



UINTAH CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 16th, 2026
6:00 p.m.
MINUTES

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

City Staff Present: City Attorney Bryan Baron, City Treasurer Mike Ulrich, City Recorder Michelle Mortensen, Lt. Slater

Attendees: Jill Smith, Don & Marilyn Pearson

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bell welcomed everyone to city council meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council Member Roberts.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Mrs. Pearson thanked everyone for the hard work to make U-days a success.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA: Action Item**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes June 2nd, 2026
- B. Approval of Invoices
- C. Financial Reports
- D. Fraud Assessment

- 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 Patterson, aye; Council Member Roberts, aye; Council Member Sorenson, aye; Mayor Bell, aye.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- Mayor Bell Mayor explained the approach used in preparing the proposed budget, emphasizing that the City carefully reviewed every line item before considering any additional burden on residents. She noted that the proposed General Fund budget decreased from \$1,111,150 last year to \$1,058,238, a reduction of \$52,912. She further explained that, while reducing the overall budget, the City also absorbed an approximately \$27,000 increase in the Weber County Sheriff's contract, requiring nearly \$80,000 in savings, reductions, or adjustments elsewhere in the budget.
- The Mayor stated that rising costs for public safety, utilities, software, professional services, insurance, maintenance, and supplies continue to impact the City. Rather than passing those increased costs on to residents, the City reviewed the budget line by line and made responsible reductions in areas such as justice court salaries and related costs, engineering, building supplies and maintenance, insurance and surety bonding, machinery and tools, vehicle maintenance, parks equipment, and other one-time or less urgent expenses. Revenue projections, including building permit revenue, were also conservatively estimated.
- She emphasized that the budget continues to fund essential services, including public safety, roads, technology, and basic City operations, while maintaining a balanced approach through responsible reductions and cautious revenue estimates. The Mayor also noted that the proposed budget does **not** include a tax increase or a Truth in Taxation hearing this year. She stated that, following last year's tax increase, the City felt a responsibility to exercise fiscal discipline and absorb increased costs where possible rather than asking residents for additional revenue. He concluded by stating that the balanced budget reflects the City's commitment to being good stewards of taxpayer dollars while continuing to provide the services residents expect.

- A. OPEN AND AMEND THE FY 2025-2026 BUDGET
 - Mayor Bell opened the public hearing for the FY 2025-2026 Budget.
 - There were no comments.
 - Mayor Bell closed the public hearing.
- B. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFERS TO THE GENERAL FUND
 - Mayor Bell opened the public hearing for enterprise fund transfers to the general fund.
 - There were no comments.
 - Mayor Bell closed the public hearing.
- C. FINALIZE AND ADOPT THE FY 2026-2027 BUDGET
 - Mayor Bell opened the public hearing to finalize and adopt the FY 2026-2027 Budget.
 - There were no comments.
 - Mayor Bell closed the public hearing.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, and POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- A. APPROVE THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE OF 0.000549: Mayor Bell
 - Mr. Ulrich explained that is the rate that the County is proposing. We just have to certify that we are adopting the rate.
 - Motion was made by Council Member Patterson to approve the certified tax rate of 0.000549.
 - Motion was seconded by Council Member Combe
 - All in favor; the motion carries.
- B. CITY FEES FOR FY 2026-2027: Mayor Bell
 - Mayor Bell mentioned that there are some changes in our city fees this year and asked for any discussion. Council Member Combe noted that the extra fee for non-residents was eliminated for renting the park and scout house. We also adjusted cemetery plot fees to align with other local cemeteries for maintenance purposes. We also established a tournament fee for the baseball diamonds.
 - Motion was made by Council Member Roberts to accept the city fees.
 - Motion was seconded by Council Member Sorenson
 - All in favor; the motion carries.
- C. ORDINANCE 301-26 TO OPEN AND AMEND THE FY 2025-2026 BUDGET: Mayor Bell
 - Mr. Ulrich explained that because we approve the budget a year ahead, so there are changes that happen throughout the year. We are increasing some of the revenues and expenditures. We are covering other expenses from funds that were not used. We sold some assets as well as bought some assets, but there is no fiscal impact.
 - Motion was made by Council Member Sorenson to approve Ordinance 301-26.
 - Motion was seconded by Council Member Patterson.
 - All in favor; the motion carries. Council Member Combe, aye; Council Member Patterson, aye; Council Member Roberts, aye; Council Member Sorenson, aye; Mayor Bell aye.
- D. ORDINANCE 302-26 TO FINALIZE AND ADOPT THE 2026-2027 BUDGET: Mayor Bell
 - Mayor Bell asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the budget and there were none.
 - Motion was made by Council Member Patterson.
 - Motion was seconded by Council Member Sorenson.
 - All in favor; the motion carries. Council Member Combe, aye; Council Member Patterson, aye; Council Member Roberts, aye; Council Member Sorenson, aye; Mayor Bell aye.
- E. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WEBER COUNTY FOR SURVEY RELATED SERVICES: Mayor Bell
 - Mayor Bell mentioned that this is an existing interlocal agreement with Weber County that has been reviewed and approved by our attorneys.
 - Motion was made by Council Member Combe to approve the
 - Motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts.
 - All in favor; the motion carries.

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Sheriff's Report: Lt. Slater
 - Lt. Slater thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support of law enforcement and acknowledged the budget challenges facing the City. He explained that the Sheriff's Office has been working to increase deputy staffing after reductions over the past several years. Through the support of the contract cities, the Sheriff's Office was able to add a net increase of six deputy positions, which will improve patrol coverage and response capabilities, although staffing levels remain below the national average.
 - He reported that the Sheriff's Office is currently fully staffed, with several new deputies recently hired or completing field training. The representative also provided the May activity report, noting seventy-eight incidents, seven traffic crashes, one DUI arrest, several burglary reports involving trailers and storage sheds, and a number of person-

- related crimes, including domestic violence, child abuse, and sex offenses. He explained that calls for service and the complexity of investigations have continued to increase, particularly involving child sex offenses, highlighting the ongoing need for additional law enforcement resources. He noted that most of the newly added positions will be assigned to patrol, increasing visibility and proactive policing throughout the contract communities.

B. Council Reports:

- Council Member Patterson mentioned that he and Mr. Burton are looking at software that would survey the roads and help us prioritize the maintenance of our roads.
- Council Member Sorenson brought up the Bonneville Communities That Care 5K and half marathon that is coming up on August 22nd as a reminder that we will have runners in our community early that morning. He also expressed his appreciation for Council Member Roberts and the U-days crew and for the opportunity that he had to help with that this year. He extended an invitation to anyone who would like to help next year and mentioned how U-days is in line with the Spirit of Uintah and what we value most.
- Council Member Roberts reported that U-days was successful and she could not do it without the chair, Liz Minster, and co-chair Jill Smith, as well as Stephanie Grygla, Crescent Miles, Diane Johnson, as well as the other volunteers. She also thanked the sheriff's office and Weber Fire for their help and presence throughout the day. She thinks it is important to keep the traditions alive and continues to look for someone to help with the salmon bake next year.
- Mayor Bell echoed what Council Member Roberts said about U-days and thanked everyone for all their hard work to keep our traditions alive. She mentioned again that Waste Management will be taking over the Weber County Transfer Station and that nothing would change for our residents except maybe the availability of taking garbage to the transfer station on a Saturday. We are not sure, yet what the hours are going to look like, but when we find out we will get that information out. She also advised everyone that with warmer weather, there are more people in our community so to stay vigilant and pay attention to those around you.

8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion was made by Council Member Patterson to adjourn city council meeting at 6:35 p.m.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts.
- All in favor; the motion carries.


Michelle Mortensen, Uintah City Recorder

7/21/26
Date