
UINTAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2024
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Mayor Cutler, Council Member Bell, Council Member Combe, Council Member Roberts

Council Members Absent: Council Member Guiller

City Staff Present: City Recorder Michelle Mortensen, Public Works Director Jack Burton, Lt. Ryan

Visitors: Denise Woods, Lisa Smith, Jason Howe, Brandon Everett, Greg Johnson, Diane Johnson, Robert Bails, Cheryl Burton, Denise Woods, Alicia Fairbourne, Chersty Titensor, Gary Laird, Carolyn Laird, Scott Dixon, Julie Dixon, Marilyn Pearson, Brandon Hunt, Cam Schroeder, Pam Eppel, Cynthia Benson

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cutler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council Member Bell.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

2. Lt. Ryan stood and gave an update on the shooting in Uintah. He explained that last Saturday at 3:41 a.m. there was a call of shots fired and the first unit arrived at 3:49 a.m., and seven units responded. There was a party at an air bnb, and it escalated into shots being fired and one person was stabbed. A large group of cars were driving away as the officers responded. They detained everyone that was there and set up a perimeter as the detectives got called out. The injured person ended up at Ogden Regional. Most of the people that were still at the party were uncooperative and the detectives cultivated some more witnesses and id'd the shooters. Ogden City's gang task force is out looking for the suspects. Council Member Roberts asked if the shooting was gang related and Lt. Ryan stated that two were affiliated with gangs. We have not seen any incidents like this in the last several years here in Weber County. Mayor Cutler stated that two Saturday's ago we were setting up for the Bonneville Communities that Care 5k where 198 people ran this race. He got a text as he was getting ready from Lt. Ryan that there had been a shooting. The race proceeded and it amazed him that people were so desensitized as to the shooting here in the City. The council and city staff does not want this for Uintah.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Brandon Everett stood and stated that he would like this to be on a future agenda. He stated that we can count our blessings, as this shooting was not an isolated incident as there were several shootings across our country at air bnb's on the same date. We can make it better as citizens. He mentioned that he is one that would reside with the sentiment of a typical rural citizen he does not want government to tell him what he can and cannot do but he does want them to tell him when he is in violation and to provide sideboards as to what we can and can't do. He handed out some recommendations and gave them some information on Ogden City's protocol for short term rentals.
- Greg Johnson did some research and there was a report in the Northwestern Globe about air bnb's and the rise in crime that is coming with those. It is these types of incidents where people are from the local area and rent a room for one or two nights and throw parties. He would hate to negate the option for everyone based on this incident. Some cities ban one-night rentals. We should consider things like only allowing three-night stays and more. Tourists are not the ones who are causing problems.
- Brandon Hunt expressed that when that happens in your neighborhood, it brings more sincerity to what happened. There are things you can do, but you do not know who is taking over that space. In an area where we are, it is hard for me to accept that. My family moved here fourteen years ago and there are lots of valid complaints within our city, but we can do better. This is a close-knit town, but it is as though there is a lot of division that has come from the growth here. Come together and address the issues, this is what we love about a rural community. The meeting here is for us to have a voice to say how do we keep this Uintah by being citizens, it is not about telling on your neighbor but respecting your neighbor. Respect the people who are next to you. It is not about creating new laws but enforcing what is already there.

4. **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK DESIGNATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS TO MICHELLE MORTENSEN, CITY RECORDER:** Utah Municipal Clerks Association

- Alicia Fairbourne from Hideout City and Denise Woods from Morgan City thanked council for allowing them to recognize They represent the Utah Municipal Clerk's Association and the association with the International Municipal

- Clerk's Association. The mission of our organization is to provide our members with educational and networking support, to promote positive professional interaction with elected officials, staff, and the public, and to enhance the enhancement and awareness and value of the municipal clerk profession. Our international organization is administered locally by the Utah Municipal Clerks Association. Ms. Mortensen has completed the requirements to obtain her certified municipal clerk designation. She must be actively working as a municipal clerk performing the duties of a clerk or recorder, completing college level course work earning a minimum of sixty educational points and fifty points of working experience. It takes many years to obtain this certification. We are fortunate that the Mayor and City Council recognize continuing education and professional development opportunities.
- Lisa Smith the recorder from South Weber is the president of DMWRA stood and expressed that they all know what a big accomplishment this is, and she hopes the Mayor and Council recognize this.

5. PRESENTATION OF UTAH CERTIFIED CLERK DESIGNATION FROM SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY TO MICHELLE MORTENSEN, CITY RECORDER: Mayor Cutler

- Mayor Cutler expressed that Uintah has a great City Recorder and he does not think that any recorder before has obtained these types of certifications and designations, so we appreciate Ms. Mortensen for what she has done.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes August 6th, 2024
- B. Approval of Invoices
- C. Financial Reports

- A motion was made by Council Member Bell to approve the consent agenda.
- Council Member Combe seconded the motion.
- Mayor Cutler asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there was none.
- All in favor; the motion carries. Council Member Combe, yes. Council Member Roberts, yes, Mayor Culer, yes; Council Member Bell, yes.

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

None

8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion/Action on Final Plat for Pacific Point Properties: Mayor Cutler
 - Mr. Dixon stood and explained that this is the final plat approval for Pacific Point Properties subdivision, for a nine-lot subdivision. We have answered all the questions and have met with the city engineer. Mrs. Woodbury received the letter today about where the sewer and water lines cross and we have submitted an exception to the Department of Water Quality. There is a design to install twenty-foot casings where the lines cross. The approval from the planning commission came subject to the report coming back from the state.
 - A motion was made by Council Member Combe to approve the final plat upon receiving the exception letter.
 - Council Member Roberts seconded the motion.
 - Mayor Cutler asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there was none.
 - All in favor; the motion carries.
- B. Discussion/Action on Uintah City Hall and Scout House lighting proposal: Jack Burton
 - Mr. Burton stood and mentioned that there was some discussion when he first got here about the bulbs being hard to find. He received two bids, and the lowest bid was from \$9,765 to do city hall and \$6,015 for the scout house. His recommendation is to go with the low bid from White Rock Electric.
 - A motion was made by Council Member Combe to get a final number from White Rock to replace the lights in city hall and pursue the scout house another time.
 - Council Member Bell seconded the motion.
 - Mayor Cutler asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there was none.
 - All in favor; the motion carries.
- C. Discussion/Action on Plumbing Proposal for water to the City shop: Jack Burton
 - Mr. Burton stated that he received a bid from Breustle plumbing and there is not good water down at the shop. They are proposing running a one-inch water line from the fire department over to the shop.
 - A motion was made by Council Member Combe to accept the bid for the service line into the city shop.
 - Council Member Bell seconded the motion.
 - Mayor Cutler asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there was none.
 - All in favor; the motion carries.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Planning Commission Report:

- Planning Commission Chair Wickizer stood and reiterated that they approved the final plat for Pacific Point Properties. Mr. Everett also came to our meeting and talked about air bnb's. We will be discussing short-term property rentals in our next meeting. The other thing we will be looking at is our nuisance ordinance. We are hoping to do a lot of that work up front as our building inspector will be out of town for that meeting. We need to produce an annexation plan which will take several months as there are multiple public meetings that need to be held. Council Member Bell asked about the updating of the ordinances. Chair Wickizer mentioned that there is no funding for this until 2025. She has been working on a letter of intent which will help us with our general plan as well as our ordinances. If there is something that cannot wait, we will bring that to the council. There is a community match, so we will have to incorporate that into our budget.

B. Public Works Report:

- Mr. Burton mentioned that in July he trimmed trees and weeds and did a lot of work along Highway 89 and 6600 straightening road signs. He has worked a lot on the sprinklers at the cemetery and the park and has them doing good. They purchased a new trailer to haul the mini on. He has also been replacing several meters, as they only have a twenty-year life span. They replaced twenty-six last month. Meter Works came today and helped us to understand that process better. Council Member Roberts asked what the plan was for replacing the meters. Council Member Bell responded that we replace 10% of the meters each year.
- He stated that the baseball field looks good. He had help from Council Member Combe, Tim, and Jeff. We have cleaned up the weeds and given the field a facelift. 6600 has been chip sealed and fogged and they will be back to paint the new lines on the road.

C. Sherriff's Report:

None

D. Council Reports:

- Council Member Roberts has nothing to report. She mentioned that it is nice to have community members here and we welcome your input.
- Council Member Combe stated that Mr. Burton is doing a great job, and we are super happy with the new road. The park and baseball fields look great. We all love Uintah, and I love Uintah too and support all of you. I hope we can all be neighborly moving forward.
- Council Member Bell echoed what both Council Member Robetts and Combe had to say. It is nice to have people here to engage with and she hopes that we can all find common ground. We renewed our contract with Waste Management for four more years. There was a 5.4% increase for doing business with them. She explained that she thinks our rates will be fine with our budget. She commended Mr. Burton for becoming certified in cross-connections and mentioned that is a breath of fresh air to have someone get certified in the water department. Water is our lifeline, and we often take for granted our clean and safe drinking water. Communities that Care race that included both a 5K and half-marathon went very well.
- Mayor Cutler thanked everyone for coming. He commended the sheriff's department for what they did. He thanked Lt. Ryan for making sure that he had a representative for planning commission last week and for this week's meeting as well. Thank you for being kind here and trying to be good neighbors. We have a lot of good people here in our City. He mentioned to be aware as you are out on the trails. If you see anything questionable, please call 9-1-1.

11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Council Member Bell to adjourn the council meeting at 7:15 p.m.
- Council Member Combe seconded the motion.
- Mayor Cutler asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there was none.
- All in favor; the motion carries.

Michelle Mortensen
Michelle Mortensen, Uintah City Recorder

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Date