



UINTAH CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 5th, 2026
6:00 p.m.
MINUTES

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

City Council Members Absent: Council Member Roberts

City Staff Present: City Attorney Lauren Thomas (via YouTube), City Recorder Michelle Mortensen

Attendees: Brandon Everett, Don & Marilyn Pearson, Jill Smith

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bell welcomed everyone in person and online and wished them a happy Cinco De Mayo.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council Member Combe
CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
None
3. **CONSENT AGENDA: Action Item**
 - A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2026
 - B. Approval of Invoices – None
 - C. Financial Reports – None
 - Motion was made by Council Member Patterson to approve the consent agenda.
 - Motion was seconded by Council Member Sorenson.
 - All in favor; the motion carries.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. None
5. **NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, and POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Resolution 26-0505 Mandating Water Use Restrictions: Mayor Bell
 - Mayor Bell explained that this is a resolution for drought conditions. This is put in place when the state and our water suppliers are declaring a drought. It allows us to pass those restrictions on to the residents and encourages water conservation.
 - Council Member Combe addressed that another part of this drought rate is that while people are using less water, the infrastructure to move the water still costs the same. This allows the water company to move forward even in low water use years.
 - Motion was made by Council Member Combe to approve Resolution 26-0505 Mandating Water Use Restrictions.
 - Motion was seconded by Council Member Sorenson.
 - All in favor; the motion carries.
 - B. Preliminary Budget FY 2026-2027: Mayor Bell
 - Mayor Bell explained that this is an overall balanced and responsible budget that keeps the City on steady footing while being intentional on how we manage rising costs. We took a conservative approach on revenue, making sure we are not overestimating the growth even though things will fluctuate on the expense side. We have seen increases with the sheriff's department of \$28,270 and have accounted for cost-of-living adjustments for staff, along with the

general rising costs of operation for doing business.

- The property tax increase brought in from the increase last year, brought in roughly \$50,000 in additional revenue which helped, but it did not cover the new and ongoing expenses. We have looked at being more efficient and
- lowered the operating costs with a reduction of \$56,000. We looked at doing everything we can do internally before asking more of our residents. This allowed us to absorb the increases without needing to pursue truth in taxation this year. We are continuing to provide reliable services while being careful stewards of taxpayer dollars.
- Council Member Sorenson asked if there are any other steps in the budget process. Ms. Mortensen advised that before the final budget is passed, there will be a public hearing and that meeting would be held during the second city council meeting in June, giving time to make any necessary changes.
- Motion was made by Council Member Patterson to approve the preliminary budget for FY 2026-2027.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Sorenson.
- All in favor; the motion carries.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Planning Commission Report: Aaron Stuart

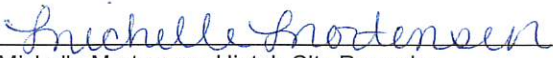
- Council member Patterson reported that there are a few things they are working on regarding Conex boxes.

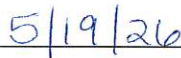
B. Council Reports:

- Council Member Combe mentioned that a resident contacted him with concerns about typical roadway issues, including vehicles traveling at higher speeds and continued use of speed bumps/ramps along Combe Road. There was also a report of semi-truck traffic returning to the area. He will be looking into GPS routing, specifically Google Maps, to ensure trucks are not being directed through this route, as we have seen that issue in the past.
- Council Member Patterson mentioned that there is a debate regarding the road east of Highway 89 that services the hotel and other businesses. He has had his title company doing some research and the plat map that the County has is off. In order to find out who owns the road, we can do a survey or contact the county to see if they can redo the map.
- Mayor Bell reported that at WACOG it was announced that Republic Waste now owns Robinson Waste and they purchased the Ogden Transfer Station. Waste Management has reached out to us, and nothing will change as far as our residents are concerned. The County Transfer Station will stop accepting waste on July 1. She will continue to update on the situation.

7. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion was made to adjourn city council meeting by Council Member Combe at 6:19 p.m.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Patterson.
- All in favor; the motion carries.


Michelle Mortensen, Uintah City Recorder


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