue Events and Mitigation Projects. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. Council Member Tye Hoffmann confirmed that a budget adjustment will not be needed for this purchase. All in favor. The motion passed.

**b. Contract between Holbrook Asphalt, LLC and Tooele County, High Density Mineral Bond, Jed Bell**

Signature is needed on a High Density Mineral Bond (HDMB) Contract. A request for bid was posted on the state procurement site for two weeks. One bid/response came in from Holbrook Asphalt, LLC. Project location will be in Stansbury and Erda (see map). This scope of work was included in this year's budget. The total bid schedule came in at \$183,159.94.

Agenda Attachments

1. HDMB - Roads.pdf

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the contract between Holbrook Asphalt, LLC and Tooele County for High Density Mineral Bond. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

**9. Line-Item Transfers**

**a. Line-Item Transfer - Criminal Justice Board**

The CJCC director position was converted from a County employee to a contract position on March 1, 2024. The remaining funds in Salary & Benefits, \$83,506.78, need to be transferred to Professional & Technical where the monthly contract payments will come from.

Agenda Attachments

1. 2024-0521 Line item transfer CJAC.pdf

Council Member Tye Hoffmann confirmed that this position is dictated by the State and asked if the State is providing any funding. Alison McCoy, Auditor, stated that the State does not provide funding.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the Line-Item Transfer. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

**10. Resolutions/Ordinances**

**a. Resolution 2024-07 - Amending (Increasing) the 2024 Budget, Alison McCoy - PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Health Fund is increasing by \$24,000 to use available COVID PPPHEA Flex grant funding to outfit two Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) trailers for use by Emergency Services and other agencies.

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2024-07.pdf

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

No Public Comment

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to close the Public Hearing. Second by Council

Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to approve Resolution 2024-07. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

**b. Resolution 2024-08 - Granting County Manager Authority to Sign Easement, Nathan Harris**

Resolution from the Council to grant authority to the County Manager to sign the easement in favor of Grantsville City for SLC Airport for the water and sewer lines going to the airport located in Erda.

Agenda Attachments

1. Res 2024-08.pdf

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve Resolution 2024-08. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

**11. Action Items**

**a. 2024 Tourism Grants Decisions**

The council will discuss all tabled Tourism Grant applications.

Agenda Attachments

1. TTAB 2024 Recommendations.pdf

The 2024 Tourism Grant Applications were last discussed in the March 19, 2024 Work Meeting and the Council will make some decisions tonight. All applications have the following stipulations: Must provide post performance tracking and receipts for out of county promotion. Must provide proof of local hotel and restaurant partnerships. Must provide proof that Tooele County logo is used on all out of county advertising, including social media.

Council Member Scott Wardle confirmed the tourism budget is \$350,000. Tourism Board recommendations have been made but nothing has been approved yet. The Council decided to discuss the applications one at a time.

Utah Motorsports Campus (UMC), applicant #12- requested \$150,000, and the Board recommended \$130,000. Chairman Jared Hamner mentioned new state law which raises concern with this application. Garret Potter, representing UMC, spoke on this issue. He stated that UMC is ready to fight the constitutionality of the law. He advised there is a "restricted list" included with the law, and no UMC companies or representatives are on that list. He stated the next step, if needed, is that William Lee is a US citizen and the transferhip would go to him, or UMC has other investors who are interested in investing. He stated that UMC is not going anywhere. It is an important part of the community and important to the western US. He advised there are 200 tenants at UMC who depend on the track. He stated that tax dollars are still going to be generated regardless of what happens. Council Member Scott Wardle asked about the Master Plan for Economic Development that was promised when UMC bought the racetrack. He stated the Council has not seen any of the infrastructure for hotel and restaurant investments. He stated that questions regarding investment into the track from the parent company have gone unanswered. Council Member Scott Wardle asked if UMC is willing to provide proof that no part of the business is owned by the Chinese Government. Mr. Potter stated it is the states' responsibility to prove that, not UMC. He also stated that UMC is investing back into the business and that there are plans in the works now to expand the go-cart track and re-pave the main racetrack. Council Member Scott Wardle reiterated his concern about the commitments made by Mr. Lee and other partners when the track was purchased regarding Economic Development, and the fact that those commitments have not been fulfilled. He asked if Mr. Lee or the parent company have plans to invest in the racetrack. Mr. Potter stated he will look into it, but stated that investment into the track is being made, and he feels that UMC is one of the larger drivers for tourism in Tooele County. He stated that there are many events at the racetrack that are 3-4 days long, which generate tax dollars through hotel stays and restaurants. Council Member Scott Wardle recommends a

meeting between Mr. Lee and the Council be held to discuss investments. Mr. Potter agreed and stated that the past 2 years are the first years that UMC hasn't lost money. He advised that, overall, the track is in good condition considering its age and the climate. He stated that re-paving the main track isn't a necessity; rather, it is an economic driver, as everyone wants to race on a newly paved track. Council Member Kendall Thomas thanked Mr. Potter and stated he shares the same concerns as Council Member Wardle. Council Member Scott Wardle proposed that he and Council Member Erik Stromberg meet with UMC and the County Manager's Office to discuss and then bring this back to the second meeting in June. Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to table this item until June 18. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

Hlde Out Farm & Ranch, applicant # 6- requested \$7,500 and the board recommended \$1,500. Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the board recommendation of \$1,500. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

Western Music & Songwriters, applicant #13- requested \$5,500, and the board recommended \$5,000. Assistant County Manager Brittany Lopez recommended awarding the full \$5,500. Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to approve the board recommended of \$5,000. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

NASA Utah Region LLC, applicant #17- requested \$10,000, and the board recommended awarding \$10,000. Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve as the board recommended at \$10,000. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

10K Star Events-Night Lights, applicant #30- requested \$175,000, and the board recommended \$20,000. Chairman Jared Hamner stated proof of hotel and restaurant partnerships have not been provided by this applicant in the past, nor in this year's application. Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve as the board recommended at \$20,000, but the next application MUST include hotel and restaurant partnerships and the county logo. Jordan Hawkins, Tourism Tax Advisory Board member (TTAB), stated those requirements are a stipulation on all applications this year anyway. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

Formula Drift, applicant #2- requested \$200,000 and the board recommended \$50,000. Council Member Tye Hoffmann stated he feels that \$50,000 is a lot of money for a first-time applicant. Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to award \$30,000. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

Transcript Bulletin, applicant #5- requested \$45,000, and the board recommended \$20,700. Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to award the full \$45,000. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

Tooele Education Foundation, applicant #27- requested \$8,000 and the board recommended \$2,000. Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the board recommendation of \$2,000. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

PolyCon, applicant #7- requested \$100,000 and the board recommended \$30,000. This is a new event to Tooele County. Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the board recommendation of \$30,000. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

The Council decided to lump some application approvals together in an effort to save time.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the board recommendations for Western Skies Summer Series #28 at \$4,000, Historic Wendover Airfield #16 at \$25,000, and Tooele County Arts Guild # 22 at \$2,000. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the board recommendations for Tooele

Valley Gardening Association #14 at \$2,000, Down & Dirty Barrel Racing #10 at \$5,000, National Pony Express Association #9 at \$800, and Paws and Learn Education Center #19 at \$2,000. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the board recommendation for the City of Wendover #25, at \$10,000. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor, The motion passed.

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the board recommendation of no award for Otters and Others #1, Grantsville City #4, James L Vevan Tooele Pioneer Museum #11, Intermountain Region Porsche Club #15, TC United #18, Kleen & Green Carwash #23, Clark Historic Farm #24, Grantsville Sociable #26, and Stansbury Oquirrh Bowmen #29. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

Tooele Bit N Spur Riding & Rodeo Association, applicant #21- requested \$35,000, and the board recommended \$20,000. Council Member Scott Wardle asked if proof of hotel and restaurant partnerships was provided by this applicant. He also asked if ticket sales were tracked to show proof of attendees outside of Tooele county. Jordan Hawkins, TTAB, stated that no data was provided by the applicant. Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to table this application until more data is provided. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed. The consensus was that Council Members Scott Wardle and Kendall Thomas and the County Manager's office will meet with the applicant to gather the needed data.

Stansbury Service Agency (SSA), applicant #3- requested \$15,000, and the board recommended \$10,000. Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to award the requested amount of \$15,000. Second by Chairman Jared Hammer. Council Member Kendall Thomas asked why the increase, and what SSA is marketing. Jordan Hawkins, TTAB, stated the application is specifically to revitalize the golf course. Council Member Tye Hoffmann stated there have already been radio ads about the Stansbury golf course. Council Member Kendall Thomas voted nay. All others voted aye. The motion passed.

Tooele Technical College/ATC Foundation, applicant #20- Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the board recommendation of no funding. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers, applicant #8- Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the board recommendation of no funding. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

Council Member Kendall Thomas stated that since only approximately \$209,000 of the \$350,000 budget has been allotted, he would like to "backfill" some of the applications that weren't fully funded. Jordan Hawkins, TTAB, stated that since there are still some pending applications, some of which are big dollar amounts, the board would recommend waiting until all applications have been finalized before re-evaluating award amounts. The Council agreed.

## 12. Boards & Committees

### a. Recommend to Reappoint Jeff Acerson to the Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustee

Tooele County Council would like to recommend reappointing Jeff Acerson to trustee representing Tooele County. Jeff has been very involved in our County both professionally and personally.

#### Agenda Attachments

1. Notice Letter\_Tooele County Council\_2024-0227\_FINAL.pdf

Chairman Jared Hamner presented this item. He stated that he and Council Member Scott Wardle met with Jeff Acerson to discuss the duties of this reappointment. Council Member Kendall Thomas stated that Mr. Acerson is very active in the community.

Council Member Kendall Thomas motioned to approve the reappointment of Jeff Acerson to the Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustee. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

### **13. Council Update**

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to table items 13, 14 and 15 and adjourn to a closed session. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed. Time of adjournment was 8:26 pm.

### **14. Manager Update**

#### **15. Manager Update: Ratifications**

##### **a. 1 MVA**

Motor vehicle refund

Agenda Attachments

1. Tooele Valley Motorsports.pdf

##### **b. 2024 NTFD Dispatch Service Agreement NTFD**

Agreement between Tooele County and NTFD for dispatch services.

Agenda Attachments

1. 2024 NTFD Dispatch Contract.pdf

##### **c. 2024 Stockton Dispatch Service Agreement**

Agreement between Tooele County and Stockton City for dispatch services.

Agenda Attachments

1. 2024 Stockton Dispatch Contract.pdf

##### **d. 2024 Tooele City Dispatch Service Agreement**

Agreement between Tooele County and Tooele City for dispatch services.

Agenda Attachments

1. 2024 Tooele City Dispatch Contract.pdf

##### **e. 2024 UDC Dispatch Service Agreemet**

Agreement between Tooele County and Utah Department of Corrections (AP&P) for dispatch services

Agenda Attachments

1. 2024 UDC Dispatch Contract.pdf

##### **f. Court Security Contract Amendment**

Agenda Attachments

1. Court Security Amendment 2024.pdf

##### **g. MOU Between Tooele County and Tooele Technical College**

Agenda Attachments

1. SBDC MOU FY22-23-5yr TTech - Tooele County-signed.pdf

##### **h. Consulting Agreement Between the County Attorney's Office and Heather Stewart with the Utah Attorney General's Office**

This agreement is for expert consultation, opinion, and testimony for a District Court case involving minor victims.

Agenda Attachments

1. Attorney General's Office, Heather Stewart Consulting Agreement.pdf

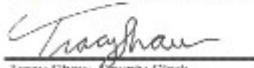
### **16. Adjournment - Closed Session if needed**

See item 13.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED:

  
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Jared Hamner, County Council Chairman



  
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Tracy Shaw, County Clerk

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