



## Council Business Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2024

Council Chamber

07:00 PM

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Jared Hamner called the Council Business Meeting to order at 07:25 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 Council Member Kendall Thomas.

### 3. Roll Call

Council Member Roll call as follows:

Erik Stromberg: Present

Jared Hamner: Present

Tye Hoffmann: Present

Scott Wardle: Present

Kendall Thomas: Present

Also, present were Scott Broadhead- Attorney, Andy Welch- County Manager, Brittany Lopez- Assistant County Manager, and Tracy Shaw- Clerk.

Staff in attendance were Nathan Harris- Deputy Attorney, Alison McCoy- Auditor, Rachelle Custer- Community Development, Jeff Coombs- Health, Jamie Zwerin- Health, Cissy Morton- Transportation, Bucky Whitehouse- EOC, Becky Boekweg- EOC

Guests in attendance were Tim Gillie- Tooele Transcript, Kathleen VonHatten- Lake Point City, and Amy Lyman- Stockton Town

### 4. Public Comments

Jeff Coombs, Health Department: He stated that he sent a letter regarding post-retirement insurance benefits, stating that he was not aware that when the new personnel policy was adopted in December 2024, it didn't have anything relating to post-retirement benefits in it. He referenced Resolution 2015-06 which reinstated post-retirement benefits. The current personnel policy does not mention it being removed. Due process wasn't there; employees were not notified, and they did not have a say in the decision. There was no opportunity to make a choice. This was removed without proper processes. He asked the Council and County Manager to reconsider.

Bella Colovich, Health Department: She stated she has worked for the County Health and Aging Departments for 24 years. She chose to stay on with the county and be part of the community. She would like to see an explanation of the removal of retirement benefits like when and how it happened. She is seeking understanding.

Kristen Bolinder, Aging Services: She is concerned about the medical insurance portion being removed. It makes her wonder what else was removed.

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

- a. Emergency Preparedness Month Presentation to Local Emergency Managers, Bucky Whitehouse

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. Tooele County Emergency Services would like to publicly recognize Kathleen VonHatten, Lake Point City Emergency Manager, and Amy Lyman, Stockton City Emergency Manager, for their outstanding efforts in improving their city's readiness levels for emergency events.

Beckie Boekweg, EOC (Emergency Operations Center) recognized Kathleen VonHatten from Lake Point City and Amy Lyman from Stockton Town. Both were presented with a certificate for their outstanding work in the emergency field. They have gone above and beyond for their communities.

**b. Low Water Crossing changes in Soldier Canyon, Bucky Whitehouse**

Emergency Services and Community Development staff are requesting to present a proposed change to the low water crossings on Soldier Canyon Road and Copper Street. After the Jacob City Fire of 2022, low water crossings have been created in these areas to control the rapid descent of water (along with mud and debris) coming down the canyon after rainstorms. The low water crossings were a requirement of a recovery grant that Tooele County received from the Natural Resource Conservation System to mitigate post-wildfire mud and debris flows. The crossings have been determined to be a challenge as they currently exist because of their steep nature. Tooele County has been exploring options for ways to change the crossing to allow for greater access by the public. Staff will present those options to the council.

Presented by Bucky Whitehouse, EOC (Emergency Operation Center) Manager presented this item. A presentation was shown onscreen. Director Whitehouse stated there have been five flooding events that have occurred since the Jacob City fire. He is requesting funding for improvement to the Soldier Canyon water flow. Property owners and recreationalists can't pass through the water crossing with long trailers because the crossings are too steep. He is proposing that fly over decking be installed to mitigate this problem.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann asked what the problem is and how many residents are affected by this. Director Whitehouse reviewed photos and stated that there are 6-12 known residents that are affected.

Chairman Jared Hamner stated several residents have reached out to him and property owners have been affected. Brittany Lopez, Assistant County Manager, stated there have been a lot of comments and complaints. She stated that Director Whitehouse has been working on this for some time; the funds are available, and a solution is in mind. Council Member Tye Hoffmann asked when it could be completed. Director Whitehouse stated it could be finished by the end of the year if it could be done without bids using a change order.

**6. Minutes**

**a. September 3, 2024 Business Meeting Minutes**

Agenda Attachments

1. 09.03.2024.Business.Draft.pdf

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to approve the September 3, 2024 Business Meeting Minutes. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas. All in favor. The motion passed.

**7. Consent Agenda: Check Register**

**a. Check Register 9/3 & 9/5 & 9/12**

Agenda Attachments

1. September Check Register-Combined.pdf

Council Member Scott Wardle motioned to approve the check registers dated 9/3 & 9/5 & 9/12. Second by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

**8. Consent Agenda: Contracts**

**a. VMWare (Sole Source), Scott Persons**

The Information Technology Department is planning to extend our current Broadcom contract for VMware by an additional two years. Since Broadcom's acquisition of VMware, the price of VMware products has significantly increased. By entering into a multi-year contract, we aim to lock in our pricing for the next two years while we evaluate alternative virtualization products and cloud solutions. This approach will provide us with stable pricing as we explore other options for our core virtualization needs.

#### Agenda Attachments

##### 1. 072924-10 VMware Broadcom Renewal - 3 Year (with terms) - Signature block added.pdf

This item was presented by Andy Welch, County Manager, and Nathan Harris, Deputy Attorney. Manager Welch stated that this 2-year extension of an existing contract. This is being done to lock in the price until more competition comes along. Attorney Harris stated this extension would bring the contract to a total of three years.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the VMWare sole source contract. Second by Council Member Erik Stromberg. All in favor. The motion passed.

##### **b. MOU with Sport Air Racing Air Corp - Nathan Harris**

This Memorandum of Understanding is between Tooele County and Sport Air Racing Council Corporation to determine the levels of support for and the viability of holding an airshow and air race in Wendover, Utah at the Wendover Airport.

#### Agenda Attachments

##### 1. MOU - Tooele County and Air Show - 9-10-24 Changes with Exhibit A.pdf

Nathan Harris, Deputy Attorney, discussed this item. He stated the presentation for this MOU (memorandum of understanding) was given in the prior budget meeting. He advised that this MOU is not a binding contract; it is just a good-faith effort to initiate the process. He advised that three main concerns have been expressed, two of which he feels he can address. The first concern is ensuring that the Manager's Office is part of the team's organizational task force. The second concern is the timing of press releases. The third concern, which he feels will be difficult to address in the MOU, is the need to get others on board. This can't be done in legal writing, and support for the MOU should be demonstrated by the county first before attempting to get others on board. He is seeking direction from the Council because the event is being held in Tooele County. The county should be the first to sign on for support.

Council Member Scott Wardle stated that there was a lot of capital burned on air shows last year by the legislature. He is hesitant to pursue this without assurances. It is a noble endeavor, but there are other big projects on the table for consideration. Council Member Tye Hoffmann asked for clarification on priorities.

Council Members discuss various concerns and viewpoints.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann motioned to approve the MOU with Sport Air Racing Air Corp with the proposed amendments proposed by Attorney Harris. Second by Council Member Kendall Thomas.

Continued discussion between the council.

#### Council Roll Call Vote

Erik Stromberg: Nay  
Jared Hamner: Nay  
Tye Hoffmann: Aye  
Scott Wardle: Nay  
Kendall Thomas: Aye

The motion failed.

Chairman Jared Hamner stated this item could be brought back in 2 weeks if all concerns have been addressed.

#### **9. Council Update**

Council Member Tye Hoffmann attended the PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) conference. SRS (Secure Rural Schools) funds are trapped in a farm bill and there is not a clear path of how to get it out of there. He met with some State Senators. Duchesne County is requesting support from the US Supreme Court litigation regarding federal land overreach.

Council Member Kendall Thomas attended UAC (Utah Association of Counties) in Provo. There was a discussion on TRT (Transient Room Taxes) money. 80% of restaurant tourism funds comes from local citizens. He attended the Festival on Vine and it was an excellent event. Tyson Hamilton, of the Downtown Alliance, helped organize it, and it was a great event. He also attended the Fall Festival at St. Marguerite's Church, which was another great event. He encouraged the public to attend events next year.

#### **10. Manager Update**

Andy Welch, County Manager, stated that the second floor HVAC remodel is finishing and the DMV (Department of Vehicles) will be closed September 20th so they can move back to the second floor. Brittany Lopez, Assistant County Manager, stated starting next week other offices will be moving back, and the basement will be closed off during the final phase. Facilities will be in the Human Services conference room and IT will be in the Manager's office.

#### **11. Manager Update: Ratifications**

##### **a. 2 MVA'S**

Refund on vehicle

Agenda Attachments

1. Zachary Nicol.pdf
2. Ivan Bedell.pdf

##### **b. Road Assistance Contract**

This agreement is between Tooele County and Amber Hicks for part-time assistance with road maintenance of Ibapah roads.

Agenda Attachments

1. County Contract Agreement - signed.pdf

##### **c. Agreement Between Tooele County and Victus Advisors**

Economic Feasibility Study

Agenda Attachments

1. Victus Advisors Agreement- Signed.pdf

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

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Second by Council Member Scott Wardle. All in favor. The motion passed.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED:

  
Jared Hamner, County Council Chairman

  
Tracy Shaw, County Clerk



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