



Regular City Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm

AGENDA

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Duchesne City Council will be held at the Duchesne City Office Building, 500 East Main, Duchesne, UT at the above date and time. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Roll Call, Prayer, Pledge

Minutes:

Mayor Rowley conducted the meeting. City Recorder, Myra Young, took minutes. City Council Members present were Bryce Hamilton, Danny Peatross, Jenny Adams, Cody Ivie, and Jason Baker. Council Member Hamilton offered the prayer. Mayor Rowley led the Pledge of Allegiance. Public Attendees: Rachelle Jones, Andy Jones, Janet Jenkins, Lesley Fernandez, Mark Hicken, Melinda Hicken, Sidnie Ross, Debbie Fabrizio, and Sarah Wilson.

2. Minutes

Minutes:

MOTION by Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member Adams to approve the minutes from May 14, 2024.

- Council Member Hamilton– Aye
- Council Member Peatross– Aye
- Council Member Adams - Aye
- Council Member Ivie – Aye
- Council Member Baker – Aye

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Business License

Minutes:

Dylan Despain would like a business license. He will be providing holistic health and wellness services along with chiropractic care at Brain Body Interlink LLC located in Nourish. MOTION by Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to approve a business license for Dylan Despain, wellness provider.

- Council Member Hamilton– Aye
- Council Member Peatross– Aye
- Council Member Adams - Aye
- Council Member Ivie – Aye
- Council Member Baker – Aye

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Lesley Fernandez would like a business license. She will be providing food services from an enclosed food trailer located at her residence, Perfecto Grill.

MOTION by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Hamilton to approve a business license for Lesley Fernandez, food service provider.

- Council Member Hamilton– Aye
- Council Member Peatross– Aye
- Council Member Adams - Aye
- Council Member Ivie – Aye
- Council Member Baker – Aye

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Planning And Zoning

Minutes:

Nothing to report.

5. 15-Minute Open Session

Minutes:

- Mark Hicken, President of the Duchesne County Chamber of Commerce approached the council. He explained The Chamber of Commerce deals with local businesses and provides help within our communities. He provided The Council with a variety of handouts, one showing the benefits of becoming a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He explained they are a 501C6 organization and are funded by donations only and are seeking stabilized funding from the cities and counties. He wondered if Duchesne City would be interested in joining and providing an annual donation. They have been working to make the county a better place by holding open houses, business classes and much more. Mayor Rowley is in full support of what the Chamber of Commerce does but is concerned about using the taxpayer's money to fund this. The City Council has requested this be placed on the agenda for the next regular City Council meeting.
- Andy Jones with UDELL/Delsco approached The Council about the dirt pile project in front of Eagle's Nest/Chevron. Mayor Rowley explained that Lane Genereaux reached out to Nathan Hall with DEQ about the dirt pile. Nathan informed Lane that the dirt pile is contaminated, and the pile needs to be turned once a year, or it can be taken to a landfill. Council Member Ivie asked why The City is involved with this project. Andy replied, the only involvement from The City was to help find the owner of the property and a place to put the dirt. Council Member Ivie suggest moving forward if UDELL/Delsco is interested in continuing with the cleanup project, we can pass on information, but The City needs to remove themselves from this project. The City should not be involved with what a private entity is doing to manage their own contaminated soil. This would require The City to report to the EPA and it is not something The City is willing to take on. The Council expressed their appreciation for what they are trying to do to make The City look better.
- Janet Jenkins approached The Council; she stated that the cemeteries do not look very good. She was upset about her late husband, Ron Jenkins' gravesite. He was buried August 2023, and it is still dirt, Karl Lund was buried in May 2023 and his is still dirt. Janet would like to know why the grass/sod is not being placed and why she would need to request this to be done. Janet stated she had to make a request in the past for grass at her brothers' gravesite.

Mayor Rowley indicated he spoke with Matt Skewes about the situation. Matt indicated if he knew

that The City was not going to get sod, he would have seeded it earlier in the year and it would have been green for Memorial Day. Mayor Rowley stated The City typically buys sod and places it the week before Memorial Day he is unsure why this did not happen and will follow up with Lane Genereaux about it.

6. Book Of Complaints, Concerns And Comments

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There were no new complaints, concerns, or comments.

7. Mayor And Council Review Of Old Business

Minutes:

Council Member Ivie inquired about the pump at Strawberry Cemetery. Mayor Rowley explained the pump guy came out and assessed the situation. He indicated it was going to be difficult to overcome the suction due to the 60' drop. He recommends we stay with the current pump and have three backflow preventers installed. We are now waiting for Mountainland to get all the parts in.

Council Member Ivie wanted updates on the following.

- Investment accounts/PTIF accounts. Mayor Rowley and Myra Young will follow up with Kim Hanson on this.
- Northwest Sewer and Water Project. Mayor Rowley has not heard from Chuck Richins with Horrocks Engineering.

Council Member Adams wanted updates on the following.

- If Mayor Rowley spoke with the semi-truck drivers. Mayor Rowley spoke to the safety personnel of the Badland trucks that park in front of the CB & M motel. They have moved the trucks to private property.
- If Mayor Rowley was able to contact the owner of the property for sale sign, that needs removed. Mayor Rowley will be meeting with him on Friday.
- If Arrow Trucking fixed the fence. Yes, they have fixed the fence, and a cement barrier was installed to restrict anyone from entering. Mayor Rowley stated the dump station is still out of service and we are not receiving any sewage, as we wait on parts to fix it. It has been down approximately 2 months.
- If Mayor Rowley has heard back from the structural engineer for the Mickelson Building. Mayor Rowley has not heard back from any of the three he reached out to. Council Member Peatross asked if he has tried Vance King with Civco. The answer was no. Council Member Peatross asked what is the question that needs to be answered by the structural engineer. Mayor Rowley responded with the following:

- Price
- Life expectancy
- Structural integrity

Council Member Peatross inquired about the status of the Pope House. Mayor Rowley stated The City has everything out of the building and Kevin will begin tearing it down on Friday. Lane Genereaux will need to remove the two remaining cameras. Council Member Ivie stated there are a couple of pieces of old farm equipment that will need to be moved. Myra Young stated she is still waiting for Veldon Rowley with Strata to finalize the disconnect on the phone line, but all other utilities are disconnected. Ryan Weimer is building new displays at the Welcome Center for displaying the museum items.

Mayor Rowley reported he had spoken with John about a county Animal Control Contract but is still waiting to hear back from him.

Mayor Rowley indicated there are some loose ends that need taken care of on the water line coming into the state park.

Mayor Rowley provided The City Council with an updated budget worksheet.

8. Work Session

Minutes:

A work session was scheduled for June 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm to discuss Budget FY 2025.

9. Executive Session

Minutes:

There was no executive session held.

10. Adjournment

Minutes:

MOTION by Council Member Ivie, seconded by Council Member Baker to adjourn the regular City Council meeting at 6:42 pm

- Council Member Hamilton – Aye
- Council Member Peatross – Aye
- Council Member Adams - Aye
- Council Member Ivie – Aye
- Council Member Baker – Aye

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Attest:

Myra Young, Recorder: _____

Rodney Rowley, Mayor _____