



UINTAH CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 2026
6:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Council Members Present: Mayor Bell, Council Member Roberts, Council Member Sorenson, Council Member Combe arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Council Member Absent: Council Member Patterson

Staff Present: City Attorney Lauren Thomas, City Recorder Michelle Mortensen, Lt. Slater

Attendees: Don & Marilyn Pearson

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council Member Roberts.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Council Member Sorenson explained that he is employed with Connex, and discussion on a franchise agreement with Connex is on the agenda this evening.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
None
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Approval of City Council Minutes August 4th, 2026
 - B. Approval of Invoices - July
 - C. Financial Reports – July
 - Motion was 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 Roberts, aye; Council Member Sorenson, aye; Mayor Bell, aye.
4. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
None
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration, and possible action
None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration, and possible action
 - A. Resolution 26-0901: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF UTAH, ESTABLISHING A NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE APPLICATIONS PURSUANT TO UTAH CITY CODE SECTION 7-2-4(A)(1)
Presenter: Mayor Bell
 - Mayor Bell turned the time over to City Recorder Michelle Mortensen. Ms. Mortensen explained that this resolution establishes a one-time nonrefundable application fee for anyone wishing to enter into a franchise agreement with Uintah City in the amount of \$150. Council Member Roberts thought the amount was fair and asked how we came up with that amount. Ms. Mortensen replied that the amount would cover office fees and staff's time to review the application. City Attorney Lauren Thomas added that there is a section in the resolution called other costs incurred which allows for charging other fees, such as excavation if there is a permit needed. It anticipates that in the future, there might be other things where charges can be incurred.
 - Motion made by Council Member Roberts to approve Resolution 26-0901 establishing a nonrefundable application fee for telecommunications franchise applications.

- Motion was seconded by Council Member Sorenson.
 - All in favor; the motion carries.
- B. Bond Amount for Franchise Agreements:
Presenter: Mayor Bell
- City Recorder Michelle Mortensen passed on what City Attorney Bryan Baron recommended regarding bonds for the franchise agreement with Connex. The recommendation is to include two separate bonds in the Connex franchise agreement. The excavation/installation bond is already provided for under City Code and has a \$2,000 baseline amount, which may be adjusted by the City Engineer based on the scope of the work. The franchise bond will protect the City from costs associated with removing equipment if the franchise ends and the company fails to remove its infrastructure. The franchise bond is not required by City Code but was included in Connex's proposed agreement.
 - The Council discussed the importance of having a bond requirement that applies consistently to all franchise agreements while allowing the amount to be based on the size and scope of the project. Members expressed support for having a bond in place to protect the City from potential cleanup or removal costs, while also recognizing that the amount should not be excessive and discourage needed utility improvements.
 - It was clarified that the excavation bond amount can be determined or adjusted by the City Engineer when an excavation permit is requested. The franchise bond amount, however, would need to be established as part of the franchise agreement.
 - The Council agreed to continue moving forward with the franchise agreement and include provisions for a franchise bond, with the specific bond amount to be determined and brought back to the Council for consideration and approval of the agreement

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Planning Commission Report: Aaron Stuart
- Mayor Bell reported that Glenn Williams stepped down due to health reasons and Andrew Flegal has moved into his place. Glenn will be an alternate, and we are looking for two more.
- B. Council Reports:
- Council Member Combe mentioned that we had a resident donate a light to go up at the cemetery. Mayor Bell thanked that citizen for their donation.
 - Council Member Roberts noted that we have a meeting scheduled with the railroad tomorrow to address weed abatement, and updates will be provided; additionally, the sheriff's office is currently evaluating their approach to concerns regarding flock cameras.
 - Council Member Sorenson reported that the Bonneville Communities That Care race went well. Thanks to everyone who supported that as it is a great cause. He also thanked those from Weber Fire and other agencies that assisted with the fire.
 - Mayor Bell agreed with Council Member Sorenson and will pass on the sentiments to the fire board.

B. MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion was made by Council Member Combe to adjourn city council meeting at 6:24 p.m.
- Motion was seconded by Council Member Sorenson.
- All in favor; the motion carries.


Michelle Mortensen, Uintah City Recorder


Date