



PAROWAN CITY COUNCIL ➔ MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11TH, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

**PAROWAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
35 E. 100 N., PAROWAN, UT 84761**

PRESENT:	Preston B. Griffiths	Mayor	
	Jim Harris	Council Member	
	Vickie Hicks	Council Member	
	Jim Shurtleff	Council Member	
	Patti Vesely	Council Member	via Phone

ABSENT:	Alan Adams	Council Member	Excused
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CITY STAFF PRESENT:	Cleve Matheson	City Manager
	Callie Bassett	City Recorder
	Heather Shurtleff	Deputy City Recorder
	Judy Schiers	City Treasurer
	Stacy Gale	Deputy Treasurer
	Mike Berg	Parowan Police Chief
	Jed Townsend	Parowan PD
	Jeremy Franklin	Power Superintendent
	Justin Wayment	City Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Griffiths called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Councilmember Jim Harris offered the invocation. He then led the Council and the public in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Griffiths thanked the Parowan City employees for the way they stepped up during the power outage.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT WITH OR PERSONAL INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEMS:

No conflicts were declared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES EACH):

There were no public comments at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE 2019-07-01, WHICH IS INTENDED TO REGULATE THE USE AND PLACEMENT OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS IN THE PAROWAN CITY LIMITS:

ACTION: *Councilmember Shurtleff moved to open the public hearing.*

SECOND: *Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.*

VOTING: *All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The following comments were made from the public audience:

Diane Bixman: Mrs. Bixman read a written statement from Councilmember Vesely. In her statement Councilmember Vesely apologized for being absent. She stated she is opposed to the total ban of Connex boxes due to home owner's property rights.

Mrs. Bixman then commented for herself. She asked the Council if a contractor can build the same size storage unit for the cost of a storage container. She also feels that having a contractor on the Planning & Zoning Committee is a gross conflict of interest.

Ryan Brinley: Mr. Brinley said he sells containers state wide. He said Enoch just adopted restrictions for storage containers. Containers must be painted a neutral color. Mr. Brinley believes there shouldn't be restrictions placed on having containers as long as they are painted. He feels it is against their rights as personal property owners to not be allowed to have storage containers on their property. He said he would like to know what the issue is with storage containers and why they want to ban them. He asked if it was just because of the way they look. He said they bring a lot of containers into this area, and he would like to work with the City in a way that if they issued a permit, they could bring people a clean container that looks good.

Scott Roper: Mr. Roper is with "Custom Containers" out of St. George. He said they were instrumental in helping St. George draft their ordinance. He said St. George was in a similar situation where there were a few people in city management who wanted storage containers banned 100%, regardless of what zone they were in. They worked with the city, and educated them on who was using storage containers. He said the security of a storage container is far superior to a Tuff Shed. He said they are dust proof and rodent proof. He also said the longevity of a container looking good is also superior to a Tuff Shed. He said St. George's ordinance has been a huge success and has done what it was intended to do. He said it is a very manageable ordinance, with not a lot of code enforcement involved. He said their company is very good at educating their customers. He said he would be happy to educate the Council on the types of containers available – new, good colors, long lasting paint, etc.

Helena Mortensen: Mrs. Mortensen said she would like to know what the rules are for the historic preservation district. She also wanted to know how many containers a person would be allowed to have.

Bob Whitelaw: Mr. Whitelaw said he agrees with Councilmember Vesely. He stated that he was alright with the previous ordinance that included restrictions, but then the Council changed the ordinance to a complete ban. He doesn't really see these as an eyesore. He agrees that they are an affordable, rodent free, secure form of storage that can be moved when necessary. It doesn't sit well with him that the Council went from an ordinance with restrictions, which seemed fine and fair, to a complete ban.

Kipp Tollefsrud: Mr. Tollefsrud said he owns property in Cedar and has storage containers. They are painted a very neutral color and blend in. He is all for storage containers. He thinks when they are painted they are a completely different item to look at and are not noticeable or offensive.

Joe Winegar: Mr. Winegar owns property and feels that they should have the right to have containers. He had three storage units that went from \$50/month to \$100/month. When he cleaned them out, he found that mice had gotten into his stuff. He said if storage containers are kept painted and clean, he thinks they are great.

Steve Applegate: Mr. Applegate said he isn't very happy about this ordinance. He uses them for his businesses because they are mice proof, water proof, and they look better than sheds. He said they are affordable and convenient. He said banning storage containers is not the way to go. People need to have an inexpensive way to house their equipment and personal items. People should be able to decide what they want to do with their lots.

Pauline Applegate: Mrs. Applegate said she does not feel very happy about this ordinance. She said a lot of people in town have them. She said she has a problem with even limiting them. She said they pay property taxes and should be able to put on their property what they like, within the guidelines of the City. She hopes that Parowan City will re-look at this and realize that people need these storage containers. They are a convenient and affordable option for people.

Dayla Ulrich: Mrs. Ulrich said she just bought a storage container for her farm. She received a grant from an organization called Slow Food Utah. She said it is really common on farms like hers to use them and convert them to cold storage for harvested vegetables. She said storage containers are affordable. She feels it is very elitist to say that if you don't put in a building that is visually appealing to the Council, we're not going to let you do that. She said there are a lot of people in this community who want to store their items in something that will protect them and is weather proof and rodent proof. She said it seems unfair to tell people who maybe have a lower income level and can't afford a nicer shed that they can't have that opportunity to have their stuff protected. She said other than the visual appearance of these containers, she hasn't heard any other reason for banning them. She said as a community she would really hope that our focus is on meeting people's needs. She said ordinances are awesome and help regulate how our city looks, but they also need to be fair to those with lower incomes.

Brett Brinley: Mr. Brinley said that he lives in Enoch and has four storage containers at his home. He said they are painted and they look nice. His neighbor across the street has a torn down fence. His door is painted bright pink and his yard is a mess. He said banning containers won't stop people from having messy yards. He said he can understand having an ordinance that requires them to be painted and behind a house. But he does not think banning them is the answer.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Griffiths entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

ACTION: *Councilmember Shurtleff moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2019-07-01.*

SECOND: *Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.*

VOTING: *All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

CONSENT MEETING

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 27TH, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
2. **WARRANT REGISTER**
3. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE 2019**

ACTION: *Councilmember Hicks moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.*

SECOND: *Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.*

VOTING: *All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

ACTION MEETING

4. **SHIPPING CONTAINER ORDINANCE 2019-07-01:**

ACTION: *Councilmember Shurtleff moved to table the Shipping Container Ordinance 2019-07-01 until the entire City Council is available to vote on it. He suggested the next Council meeting.*

SECOND: *Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.*

VOTING: *All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

WORK MEETING

5. **COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

Councilmember Shurtleff – Nothing to report this evening.

Councilmember Harris reported that Mollie Halterman is the new chairman for the Economic Development committee. They have a really good committee who will be bringing some great things to the Council in the future.

Councilmember Hicks – Nothing to report this evening.

Mr. Matheson said there will be a UDOT project kicking off on the 22nd of July on Center Street going up Highway 143. They will be doing some maintenance and repair work. This is quite a large project and they hope to be finished in time for the fair. Also included in this project, they will be working on 200 South from Main Street to the interchange. A lot of it will be seal coat and re-striping. The other portion of that project will be from the north interchange, up Main Street to the Paragonah highway, all the way down the Paragonah highway through town and back to the freeway. Sun Rock was awarded that bid and understands the urgency to complete the project before the fair.

Mr. Matheson asked Mr. Jeremy Franklin to help him address the power outage. Rocky Mountain Power had a substation failure. They haven't released any information as to why it failed. Mr. Franklin has stayed in close contact with the people at Rocky Mountain Power. They haven't been given a timeline as to when the repairs will be complete. They are currently using a temporary mobile substation. When the permanent substation is repaired, there will be a short, planned outage in order to get things back on.

Councilmember Vesely – Councilmember Vesely thanked all those who showed up to the meeting tonight and thanked them for helping to keep the integrity of our property rights. She said she is proud of them. She also said that as far as the employees with the City go, there are none better. They handled the power outage with grace and ease.

6. **CLOSED SESSION (IF NEEDED)**: No closed session was held.

ACTION MEETING

7. **ANY ACTION NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED SESSION (IF NEEDED)**:
No action needed.


8. **ADJOURNMENT**:

ACTION. *Councilmember Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting.*


SECOND. *Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.*

VOTING. *All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.*

(Signatures on next page.)



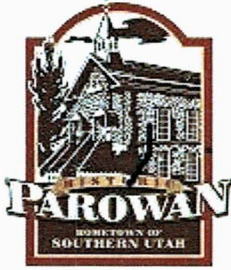
Preston B. Griffiths
Parowan City Mayor



Callie Bassett, CMC
Parowan City Recorder

Date Approved

7/25/2019



PAROWAN CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 11TH, 2019

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME:

Cherie Bassett	Steve Applegate
Judy Schiro	Tara Burton
Sharon Downey	Lorraine Clayton
Helena Mortensen	BOB WHITEHEAD
Don Anderson	Leslie Boney
Shari Lankaitis	Ray Miller
Lynnda [unclear]	Mike & Kathi Edwards
Mary Hendry	Dale & Margarita Martlew
David [unclear]	Pauline Applegate
Matt Hall	Steve Applegate
Gray Gale	
Heather Shurtz	
Scott Roper	
Ryan Bony	
JEREMY FRANKLIN	
Kipp Tollefsrud	

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