



UINTAH CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 21st, 2026

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Michelle Roberts, Council Member Combe, Council Member Sorenson

Council Members Absent: Mayor Bell

Staff Present: City Attorney Bryan Baron, Lt. Slater, City Recorder Michelle Mortensen, Public Works Jack Burton

Attendees: Marilyn Pearson, Joel Barrow, Ron Higgins

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She excused Mayor Bell who is out of town.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council Member Combe.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Council Member Sorenson stated that Connex is his current employer.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - Ron Higgins stood asked the council to consider using solar-powered streetlights to reduce costs to Rocky Mountain Power, citing the cemetery's flagpole as an example.
3. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** Connex Fiber – Presentation
 - Mr. Barrow mentioned that he attended a work session a while ago expressing their desire to bring high-speed fiber into the City. Physical infrastructure required would be one large cabinet for every 1500 homes. Tier 3 vaults, with eight to be installed initially, and small drop vaults would be placed underground between every two homes for underground service areas. Their goal is to obtain a franchise agreement with the City to establish rules for installation and operation.
 - Council Member Combe asked about rates. Customer rates start at \$35-\$65 with free installation and commercial rates start at \$100 with installation fees starting at \$99. Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts stated that this would not cost our citizens anything and Mr. Barrow confirmed that was correct.
 - The attorney will review the franchise agreement, and council will decide at a future council meeting whether to proceed.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA: Action Item**
 - A. Approval of City Council Minutes June 21 and June 29, 2026
 - B. Approval of Invoices
 - C. Financial Reports
 - Motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Council Member Sorenson.
 - Motion seconded by Council Member Combe.
 - All in favor; the motion carries. Council Member Combe, aye; Council Member Sorenson, aye; Council Member Roberts, aye; Council Member Patterson, aye.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

None
6. **OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration, and possible action
None
7. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration, and possible action

A. ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE VALLEY MEADOWS SUBDIVISION:

Presenter: Ross Patterson

- City Recorder Michelle Mortensen presented a request to accept public improvements for the Valley Meadows Subdivision. The developer's funds have been held in escrow for over a year as required. The city engineer has signed off confirming all required road and other improvements meet the city standards. Mr. Burton confirmed his agreement with the engineer's assessment.
- Motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Council Member Patterson.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Combe.
- All in favor; the motion carries. Council Member Combe, aye; Council Member Sorenson, aye; Council Member Roberts, aye; Council Member Patterson, aye.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Planning Commission Report: None

B. Public Works Report: Jack Burton

- Mr. Burton reported on the projects public works has been working on:
 - seal coat was completed on 2125 East and surrounding cul-de-sacs
 - cemetery railroad crossing project finished
 - road report being discussed with Jones and Associates to help with a street maintenance program
 - fire hydrant replaced at 1800 E 6550 S which required a temporary water shutoff
 - water meter supplies have been looked at and restocked
 - pickleball and tennis court lines have been repainted
 - sprinklers at both the park and cemetery have been adjusted for water sufficiency

C. Sheriff's Report: Lt. Slater

- Lt. Slater stated that there were sixty-two calls for service last month including one DUI arrest and several crashes on Highway 89. The traffic unit is focusing on distracted driver enforcement. There have been several reports of suspicious activity in Uintah, and he asked that residents report those events immediately instead of delaying reporting. Six new officers were sworn in on July 1.

D. Council Reports:

- Council Member Sorenson reminded everyone of the 5K and half-marathon for Bonneville Communities That Care coming up on August 22nd.

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion made by Council Member Combe to adjourn city council meeting at 6:39 p.m.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Patterson.
- All in favor; the motion carries.


Michelle Mortensen, Uintah City Recorder


Date