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**UIN TAH CITY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2026**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

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City Council Members Present: Mayor Bell, Council Member Combe Council Member Roberts, Council Member Sorenson

Council Members Absent: Council Member Patterson

Staff present: Lt. Slater, City Recorder Michelle Mortensen, Public Works Jack Burton, Deputy Arbogast

Attendees: Scot Mathews, Marilyn & Don Pearson, Jill Smith

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in person and watching online.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Council Member Sorenson.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

3. **CONSENT AGENDA: Action Item**

A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2026

B. Approval of Invoices – January 2026

C. Financial Reports – January 2026

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

4. **PRESENTATION ON IT SERVICES/ INTERNET FIBER KEYSTONE SOLUTIONS**

Presenter: Shane White & Scot Mathews

- Mr. Mathews from Keystone Solutions presented a broadband expansion opportunity for Uintah City using federal rural infrastructure funding available through the state of Utah. Utah has received approximately \$317 million in federal funds to expand fiber infrastructure in qualifying rural communities which Uintah meets those qualifications.
- The total project cost would be between \$1.5 and \$3 million dollars and would provide stability and bandwidth to the city. There would be no construction cost anticipated for the city. The deployment would occur in phases, beginning with higher density commercial and residential areas.
- Residential service is estimated to be \$50-\$55 per month and commercial around \$80 per month. The pricing is intended to be competitive with providers such as Comcast and UTOPIA. From here we ask the cities to provide letters of recommendation to ask for the gift of fiber into the community and then we would work on discussions for right of way later.
- Approximately 30% of household's participation would be needed for project viability, and Keystone would conduct pre-selling to measure community interest. The installation fees are expected to be minimal compared to other fiber rollouts.
- Council Member Combe asked about reliability during natural disasters. Mr. Mathews explained that fiber allows easier backups, but service would be unavailable without a generator or battery backup. He stated the lifespan of fiber is 50-100 years, noting they are currently using 50-year-old fiber in some projects.

- Council Member Sorenson asked how they connect to the backbone. Mr. Mathews said they would connect through an interchange and transport their own bandwidth across their system. Installation fees are still to be determined; while estimates could range from \$3,000–\$6,000, they expect the actual cost to be much lower. Installation is easier in cities without extensive curb and gutter infrastructure.
- Mayor Bell asked about using the same innerduct, and Mr. Mathews confirmed that is a possibility and can be discussed. Council Member Roberts clarified that residents could keep their current provider and would only incur costs if they chose to switch; Mr. Mathews confirmed there is no obligation to the city. The company would pre-sell services, hoping for about a 30% subscription rate, potentially higher after launch.
- Regarding customer service, the company provides 24/7 local support. While they are not a large organization, they are currently working with South Weber and can provide contacts there, though they have not yet completed fiber projects in larger cities.

## 5. **PRESENTATION ON WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

Presenter: Lt. Slater

- Lt. Slater reviewed recent calls for service and noted that Uintah remains a safe community with relatively low crime. Non-criminal calls have decreased from 398 in 2021 to 250 in 2025.
- As a contract city with the Weber County Sheriff's Office, Uintah benefits from shared resources and personnel, ensuring broad support during major incidents.
- A county wage and compensation study identified the need for more competitive pay. A new pay scale is planned for 2026, and staffing levels are improving, with only a few vacancies remaining and recruits currently in academy training.
- Deputies are receiving updated training in public order response and crowd control, while specialized teams such as SWAT follow separate tactical approaches when required.
- School safety remains a priority. A full-time security position supports the Weber School District, which is ahead of state safety mandates. The county security structure includes a security chief, SRO opportunities for municipalities, and a guardian-style training component for designated school staff.
- The department maintains specialty units including traffic enforcement, detectives, financial crimes, and child abuse investigations to manage caseloads and pursue prosecutions effectively.
- During high-demand situations such as the Air BNB incident, the Sheriff's Office demonstrated strong resource availability and interagency support.
- Mayor Bell emphasized that while Uintah is generally safe, the city benefits from robust county-level backing when incidents occur.

## 6. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Planning Commission Report: None

B. Public Works Report: Jack Burton

- Mr. Burton explained that the hydraulic rams have been off the mini due to leaking and they got that put together and it is back in business.
- They are saying it is going to snow, so we are ready to plow.
- He has been doing cross-connection assessments at several businesses and that will be ongoing. He has also been doing continuing education at Weber Basin. Next week he goes to St. George to continue that at Rural Water Conference.

C. Sheriff's Report: Lt. Slater

D. Council Reports:

- Council Member Combe mentioned that the carpets at the city office and the scout house were cleaned. He put in the ramp grant at the County last month and while no decisions have been made yet, we have been given a representative.
- Council Member Sorenson is still learning is sharing the mosquito abatement with former Mayor Cutler. Stormwater there is nothing pending. Bonneville CTC meeting is upcoming.
- Council Member Roberts is still trying to contact pathways, but it is now the trails foundation so stay tuned. Our next community event is Easter, and we will be sending out donation letters. We accept money or toys that you can bring to the city office. As for Uday's, we have Jill Smith and Liz Minster as co-chairs and Stephanie and Mike Grygla will be doing the salmon bake this year.
- Mayor Bell stated that Mr. Burton as well as the utility clerk will be going to water conference next week. The fire district is constructing a new building and is also building a new fire truck which will take several months. City staff have floated the idea of going paperless for the newsletter, so think about that.

## 7. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion made by Council Member Combe to adjourn the city council meeting at 6:43.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts.

- All in favor; the motion carries.

Michelle Mortensen  
Michelle Mortensen, Uintah City Recorder

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Date