



UINTAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
6:00 PM

MINUTES

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

Council Members Absent: Council Member Combe

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

Visitors: Don & Marilyn Pearson, Jeremy Krause, Gloria Funk, Dean Larsen, Teague Sorenson, Colleen & Earl Rempfer

AGENDA ITEMS:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Cutler

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Earl Remfr addressed the council about his new neighbor and advised them that he is speaking for other disgruntled neighbors regarding the fly issues from his neighbors' horses. These folks have purchased the property, and the lot size is .46 acres which was listed as horse property. City code states that 20,000 square feet is required for one horse and they have two. The national average for 1 horse is 1 acre. The existing paddock is 2,279 square feet to north of his back yard and the pasture is 7,182 square feet for a total of 9,461. The pasture area does not get used, and the horses are confined to the paddock area. The smell of horse urine and flies prevent them from using their backyard or opening their windows. They will proceed with legal recourse if nothing is done.

Dean Larson spoke about the ongoing council pay ordinance. It was tabled and you were seeking legal advice as to whether that was going to the next city council. The second item he discussed was the streaming of city council meetings which he does not think it is necessary. The meeting is recorded, and you can post the recording.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approval of City Council Minutes – September 2, 2025

B. Approval of Invoices - August

C. Financial Reports – August

- A motion was made by Council Member Bell to approve the consent agenda.
- 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. Mayor Cutler, yes; Council Member Bell, yes; Council Member Roberts, yes; Council Member Patterson, yes.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. None

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ORDINANCE 298-25 ENACTING COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR SPECIFIC CITY OFFICERS:**

Presenter: Mayor Cutler

- Mayor Cutler mentioned that this has been an ongoing issue.
- A motion was made by Council Member Bell to table until next city council meeting.
- Council Member Patterson seconded the motion.

- Mayor Cutler asked if there was any discussion on the motion; Council Member Bell mentioned that this is important to do soon. We have learned our lesson about kicking the can down the road for future councils and the problems that come with doing so. It is important for all of us to be here for that discussion. She wanted to make a statement for the record because of some misinformation that has been circulating on social media. First, she did not decide or help decide the original numbers proposed in this resolution. Secondly, she did not participate in the drafting of the ordinance and is not a sponsor. Lastly, at no time has there been a 100% increase in council pay, nor has such a number ever been entertained or discussed.
- Mayor Cutler mentioned that all council members should be here so that it is transparent so everyone can see who is voting for what, so he asked legal if it was all right to table that again. Mr. Baron advised that it was.
- All in favor; the motion carries.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON JACKMAN/SHEFFLER SUBDIVISION

Presenter: Mayor Cutler

- A motion was made by Council Member Patterson to approve the Sheffler Uintah subdivision.
- 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.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING SCENIC DEVELOPMENT ANNEXATION PETITION

Presenter: Mayor Cutler

- Mayor Cutler mentioned that this annexation will bring the last piece of Uintah Springs into the city. This piece needs to be annexed to have access to city water.
- A motion was made by Council Member Bell to approve the Scenic Development Annexation Petition
- 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 FEE SCHEDULE

Presenter: City Recorder Michelle Mortensen

- Ms. Mortensen explained that the only fee that has changed is an increase in the price of water meters due to the higher costs that the city is being charged.
- A motion was made by Council Member Roberts to approve the fee schedule for Uintah City with the change for the cost of the water meters.
- Council Member Patterson 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 STREAMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Presenter: Mayor Cutler

- Mayor Cutler explained that there are several different options as far as streaming meetings go. Comcast would need to upgrade our equipment before we can proceed. We want to make this as easy as we can.
- Council Member Roberts stated that she feels that it is a great idea and she thinks it would be good for more public input, but she has reached out and there are not that many people who are interested, and she would have to go with what the majority of people want if she is spending someone else's money. She hopes people will continue to come to council meeting and call and email.
- Council Member Bell mentioned that YouTube Live is free, and it archives the meetings and is user friendly. There are other free options as well.
- Council Member Roberts mentioned that she would not be against a free option. She thinks it is great to have more citizen involvement. She does not believe in communication with a keyboard and does not think that it gets business done properly. If you want to be involved, then you should come to our meetings. She also does not want to make it harder on our city team to do this.
- Council Member Patterson agreed with Council Member Roberts. There is a decent crowd here tonight and we have only had one or two people on our Zoom meetings. He has seen a lot of emails come in and no one wants to talk; they just want to hide behind their keyboard. He would like to look into internet within the city to see what we can do.
- A motion was made by Council Member Bell to table this item to do some research and explore what other options would be available.
- 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.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Planning Commission Report: None

B. Public Works Report: Public Works Jack Burton

- Mr. Burton stood and explained that he has been working on valves for the last two months. They discovered that many were buried under dirt and mud. They rented a vac trailer that helped them to uncover and free some valve, leaving 15% still non-operational. Out of 192 valves, there are still eight that need to be dug up and there are several that they still need to find.
- As they were going through this process and opening one of the valves back up there was water coming out of the valve box. He mentioned that sometimes you can work the top of the valve and get it to seal up, but not this one. They have shut off the water on two separate occasions attempting to fix the leak. He shut down seven valves on Thursday and the pressure went down, There was no water coming out of the fire hydrant but when they went in to make the cuts, there was still a full pipe of water. Tonight, they are shutting off eleven valves and more to get this fixed.
- Council Member Roberts has stopped by and has seen them out there working frustrated and dirty and she appreciates how hard they have worked and how diligent they have been. It is commendable that you guys have offered to do this late at night to not interrupt people's lives.
- Council Member Patterson asked what Plan B is. Rough price to stop is \$5,000 and we will need at least two.
- Council Member Bell echoed what Council Member Roberts said and thanked them for working on this plan A.
- Mayor Culter commended Mr. Burton for assuming responsibility and taking ownership of the project.

C. Sherriff's Report: Lt. Slater

- Lt. Slater updated council that there were 30 calls for service, 40 traffic stops, and no major calls. The most notable call was a package theft. An Amazon driver misdelivered a package which led to him falsifying information. Another resident had a detached garage that was broken call. Out of the 30 calls for service, eight of those were car accidents. He clarified from last council meeting that a violation goes to where the incident occurs and not where a citizen is stopped.

D. Council Reports:

- Council Member Roberts stated that there was mention of a volunteer coalition to take over city celebrations and she has had one email but has not heard anything since.
- Mayor Cutler addressed a call complaining about Uintah turning into South Weber with no green space. He advised the public to make sure that the information that you are getting is accurate. Call, text, email, or come in and talk to staff if you have any questions.

8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Council Member Bell to adjourn city council meeting at 6:48
- Council Member Combe Patterson 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

10/7/25
Date