



UINTAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

6:00 PM

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: City Attorney Bryan Baron, Public Works Jack Burton, City Recorder Michelle Mortensen, Planning Commission Chair Deb Wickizer

Visitors: Dean Larson, Don & Marilyn Pearson, Russell Slade, Jill Smith

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 Patterson.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Marilyn Pearson wanted to know how much the city council is making as she saw that there is a proposal for an increase in the council's salary.
- Dean Larson expressed strong opposition to the city's decision to raise taxes. He criticized the council about the increase and mentioned that we made the national news and not for good reasons. He stands to say that he is against the tax increase, and it is alarming that all five of the council voted on the increase. He mentioned that it is a liberal, progressive, left-wing policy to double your citizens' taxes, and questioned why they would be taking a pay increase on top of that. He asked them to please change their minds as you are taking away money and freedom from our citizens. Most of what you spend is forcibly taken away. He asked again that council would change their minds.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of City Council Minutes – July 15, 2025, and August 5, 2025

B. Approval of Invoices - July

C. Financial Reports – July

- Motion was made by Council Member Roberts to approve Uintah City's city council minutes from July 15 and August 5, 2025.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Patterson.
- Motion was made by Council Member Combe to approve invoices and financial reports for July 2025.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Bell.
- All in favor, the motion carries. Council Member Combe, yes; Council Member Bell, yes; Mayor Cutler, yes; Council Member Roberts, yes; Council Member Patterson, yes.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ORDINANCE 296-25 AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 1 OF THE UINTAH CITY CODE RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSE PROVISIONS

Presenter: City Recorder Michelle Mortensen

- Ms. Mortensen explained that there were a couple of changes made to the business license provisions. One of the

changes would be that when a license needs to be reviewed, it would not have to go to planning commission. There were also a few changes that our city attorney made to this ordinance. She recommended that council approve this ordinance.

- Council Member Combe mentioned that planning commission is more over land use and business licensing should be overseen by staff.
 - Motion was made by Council Member Roberts to approve Ordinance 296-25 Amending Title 3, Chapter 1 of the Uintah City Code relating to business license provisions.
 - Motion was seconded by Council Member Patterson.
 - All in favor, the motion carries.
- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION 25-0805 ADOPTING THE WEBER COUNTY, UTAH PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN
- Presenter: Mayor Cutler
- Mayor Cutler explained that the cities in Weber County had to provide the county with a mitigation plan for disasters. It talks about what we are going to do and what we are responsible for in a disaster.
 - Council member Bell mentioned that she did find one mistake while looking at the plan. There should be three water tanks with different volume amounts. Two of those tanks are 375,000 gallon tanks and the other tank is 275,000 gallons.
 - Council Member Combe mentioned that these are the hoops we have to go through to be able to get FEMA grants.
 - Motion made by Council Member Bell to approve Resolution 25-0805 adopting the Weber County, Utah Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan with the correction to the water tanks.
 - Motion was seconded by Council Member Patterson
 - All in favor, the motion carries.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Planning Commission Report: Chair Deb Wickizer - None
- B. Public Works Report: Mr. Burton stood and updated on what he has been doing this summer. He and Mr. Kendell have changed thirty water meters this year so far and last year they changed forty-seven. Our total number is 417. We got new windows in the office, and they look great. He went to Jones and Associated today to view the new water map locating GIS of the water meters, valves, and hydrants. This will save time to locate valves and water meters. A few projects are coming up, he has been exercising valves and working on issues with the valves, and he needs a little more time to come up with a plan. We need to clean out valves and figure out how we are going to improve those. He mentioned that he appreciates working here. Council Member Bell mentioned that we had to isolate water before when there was a leak, so typically if all the valves were working, we could inconvenience fewer residents, especially if there was contamination. She thanked Mr. Burton for taking care of our system.
- C. Sherriff's Report: None
- D. Council Reports:
 - Council Member Bell stated that we have water conference next week and she will have her last meeting as the Chair for Rural Water as she has completed her two terms. She will still be involved with Rural Water CTC race is Saturday starting at 7:00 a.m.
 - Mayor Cutler explained that the pay increase is an overriding issue. The Mayor makes \$500, and City Council makes \$300. There has not been an increase since 2012. If you read the ordinance, the effective date would be the first of the year. That was done by choice because he knew there would be some pushback by citizens and wanted to give them time to lobby the council. It is not effective yet, so he encouraged the citizens to get with your council members. Uintah made the national news; there were a few cities in Utah that were pushing for a tax increase. People get hung up on the 100% tax increase instead of the dollar amount.

8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion was made by Council Member Combe to adjourn city council meeting at 6:18 p.m.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts.
- All in favor, the motion carries.

Michelle Mortensen
Michelle Mortensen, Uintah City Recorder

9/2/25
Date