



**UINTAH CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2026
6:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

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

City Staff Present: City Attorney Lauren Thomas, Lt. Slater, City Recorder Michelle Mortensen, Jack Burton, Tim Kendell, Joan Dailey

Attendees: Don & Marilyn Pearson, Darinda Wallis, Matt Bell, Harper Bell, Kason Bell, Teague & Marianne Sorenson, Mark & Chris Stuart, Rick Poulson, Richard & Jalene McConkie, Scott & Julie Dixon, Jason Howe, Ronda Clarke, Jerry & Pam Harper

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cutler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He expressed that it was a bittersweet occasion and he thanked the audience for coming and for their support.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Cutler.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2025
- B. Approval of Invoices - None
- C. Financial Reports – None
 - 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.

4. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Presenter: Mayor Cutler

- Mayor Cutler again expressed his gratefulness for all of the support over the years. He shared his excitement and offered his full support to the new mayor and council. He praised Mayor Bell for her hard work. He reflected on his thirty years of public service, including twenty years on planning commission. He mentioned that it was time for new blood and new ideas. He praised the council's history of mutual respect and friendship despite having differing opinions sometimes. As the mayor, he has welcomed having women on the council and hearing their perspective. He also gave a heartfelt thank you to his wife for her enduring support.
- City Recorder Michelle Mortensen administered the oath of office to the new Mayor Kristi Bell and Council Members Michelle Roberts and Teague Sorenson after which she offered her congratulations.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Bell thanked everyone for coming and their kind words, as well as former Mayor Cutler for his many years of dedicated agenda free service, acknowledging the visible and positive impact that he has had on the city. She expressed that people with no agenda are the greatest blessing for our city. She welcomed Teague and thanked him for being willing to serve and shared that she is looking forward to working with him. She also thanked the present council for their steady leadership, the residents for their community pride and mutual love for Uintah. She went on to thank her family for their love and support and was grateful to have good parents that instilled community pride and the desire to be involved. She is honored for the trust that has been put on her, and she promises to keep the city moving forward and do what is best for Uintah.
- Council Member Sorenson is excited for the opportunity to serve. He had the desire to be more involved, and it evolved into the opportunity to be here. He has learned a lot and one thing he has learned is that there is more that goes into running the city than he thought. He felt that Uintah comes from a rich legacy of leadership that he wishes to continue and that is a sentiment that is near and dear to his heart.
- Council Member Roberts thanked the public for their continued support. She mentioned that it has been a privilege to work with the former Mayor Cutler and she will miss his guidance, support, kindness and level-headed leadership. It was a privilege to serve with him.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Council Member Combe to adjourn the city council meeting at 6:18 p.m.
- Council Member Patterson seconded the motion.
- Mayor Bell 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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