



**UINTAH CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th, 2026
6:00 p.m.**
AGENDA

Council present: Mayor Bell, Council Member Combe, Council Member Roberts

Staff present: City Attorney Bryan Baron, City Recorder Michelle Mortensen

Visitors: Jill Smith, Don & Marilyn Pearson

AGENDA ITEMS:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council Member Sorenson.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marilyn Pearson commented that she spoke with Mayor Bell regarding the resolution on the agenda and thanked her for taking the time to discuss that with her.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: Action Item

A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2025

B. Approval of Invoices – December 2025

C. Financial Reports – December 2025

- Motion was made by Council Member Roberts to approve the consent agenda.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Combe.
- All in favor; the motion carries. Council Member Combe, aye; Council Member Sorenson, aye; Mayor Bell, aye; Council Member Roberts, aye; Council Member Patterson, aye.

4. RESOLUTION 26-0120 CLARIFYING STAFF CHECK-INS AND COMPLAINECE WITH THE UTAH OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Presenter: Mayor Bell

- Mayor Bell outlined that the purpose of this resolution is to formally define what constitutes a public meeting versus an administrative check-in, ensuring consistency and transparency. City attorney Bryan Baron confirmed that this keeps us in compliance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act and noted that the changes he added were incorporated into this resolution.
- Council Member Roberts expressed her support for the resolution, highlighting the need to discuss sensitive citizen information such as financial concerns and neighbor disputes to protect citizen's privacy.
- City Attorney Baron clarified that staff check-ins are appropriate for sensitive departmental issues, but any discussion that turns to legislative matters that would be done by the city council must be done in an open meeting.
- Motion was made by Council Member Roberts to approve Resolution 26-0120 clarifying staff check-ins and compliance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Patterson.
- All in favor; the motion carries.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Council Member Combe reported that the RAMP grant application was hand delivered to the County last Thursday. He mentioned that the competition is high because there were a lot of applications turned in. Council Member Bell commended him for all the work that he put into the grant.
- Council Member Patterson stated that after the research he has done on the electronic signs and much discussion, he does not feel like the bang is worth the buck and is dropping that issue for now. Council Member Roberts added that she understands the safety issues and the research behind having those signs, but when she compared that with the cost, she is not in favor of it.
- Mayor Bell asked about access to the trailer. Lt. Slater explained that we have four trailers available between the contract cities. They try to put one in each of the four sectors which is based on the need. Our trailer bounces between the unincorporated area, Uintah, and Washington Terrace.

6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion was made by Council Member Combe to adjourn city council meeting at 6:12 p.m.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Patterson.
- All in favor, the motion carries.

Michelle Mortensen
Michelle Mortensen, Uintah City Recorder

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Date